



9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. | September 24, 2025
1 Baylor Plaza, Houston, TX 77030

Panel Start Times:

Session 1 - 1pm

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Session 1

Panel A - Auditorium

Air Quality and the Public Sector

Discussion on policies, strategies, and leadership at the public sector level



Loren Hopkins, Ph.D.

Professor, Practice of Statistics, Rice University & Chief Environmental Science Officer, Houston Health Department



Melanie Beaman

Transportation & Mobility Manager, City of Sugar Land



Stuart Mueller

Deputy Director, Harris County Pollution Control Services

Moderated by: Vinny Polignano

Air Quality Planner, Houston-Galveston Area Council

Panel B - Room 111a

Community Action & Advocacy

Features community-led efforts to improve air quality and advocate for policy change.



Stefanie Martinez

Executive Director, Environmental Community Advocates of Galena Park



Rev. James Caldwell

Founder/Director, Coalition of Community Organizations (COCO)



Theresa Blackwood

Community Activist, Baytown, TX

Moderated by: Juan Flores

Programs Director, Air Alliance Houston

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Air Quality and Public Health

Health implications of air pollution and regional health initiatives



Yun Hang, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor, UT Health Houston, Departments of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences & Biostatistics and Data Science



Juan Aguilera Mendoza, M.D., Ph.D., MPH

Assistant Professor, UT Health Houston School of Public Health in El Paso



Sadeer Al-Kindi, M.D.

Houston Methodist, Department of Cardiology & Academic Institute

Moderated by: Maggie Isied, D.ENV, MPH
Principal Air Quality Planner,
Houston-Galveston Area Council

Panel B - Room 111a

Co-Benefits of Air Quality Improvements

Exploring solutions that deliver multiple benefits (health, energy, etc.)



Lisa Lin

Director of Sustainability,
Harris County



Meredith Jennings, Ph.D.

Director, Local Government & Community Initiatives,
Houston Advanced Research Center (HARC)



Chase Kronzer

Senior Policy Advisor, City of Houston, Mayor's Office of Recovery and Resilience

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Business & Industry Spotlight

Highlights from the private sector on innovative approaches and solutions.



Trae Camble

Director of
Environmental Affairs,
Port Houston



David Snyder

Senior Staff Analyst,
CenterPoint Energy



Christina Penrose

Senior Environmental
Manger, The Lubrizol
Corporation

Moderated by: Feyi Akeredolu

Sustainability Manger, Neste US, Inc.

Panel B - Room 111a

University Engagement Spotlight

Highlighting university and higher education advocacy for cleaner air



Jaqkolbi Wesley

Vice President, The Bullard
Center's Environmental
Conservation Organization,
Texas Southern University



Kristianna Bowles, Ph.D.

Associate Director for
Sustainability, Rice
University



Rebecca J. Sheesley, Ph.D.

Professor, Department of
Environmental Science,
Baylor University

Moderated by: Stephen Pinkney, Ph.D.

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Bullard Center for
Environmental Justice and Climate Change,
Texas Southern University