



Region 4 Meeting
Hosted by Laredo College
West and Washington St
Laredo, TX

December 9-11, 2026

Wednesday, December 9, 2026

Meet & Greet at Hotel to reconnect and network/attendees responsible for their own food and beverage purchases.

Thursday, December 10, 2026

7:30 – 8:30 **Breakfast/Registration/Networking**

8:30 – 8:45 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

~ *Laredo College administration and host welcome*

8:45 – 9:10 **NAPFTDS Updates**

~ *Donnie Tulk, President/Martin Garsee, Executive Director*

9:10 – 9:45 **Federal and State Training and Compliance Update**

~ *Presenter*

9:45 – 10:00 *Break/Vendor*

10:00 – 10:45 **Industry Perspective: What Employers Need and What Schools are Seeing**

~ *TXTA Representative*

10:45 – 12:15 **Myths, Misconceptions, and Misinformation: Perception vs Reality in Trucking**
If it's on the internet, it must be true ... right?

~ *Women in Trucking Representative*

This session is expected to include an interactive myth-or-fact activity.

12:15 – 1:15 *Lunch*

1:15 – 2:00 **Funding, Scholarships and Workforce Opportunities**

~ *Representative, Texas Workforce Commission*

2:00 – 2:15 *Break/Vendor*

2:15 – 3:45 **Train-the-Trainer Working Session: From Job Posting to Classroom Readiness**

~ *Facilitator*

This interactive session would begin developing a shared association toolkit addressing instructor recruitment, interviews, onboarding, instructional preparation, observation, coaching and evaluation

3:45 – 4:30 **Regional Discussion and next steps**

5:00 **Dinner and Networking**

Friday, December 11, 2026

7:30 – 8:30 **Breakfast/Networking**

8:30 – 9:30 **Laredo Host Feature: Border Freight, Trade and Operations**

~ *Representative, Port of Laredo/CBP*

9:30 – 9:45 *Break/Vendor*

9:45 – 10:30 **Laredo College Transportation Training Center Program Overview**

~ *Juan Saldivar, Interim Director, Transportation Training Center*

10:30 - 11:15 **Facility and Training-Site Tour**

Closing remarks & Departure

Agenda is subject to change by Laredo College.