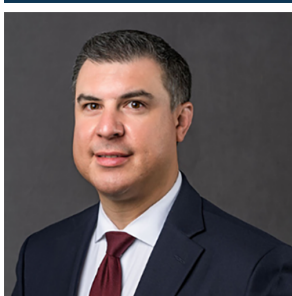




Texas Space Commission

Monthly Newsletter
OCTOBER 2025

Letter From Our Executive Director



TSC Supporters,

Along with several of my teammates at Texas Space Commission (TSC), I have passed the one-year mark. We continue to support the direction of our dedicated Board who have now been appointees for just over 1.5 years.

I am very proud of the work that has been done so far; it is a short amount of time in terms of government work cycles. We are looking forward to what is coming through our ongoing mission implementation: strengthening Texas' position as the leader in civil, commercial, and military aerospace activity.

As a reminder, the TSC Board of Directors has approved approximately \$126 million for grants provided by the Space Exploration & Aeronautics Research Fund (SEARF) Trust. These investments are intended for groundbreaking research, strengthening our defense industrial base, as well as attracting private capital and a talented workforce to the Lone Star State. For answers to frequently asked questions about the SEARF Trust grant program, please view our [FAQ document](#) on the TSC website.

As momentum continues, especially demonstrated earlier this year by the Legislature appropriating \$300 million to the SEARF Trust during their 89th Regular Session, TSC continues to hear from innovative companies about cutting-edge infrastructure initiatives as well as workforce development training underway. We are also forging new partnerships with federal agencies, such as NASA and the U.S. Department of Defense, to ensure Texas remains a trusted partner in advancing America's space flight capabilities and national security priorities.

The opportunities before us are extraordinary. Texas will lead the next era of space exploration and technological advancement. Together, we will continue positioning every community in the Lone Star State to inspire the next generation and help them see how they can contribute sooner rather than later.

Thank you for your continued input and encouragement.

Sincerely,
Norman Garza Jr.
Executive Director

Updates From TSC



SEARF Grant Funds Awarded to Date

The TSC Board of Directors has approved approximately \$126 million for 22 projects. A \$24 million balance remains available in the SEARF Trust for future grant awards.

[Explore Awards](#)

Texas Space Commission Board Adopts New Order and Receives TARSEC Report

On 9/23/2025, the TSC Board met to discuss initiatives regarding civil, commercial, and national security space activities, which included adopting an Order per Section 482.107(a)(8) of the Texas Government Code.

[Press Release](#)

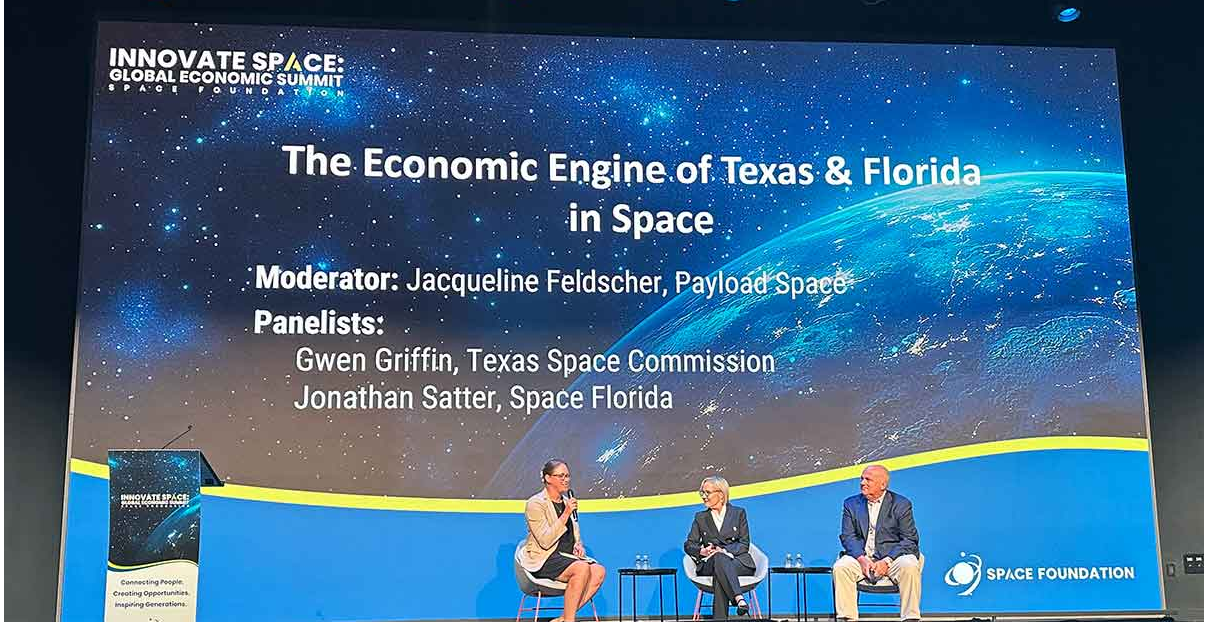


\$9.7 Million Approved by Texas Space Commission for SEARF Grant Awards

On 7/25/2025, the TSC Board voted to conditionally approve grant applications for three proposed projects.

[Press Release](#)

In The Spotlight



Highlighting State Momentum at Space Foundation's "Innovate Space" Global Economic Summit in Washington D.C.

TSC Board Chair Gwen Griffin took the stage at Innovate Space: Global Economic Summit with Jonathan Satter, a Space Florida board member, for a session on "The Economic Engine of Texas and Florida in Space," organized by the Space Foundation.

Moderated by Jacqueline Feldscher, managing editor of Payload Space, this panel explored activities of these leading space economies and fostered a lively conversation about the future aerospace workforce, increasing collaboration, navigating challenges, and the advantages of state investment.

[Watch the Panel](#)

Recent Media Highlights

Recent media coverage and insights from TSC Board, grant awardees, and staff



The New Space Race Underway In Texas
Texas Monthly



This Startup Is Racing To Be The First To Mine Helium On The Moon
Forbes Magazine



Board Member Sassie Duggleby Featured On Innovative New Podcast Series
She Reaches Podcast



Firefly Aerospace Announces Second Quarter 2025 Financial Results After Historic IPO
Firefly Newsroom



Intuitive Machines And Space Forge Team Up To Boost Orbital Semiconductor Production
Intuitive Machines Newsroom



The Texas Space Commission Wants Your Business
Bloomberg



Texas' Space Investment Grows In Austin; Company Builds Next Gen Satellite Factory
KXAN



Texas Space Office Trying To Lure More NASA, Military Missions To The State
San Antonio Express-News

Upcoming Events

Oct
22-24

American Planning Association 2025 State Conference
Texas A&M Hotel & Conference Center | College Station, TX
TSC/TxDOT staff will lead the session "Planning for the Final Frontier: Texas, Space, and the Future of Development."
[Learn More and Register](#)

Oct
23-25

New Worlds Space Summit
AT&T World Center | Austin, TX
Three days of breakthrough ideas, real-world space technology, and the future of human expansion beyond Earth.
[Learn More and Register](#)

Oct
29-30

2025 Texas Semiconductor Summit
Hilton Hotel & Conference Center | College Station, TX
Explore the future of semiconductor technology in Texas and beyond with industry leaders, researchers, and policymakers.
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