

# International Travel Final Report

## Premier Rachel Notley's Mission to Texas

### March 6-8, 2017

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#### Overview:

The Honourable Rachel Notley, Premier of Alberta, traveled to Houston and Austin, Texas to participate at CERAWeek and to meet with energy executives and policy makers to highlight investment opportunities in Alberta's oil and gas sector and to promote the province's Climate Leadership Plan.

#### Mission Objectives:

The mission was successful in meeting its objectives, as outlined below:

- Advocate on behalf of Albertans regarding the importance of the integrated North American energy market, and the critical role Alberta energy contributes to economic activity in the US.
- Advocate on behalf of Albertans regarding Alberta's attractiveness for investment, the modernized royalty system, and how predictable and progressive climate policies support sustainable energy development.
- Meet with the Governor of Texas, Greg Abbott, to highlight how trade between Alberta and Texas contributes to the economic prosperity of both jurisdictions and discuss ways to increase the ties between Alberta and Texas.
- Engage with innovators and leaders involved in Austin's transition to a highly diversified globally recognized creative hub. Promote Alberta's innovation ecosystem, highly developed infrastructure and dynamic, culturally diverse emerging commercial capability with business and thought leaders in Texas.

#### Results:

The mission was successful in emphasizing Alberta's contributions to US economic and employment growth, communicating Alberta's efforts to grow its energy economy while taking action on climate change, and highlighting Alberta's strong investment environment.

During her panel at CERAWeek, the Premier showcased Alberta's Climate Leadership Plan and demonstrated the strong investment environment it has created for the province.

During meetings with industry representatives at CERAWeek, the Premier promoted Alberta as a destination for investment and discussed the government's work with industry to grow prosperity.

The Premier met with Texas Governor, Greg Abbott and reinforced the value of the bilateral trading relationship to both Alberta and Texas. They discussed future opportunities for Alberta-Texas collaboration and the importance of provinces and states working together to build prosperity.

The Premier also met with local Austin business leaders to discuss Alberta's commitment to economic growth and diversification and how Alberta can integrate lessons learned in Austin within its own innovation and economic development systems.

**Delegation:**

- Premier Rachel Notley
- John Heaney, Chief of Staff to the Premier
- Cheryl Oates, Press Secretary to the Premier
- Parm Kahlon, Executive Assistant to the Premier
- Gitane De Silva, Alberta's Senior Representative to the United States
- Accompanying Security
- Advance Security (2)

**Final Itinerary for Premier Notley**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Monday, March 6	Traveled to Houston, Texas
	Meeting with the Consul General of Canada in Dallas
	Participated in CERAWeek panel discussion
Tuesday, March 7	Meeting with Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation
	Meeting with Dow Chemical Company
	Meeting with Siemens Canada
	Participated in a roundtable with representatives from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers</li> <li>• Suncor Energy Inc.</li> <li>• Cenovus</li> <li>• ConocoPhillips</li> <li>• Talisman Energy</li> <li>• BP Canada Energy Group</li> </ul>
	Traveled to Austin, Texas
Wednesday, March 8	Participated in an industry roundtable with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alberta Innovates</li> <li>• University of Texas</li> <li>• St. Edwards University</li> <li>• Capital Factory</li> </ul>
	Participate in a luncheon roundtable with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alberta Innovates</li> <li>• Council of Canadian Academies</li> <li>• Sage Software</li> </ul>
	Meeting with Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas
	Returned to Alberta

**Significant Speeches/Presentations:**

- n/a

**News Releases/Communiques:**

- [Premier Notley's Texas Mission: Statement – March 8, 2017](#)
- [Promoting Alberta Leadership on Energy, Environment – March 3, 2017](#)

### International Travel Final Expenses

<b>Expenditures by Participants</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Travel</b> (includes airfare, airport service fees, ground transportation costs, including taxis, car rentals, parking, trains, buses as well as mileage to/from airport or taxis to/from airport in Alberta, including any cancellation fees)	15,564.98
<b>Accommodation</b> (room charges and related taxes, including any cancellation fees)	8,711.75
<b>Meals</b> (includes restaurant bills and tips, meals on hotel bills, per diem meal claims, share of group meals or working sessions)	2,012.51
<b>Incidental and Miscellaneous</b> (includes cell phone rental charges, incremental costs for all electronic devices such as roaming charges for cell phones, iPads and costs associated with communications such as the costs incurred for media call-backs, conference/registration fees, including cancellation fees, fax and internet charges, passport and visa fees, medical and inoculation fees, laundry and dry cleaning, baggage handling, out-of-country per diems, and other sundry expenditures)	294.55
<b>Sub-Total</b>	26,583.79
<b>General Mission Expenditures</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Receptions and Hosting</b> (receptions, luncheons, dinners, and events that are hosted by the Government of Alberta that are specific to the mission and include meeting related costs for room rental, room rental for hosted events, food, beverages, catering staff, service charges, entertainment, flowers)	0.0
<b>Incidental and Miscellaneous</b> (includes translation of documents fees, publications, shipping charges, gifts purchased specifically for mission, Canadian Embassy/High Commission/Consulate charges for services provided to the GOA)	572.30
<b>Sub-Total</b>	572.30
<b>Total Costs</b>	27,156.09