

Texas Special Districts Coalition Summit (July 2026)

DATE: Friday, July 31, 2026

TIME: 10:00am – 3:00pm

LOCATION: Round Rock Public Library (200 E. Liberty Avenue, Round Rock, TX 78664)



Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions (10-10:20am)

Special district stakeholders introduce themselves (background, where they are from, history and work with special districts)

2. Professional Services Opportunities (10:20-11:20am)

Gain insights from various special district professional services providers, topics may include:

- Financial advisory services (municipal market/special project funding)
- Accounting/Bookkeeping (investment requirements/strategies)
- Sales Tax Management (auditing/tracking revenues)
- Personnel/Staffing (integrated HR and workforce solutions)
- Insurance (government risk management & loss prevention)

3. Cyber Threats and Responses (11:30am-12:00pm)

Learn about recent infrastructure security threats and best practices for risk mitigation tactics – *Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)*

4. Catered Lunch and AI+Cybersecurity Training (12:00-1:00pm)

Enjoy lunch while completing your Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity Training (newly required for all Texas public officials per H.B. 3512, 89th Leg., R.S. (Tex. 2025), codified as Tex. Gov't Code §2054.5191 and §2063.103) – *Texas Municipal League (TML)*

Alternatively (if you already completed your required AI/Cyber training), use this time as a 'lunch-and-learn' to meet with and ask questions of the professional service providers onsite

5. The National Perspective – Post Lunch Presentation (1:00-1:45pm)

Our *National Special District Association (NSDA)* partners have a wealth of information, resources, and opportunities for member special districts. NSDA advocates on the national level for special district issues, provides grant/scholarship resources, and offers a comprehensive network of organizations and professionals to assist special districts on a full array of important topics. (*TSDC has partnered with NSDA for resource sharing with its member and holds 1 of 8 state seats on the NSDA Board of Directors.*)

6. Explore Mutual Advocacy and Policy Priorities for 2027 (1:45-3:00pm)

This final section of the Summit is an 'open forum' style discussion aimed at pulling together common themes among Texas's special district leaders and exploring legislative advocacy/policy considerations for the upcoming 2027 Legislative Session. Focus will also be given to formalizing a TSDC platform and membership opportunities, and possible future *TSDC* meetings, in-person workshops, and/or steering committees for broader special district representation in Austin in 2027.

7. Music & Mixers (3:00pm+) – End the learning-filled day with some celebratory [live] music and select snacks/beverages (*sponsored by Roach & Associates, PLLC)