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The Office of the Controller Marks 10th Anniversary of the Houston Investor Conference on March 17th at Hilton America Downtown

The Houston Investor Conference brings together some of the brightest minds in finance and investment, all focused on Houston's incredible economic potential.

HOUSTON — The City of Houston's Office of the Controller will convene municipal market leaders, investors, and public finance officials from across the country for the 10th Annual City of Houston Investor Conference, a milestone event that continues to strengthen Houston's relationship with the national investor community.

The annual conference is one of the few investor-focused events hosted by a municipal government in the United States, offering bondholders and analysts direct access to the financial leadership of one of the nation's fastest-growing major cities.

This year's conference will feature a fireside chat between Houston City Controller Chris Hollins and Brian Daniels, the new president for the Texas New York Stock Exchange. Their conversation will focus on national market trends and the evolving municipal bond landscape.

“From day one, this conference's goal has been straightforward: build strong, transparent relationships with the investment community and showcase Houston's economic strength and capital projects, while also emphasizing various regional sectors in Texas and across the nation,” said Hollins. “For ten years, Houston has opened its books and its strategy to the investor community. That openness strengthens confidence in our city and ensures we can continue investing in the infrastructure, public services, and economic opportunities that keep Houston moving forward.”

The day's program will begin with opening remarks from Hollins, Houston City Treasurer Vernon Middleton Lewis, and will be MCed throughout the day by Deputy City Controller Will Jones. Other key Harris County officials such as Commissioner Rodney Ellis and Commissioner Adrian Garcia will be in attendance as well.

Panel discussions throughout the day will bring together financial leaders from cities and counties across the country, including officials from Dallas, Texas, Atlanta, Georgia, and Salt Lake City, Utah, offering perspectives on fiscal management, market conditions, and municipal credit trends.

The conference will also discuss the city's major infrastructure and capital investment priorities and will feature Houston's own financial leadership, such as City Finance Director Melissa Dubowski; Frank Wilson, CFO from Houston First Corporation; Clint Stephens, CFO of Houston Airports; and Samir Solanki, CFO of Houston Public Works.

Additional panels will examine the future of energy and infrastructure, with leaders from Mitsubishi Heavy Industries America, Jupiter Power, and climate investment firm New Climate Ventures discussing the role Houston plays in the global energy transition.

"This conference reflects Houston's reputation as a trusted partner in the municipal bond market," said Lewis. "Investors want clear information and direct engagement, and Houston continues to set the standard for transparency and accessibility among major issuers."

The event will conclude with a presentation from the FIFA World Cup 26 Host City Committee about Houston's role in the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

Click here to [register for the conference](#) or visit the [website here](#) for more information.

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ABOUT CITY OF HOUSTON CONTROLLER'S OFFICE

Established in 1903, the City of Houston Controller's Office is the cornerstone of financial oversight and accountability for America's fourth-largest city. With a mission to uphold Houston's fiscal integrity and protect residents' tax dollars, the office oversees a broad spectrum of the City's financial operations, including its budget, investments, and debts. Committed to transparency and fiscal responsibility, the Controller's Office is key to maintaining the economic vitality of Houston, contributing to its status as a thriving metropolis for its diverse community.

ABOUT CONTROLLER CHRIS HOLLINS

Chris Hollins, serving as Houston's City Controller since January 2024, brings a dynamic approach to City governance and financial management. With a rich background in legal practice and management consulting, coupled with innovative leadership as Harris County Clerk, Hollins is dedicated to enhancing the city's fiscal practices and community engagement. Educated at Morehouse College, Yale Law School, and Harvard Business School, Hollins's commitment to accountability and service excellence drives his mission to build a financially resilient Houston. Residing in the Third Ward with his family, his work is deeply informed by his strong community ties.