

Duda Forum For Historic Preservation and Sustainable Development: Around the Courthouse Square: Historic Preservation and Economic Development

November 20-21, 2025

Austin/New Braunfels

November 20, 2025 - 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Travis County Probate Courthouse
200 W. 8th Street, Austin

6:00 Opening Reception

6:45 Welcome by Duda Forum Partners

6:50 Keynote by Brantley Hightower on Courthouses of Central Texas

8:00 Event Ends

November 21, 2025 – 8:30 to 5:00 PM

Comal County Courthouse
150 N. Seguin Avenue, New Braunfels

8:30 Registration, Coffee, Pastries

9:00 Welcome by Duda Forum Partners

9:05 Comal County Courthouse Story - Elizabeth

Judge Sherman Krause, Comal County

Tere O'Connell, O'Connell Architecture

9:30 Texas Courthouse Preservation Program

Susan Tietz, Texas Historical Commission – Courthouse Preservation Program

10:30 Panel 1 – Historic Importance and Preservation of Courthouses

Judge Jerry Bearden, Mason County

Alexis McKinney, Architexas

Michael van Enter, van Enter Studios

11:45 Lunch Break

On your own in downtown New Braunfels

1:15 Panel 2 – Technical Challenges with Courthouse Restoration

Judge J.D. Clark, Wise County

Jack Pyburn, Lord Aeck Sargent

Dale Sellers, Phoenix I Restoration & Construction

2:30 Panel 3 – Community Impact of Courthouses

Josie Falletta, San Marcos Main Street

Rush Harris, Marshall Economic Development

Chris Moore, Texas Main Street Program

3:45 Wrap Up Discussion

4:00 Tour of Comal County Courthouse

Tere O'Connell, O'Connell Architecture

Note: Times and speakers are subject to change.