



BORDER LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE
Fifteenth Legislative Forum

Chihuahua, Chihuahua
March 29–31, 2007

AGENDA

Thursday, March 29

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Arrival and Registration

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9:00 a.m.

Preliminary Press Conference
Attendees: Officers of the BLC and Legislative Leadership of the
Chihuahua State Legislature

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception
Location: Hotel Westin Soberano Chihuahua, Candiles

Friday, March 30

- 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
Location: Hotel Westin Soberano, Candiles
- 8:15 a.m. Commencement of forum: introductions and expectations
Location: Diamante Ballroom
- Diputado Juan Jose Gonzalez Espinoza
Chair, Border Legislative Conference
Chihuahua State Legislature
- Senator Eliot Shapleigh
Vice Chair, Border Legislative Conference
Texas State Senate
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome and opening remarks
- Diputado Joel Aranda Olivas
President of the Chihuahua State Legislature
- Honorable Jose Reyes Baeza Terrazas
Governor of the State of Chihuahua
- 8:55 a.m. Consent Calendar
- Program Director's Report
- 9:00 a.m. The U.S. – Mexico Relationship: Perspectives on the Topic of Immigration and Challenges for the Border Region
- Minister Carlos Marcelino Rico Ferrat
Undersecretary for North America
Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Mexico
 - Honorable Donna M. Blair
U.S. Consul General in Cd. Juarez, Chihuahua
U.S. State Department
- 10:00 a.m. Open discussion on the topic of the U.S. – Mexico Relationship
- 10:35 a.m. Break

Friday, March 30 (continued)

- 10:45 a.m. Binational Federal and State Collaboration Efforts to Diminish Drug Addiction
- Dr. José Carlos Rodríguez Ajenjo
Technical Secretary
Mexico's National Council Against Addictions (CONADIC)
 - Dr. Bertha Madras
Deputy Director for Demand Reduction
White House Office of National Drug Control Policy
 - Dr. Octavio Rodrigo Martínez Pérez
Secretary of Social Development of the State of Chihuahua
- 11:45 a.m. Open discussion on the topic of drug addiction
- 12:15 p.m. Developing an Efficient, Safe, and Competitive Border: Challenges and Opportunities to Strengthen Border Crossings and Infrastructure
- Bill Figge
Deputy District Director for Planning, CalTrans
Co-Chair of the Border Crossings Work Table
Border Governors Conference
 - Bradd Skinner
Deputy U.S. Customs and Border Protection Attaché
U.S. Embassy in Mexico City
 - Oscar de bien Richkarday
Undersecretary of Infrastructure
Minister of Communications and Transportation of Mexico
- 2:00 p.m. Lunch
Location: Westin Soberano, Candiles Restaurant
- 3:15 p.m. Open discussion on the border crossings and infrastructure
- Identification of actions steps for Secure Manufacturing Zones proposal

Friday, March 30 (continued)

- 4:00 p.m. Human Trafficking: Impacts and Human Rights
- Honorable Patricia Lucila Gonzalez Rodriguez
Attorney General of the State of Chihuahua
- 4:45 p.m. Open discussion on human trafficking
- 5:15 p.m. Other business
- Announcements of BLC Committees
 - Identification of topics and location of next meeting
- 5:25 p.m. Final comments and Agreements
- Final Commentaries by Chair and Vice Chair
- 5:35 p.m. Adjournment
- 5:40 p.m. *Press Conference on forum results and actions (tentative)
*Officers of the BLC and Legislative Leadership of the
Chihuahua State Legislature*
- 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Transportation from Hotel Westin Soberano to Chihuahua Legislature
Participant to meet at lobby of hotel
- 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Visit of Legislative Building and Government Palace
- 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. Reception and dinner offered by
Honorable Jose Reyes Baeza Terrazas
Constitutional Governor of the State of Chihuahua
- Location: Chihuahua Government Palace*

Saturday, March 31

Optional Activities:

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Option #1: Tour of the City of Chihuahua
Francisco Villa Museum, Casa Redonda, Casa Chihuahua, and Historic Center **** Note: Legislators and Special Guests Only ****

7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Option #2: Visit to Creel and Cooper Canyon Areas
This will be a full day trip. Bus will depart from the Westin Soberano
****Note: Legislators and Special Guests Only****

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Return Flight Departures

Sunday, April 1

7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Return Flight Departures