



ORDER OF PROGRAM

9:30 – 10:00 AM | ARRIVALS AND REFRESHMENTS

10:00 – 10:15 AM | WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

UT System Chancellor J.B. Milliken will join Harrison Keller, Commissioner of Higher Education, and Bryan Daniel, Chairman of the Texas Workforce Commission, as they set the stage for a new era of collaboration between higher education and employers to address workforce skills gaps and diversity issues through short-term credentials.

10:15 – 11:00 AM | EXECUTIVE PANEL DISCUSSION

Chancellor Milliken will moderate a panel discussion with Southwest Airlines CEO Bob Jordan; Texas Instruments Chairman, President and CEO Rich Templeton; and AT&T President Southeast States Sonia Pérez about workforce challenges and opportunities.

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM | ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION I: *IT AND CYBERSECURITY*

UT El Paso President Heather Wilson will facilitate a conversation on how higher education can better align its offerings with employers' IT and cybersecurity workforce needs, with an emphasis on how micro-credentials can help employers fill high-demand positions.

12:00 – 12:45 PM | LUNCH AND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

Table discussions will focus on strategies to improve workforce pipeline diversity.

12:45 – 1:00 PM | BREAK

1:00 – 2:00 PM | ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION II: *BUSINESS*

UT Austin President Jay Hartzell will facilitate a conversation about how higher education can better align its offerings with employers' business needs, with an emphasis on how micro-credentials create opportunities to quickly upskill your current workforce as well as infuse new talent into the pipeline.

2:00 – 2:45 PM | REFLECTIONS AND DISCUSSION

UT System Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Archie Holmes will offer reflections on the day's conversations and facilitate a discussion about ways for higher education and industry to collaborate around workforce diversification efforts.

2:45 – 3:00 PM | CLOSING REMARKS AND NEXT STEPS

Chancellor Milliken will propose action items and next steps to better align UT educational offerings with workforce needs and set the stage for a new era of increased collaboration and shared responsibility for workforce pipeline diversification.