

Texas State Board of Public Accountancy

Swearing-In Ceremony

June 21, 2025

**Palmer Events Center
900 Barton Springs Road
Austin, Texas**

[Directions and Parking](#)

There are two parking entrances at the Palmer Events Center.
If traffic is heavy, consider entering on Riverside Drive.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:00 – Doors open

10:00 – Ceremony begins promptly

***Allow plenty of time to park and find your assigned seat.**

SEATING

Ushers will direct licensees and guests to their reserved seating areas.

OATH

A printed *Oath of Office* will be on your assigned seat. A Board member will administer a ceremonial *oath* during the proceedings.

PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOS

Photographs and videos may be taken during the ceremony as certificates are presented and following the ceremony. Those taking photos/videos should use discretion so as not to disrupt the ceremony.

OUTSTANDING CANDIDATES

Texas candidates who passed all parts of the examination at their initial sitting within 12 months from their initial testing date and earned the 10 highest cumulative scores will be recognized. In addition, any winners of the AICPA's Elijah Watt Sells award for outstanding achievement on the examination will be recognized.

FIFTY-YEAR AWARDS

The Board will honor individuals who have been licensed for 50 years. This was first done in June 1998 and is one of the highlights of the ceremony.

CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION

At the appropriate time, licensees will be directed to the stage. They will submit the *Oath of Office* and will be presented with their CPA certificate by Board members. After the certificates are presented, licensees will return to their seats via the opposite aisle.

RESPOND TO THE BOARD BY EMAIL (SIC@tsbpa.texas.gov) NO LATER THAN

May 23, 2025.

If you have an immediate family member* who is an active licensed CPA and you would like them to present your certificate to you at the swearing-in ceremony, please make arrangements by contacting April Serrano at aserrano@tsbpa.texas.gov **no later than June 2, 2025.**

- Mother or Father
- Brother or Sister
- Grandparent
- Husband or Wife
- Son or Daughter

*We regret that because of time constraints we are not able to extend this invitation beyond those listed here.



"After working so hard studying for the CPA Exam, attending the swearing-in ceremony was the perfect capstone to symbolize my transition from school and studying, into life as a full-time CPA. It was great to experience that with my fellow candidates and celebrate the milestone with my family. I recommend that anyone who can make it attends!" —Megan Alexander, CPA

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where is the Palmer Events Center?

The Palmer Events Center is located at 900 Barton Springs Rd, Austin, TX 78704. We will be in Exhibit Hall 2.

What should I wear to the ceremony?

Semi-formal business attire is encouraged since this is a very special event.

Is there a limit on the number of guests I can bring?

No. There is not a limit on the number of guests you may invite and we do not need to know their names.

Will my guests need tickets to attend?

No. Tickets are not required for entry to the ceremony.

How long will the ceremony last?

The ceremony typically lasts about an hour and a half.

Is it difficult to find parking?

Parking can become very congested, especially closer to the event start time. There are two parking garages at the Palmer Events Center. The Riverside Drive garage entrance tends to be less congested. There are elevators and handicapped parking in the garage.

How much does parking cost? Can I pay with a credit/debit card?

Parking is \$10 per vehicle, cash or debit/credit.

What time should I arrive?

Doors open at 9:00 a.m. and we recommend arriving early to allow plenty of time to find parking and for candidates to find their assigned seats.

Can you recommend a hotel?

The Palmer Events Center has some information about hotels on their website, if you should need it: <https://www.palmereventscenter.com/hotels/>