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BAHEP extends its sincere appreciation for the continued support of THE DAILY NEWS through this monthly supplement.

BAHEP Welcomes 16 New Members with Networking Breakfast

On Aug. 4, 2026, BAHEP hosted a New Member Breakfast, bringing together the organization's newest members, staff and leadership for an introduction to BAHEP and its programs and activities.

The event began with networking among new members, BAHEP staff, leadership and other members. Attendees then heard from BAHEP's Committee Chairs, who provided an overview of their work, current priorities and goals.

New members were encouraged to participate in BAHEP committees, events and other networking opportunities as they become more involved with the organization.



New Members, BAHEP Committee Chairs, & BAHEP Staff at the New Member Breakfast on Aug. 4, 2026.

The breakfast provided an opportunity for members to learn how they can engage with BAHEP and connect with other organizations across the Bay Area Houston region.

BAHEP 2026 New Members:

- Ad Astra Rocket Company
- Agency 8
- Anon Risk Services
- Bartlett Cocke General Contractors
- BlueByrd Strategic Sales & Marketing
- Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLC
- BRPH
- Burrows Financial
- Consulate General of Finland in Houston
- Dean Draper
- Elevated PT
- Ezee Fiber
- Exobiosphere
- Galveston College
- GHG Corporation
- Gulf Project Solutions
- Hensel Phelps
- Jackson Lewis PC
- J. Hunter Properties
- Jordan Marketing Consultants
- Lone Star College System
- Lutheran Education Association of Houston
- MainStay Suites Houston NASA/Clear Lake
- New York Life Insurance/New York Life Securities
- Odyssey Space Research
- Paragon Space Development Corporation
- Promusica Foundation
- Québec Delegation in Houston
- Sandy Johnson
- Stress Aerospace and Defense, LLC
- TeamLogic IT
- Teleioo Group, LLC
- Texan Title Commercial Division
- Texas Manufacturing Assistance Center
- Titan
- UFCU University Credit Union
- Vast, Inc.
- VENU Holding Corporation

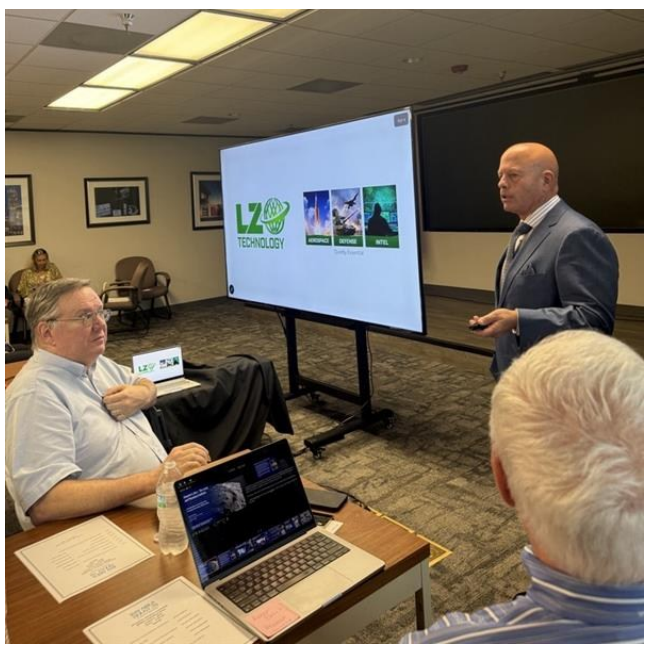
Aerospace Advisory Committee (AAC) Hits Highest Attendance Yet

The BAHEP Aerospace Advisory Committee (AAC) works on behalf of the aerospace industry in support of human space exploration and the commercialization of space.

The group kicked off the latter half of the year on Aug. 5, 2026, to discuss current events, initiatives, and key issues.

Starting presentations was the sponsor of the meeting, LZ Technology, giving a brief overview of the company and what they do.

Following that, attendees heard from Bernard Seery, with the Lunar & Planetary Institute (LPI). Seery gave an overview of the LPI and its different programs and events, that include Quantum AI & Machine Learning for Lunar Data Science, and the hosting of the Planetary Science Conference.



Scott Brady with LZ Technology presenting on the history of the company.



Members of the AAC enjoying catered lunch and networking.

Next was Norman Garza with the Texas Space Commission (TSC). Garza gave updates on key issues and legislative items within the TSC.

In addition to these presentations, Charlie Stegemoeller provided an update on ASCENDxTexas 2027, and Joyce Abbey gave a summary of Team NASA activities.

The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership Aerospace Advisory Committee continues to bring together business leaders throughout Bay Area Houston to promote and expand human spaceflight and exploration.

Texas Aerospace Scholars (TAS) Holds Closing Ceremony



Students from the Slingshot Class of 2026 giving their final presentation.

Texas Aerospace Scholars (TAS) is a statewide BAHEP facilitated STEM program that introduces high school Junior and Senior students to careers in aerospace, engineering, and space exploration.

The TAS Senior Experience is a six-month commitment in which students engage directly with NASA scientists and engineers.

Students must first take an online course, Ignition, in which the top performing students of are invited to participate in a follow-up program, Flight Path. Upon completion of Flight Path, top performing students from this course are invited to take part in Slingshot, a residential experience at NASA's Johnson Space Center.

Students work with their peers to manufacture project prototypes, participate in behind-the-scenes tours, and showcase their designs to NASA professionals.

BAHEP was honored to host the Slingshot Class of 2026 Closing Ceremony, where students presented their final project prototypes and were presented with awards for their hard work.

BAHEP to Host Build Freedom Career Expo

In partnership with the Texas A&M Engineering Experiment Station (TEES), The Institute for Advanced Composites Manufacturing Institute (IACMI), and the Industrial Base Analytics and Sustainment Program (IBAS), BAHEP will host the Build Freedom Summit Career Expo on Oct. 22, 2026, at the Galveston Convention Center.

The career expo will bring together job seekers and employers from the manufacturing, defense and skilled trades industries as the nation continues to face a significant demand for workers in these fields.

According to the U.S. Department of Defense, more than 800,000 manufacturing positions are currently open, with the industry expected to require more than 4 million additional workers over the next decade.

The event will provide job seekers with opportunities to learn about available positions, meet with hiring managers, network with employers and participate in on-site interviews.

Employers will also have the opportunity to connect directly with prospective employees and showcase career opportunities within the manufacturing, defense and skilled trades sectors.

The Build Freedom Summit Career Expo is free for both employers and job applicants. Registration and additional event information are available through the QR code.

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