

**MINUTES OF THE  
TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 22, 2026**

Director Ashley Morgan called to order the meeting of the Texas Water Development Board at 9:30 a.m. This meeting was held at 1700 Congress Ave., Stephen F. Austin Building, Room 170; and via Webinar in Austin, Texas. In addition to Director Morgan, Director Brady Franks was in attendance, and a quorum was present.

The General Counsel announced the items for consideration:

1. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute an amendment extending the expiration date of the TWDB grant contract with the Texas Water Foundation for the development and implementation of a statewide water public awareness campaign to February 2, 2027, and increasing the contract amount by \$2,000,000. Kaci Woodrome, Office of Communications, presented this item. Sarah Schlesinger, Executive Director, Texas Water Foundation, also addressed the Board.

Director Franks moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to execute a contract amendment with the Texas Water Foundation for the Statewide Water Awareness Campaign, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Morgan, and it passed unanimously.

2. Consider the selection and approval of a financial advisor to serve the Texas Water Development Board and authorizing the Executive Administrator to negotiate and enter into a contract with the financial advisor. David Duran, Office of Finance, presented this item.

Director Morgan moved to approve the selection and approval of a financial advisor to serve the Texas Water Development Board and authorize the Executive Administrator to negotiate and execute a contract with the financial advisor, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Franks, and it passed unanimously.

3. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to negotiate and execute contracts with seven engineering firms selected to support statewide flood science, community assistance, and grant management programs in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 per contract. Manuel Razo, Water Science & Conservation, presented this item.

Director Franks moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to negotiate and execute contracts with seven engineering firms selected to support statewide flood science, community assistance, and grant management programs in an amount not to exceed \$12,000,000 per contract, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Morgan, and it passed unanimously.

4. Consider authorizing the publication of proposed new 31 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 378. Sam Marie Hermitte, Water Science & Conservation, presented this item. Robert Levy, Vice President of Aware Monitoring Systems, also addressed the Board.

Director Morgan moved to authorize the publication of proposed new 31 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 378, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Franks, and it passed unanimously.

5. Briefing and discussion on the development, adoption, and review processes for the 2026 Regional Water Plans. Sarah Lee, Office of Planning, presented this item.

No action was taken on this item.

6. Consider approving the 2026 Regional Water Plans for Regions A through P. Sarah Lee, Office of Planning, presented this item. C. Gage addressed the Board.

Director Franks moved to approve the 2026 Regional Water Plans for Regions A through P, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Morgan, and it passed unanimously.

7. Consider amending by resolution the previously adopted Texas Water Development Board Resolution No. 25-123 to extend the Grantwoods Water Supply Corporation's Water Loan Assistance Fund commitment to August 31, 2026. Racquel McCoy, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Morgan moved to amend the previously adopted Texas Water Development Board Resolution No. 25-123 to extend the Grantwoods Water Supply Corporation's Water Loan Assistance Fund commitment to August 31, 2026, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Franks, and it passed unanimously.

8. Consider approving the project-specific exemption for Wellborn Special Utility District's Water Supply and Distribution System Improvements, Project No. 21799, for United States Iron and Steel. Nancy Richards, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Franks moved to approve the project-specific exemption for Wellborn Special Utility District's Water Supply and Distribution System Improvements for United States Iron and Steel, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Morgan, and it passed unanimously.

9. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the City of Bellaire for a \$54,000,000 grant pursuant to Senate Bill No. 1, 89th Legislative Regular Session, Article IX, Section 17.18 (3). Nancy Richards, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Franks moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the City of Bellaire for a \$54,000,000 grant pursuant to Senate Bill No. 1, 89th Legislative Regular Session, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Morgan, and it passed unanimously.

ITEMS 10 THROUGH 14 WERE PRESENTED TOGETHER BY NANCY RICHARDS, WATER SUPPLY & INFRASTRUCTURE.

10. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the Harris County Flood Control District for a \$10,000,000 grant pursuant to Senate Bill No. 1, 89th Legislative Regular Session, Article IX, Section 17.18 (32).
11. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the Harris County Flood Control District for a \$2,500,000 grant pursuant to Senate Bill No. 1, 89th Legislative Regular Session, Article IX, Section 17.18 (14).
12. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the Harris County Flood Control District for a \$5,000,000 grant pursuant to Senate Bill No. 1, 89th Legislative Regular Session, Article IX, Section 17.18 (18).
13. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the Harris County Flood Control District for a \$15,000,000 grant pursuant to Senate Bill No. 1, 89th Legislative Regular Session, Article IX, Section 17.18 (10).
14. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the Harris County Flood Control District for a \$22,500,000 grant pursuant to Senate Bill No. 1, 89th Legislative Regular Session, Article IX, Section 17.18 (21).

Nancy Richards, Water Supply and Infrastructure, presented the item to the Board. Jonathan St. Romain, Partnerships and Programs Division Director for Harris County Flood District, also addressed the Board.

Director Morgan moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to execute five separate grant agreements with the Harris County Flood Control District for grants pursuant to Senate Bill No. 1, 89th Legislative Regular Session, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Franks, and it passed unanimously.

15. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the Brownsville Public Utilities Board for a \$34,558,000 grant pursuant to Senate Bill No. 1, 89th Legislative Regular Session, Article IX, Section 17.18 (7). William Alfaro, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item. State Rep. Janie Lopez submitted a letter in support of the item.

Director Franks moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the Brownsville Public Utilities Board for a grant pursuant to Senate Bill No. 1, 89th Legislative Regular Session, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Morgan, and it passed unanimously.

16. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the City of Corpus Christi for a \$30,000,000 grant pursuant to Senate Bill No. 1, 89th Legislative Regular Session, Article IX, Section 17.18 (4). William Alfaro, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item. Kamil Taras, Assistant Director of Finance and Administration for Corpus Christi Water, also addressed the Board.

Director Morgan moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the City of Corpus Christi for a grant pursuant to Senate Bill No. 1, 89th Legislative Regular Session, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Franks, and it passed unanimously.

17. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the City of Corpus Christi for a \$16,000,000 grant pursuant to Senate Bill No. 1, 89th Legislative Regular Session, Article IX, Section 17.18 (4). William Alfaro, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Franks moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the City of Corpus Christi for a grant pursuant to Senate Bill No. 1, 89th Legislative Regular Session, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Morgan, and it passed unanimously.

18. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 for a \$15,000,000 grant pursuant to Senate Bill No. 1, 89th Legislative Regular Session, Article IX, Section 17.18 (5). William Alfaro, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item. David Fuentes, Precinct 1 Commissioner for Hidalgo County, also addressed the Board.

Director Morgan moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the Hidalgo County Drainage District No. 1 for a grant pursuant to Senate Bill No. 1, 89th Legislative Regular Session, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Franks, and it passed unanimously.

19. Consider approving by resolution a request from the City of Port Arthur (Jefferson County) for \$16,415,000 in financial assistance consisting of \$12,415,000 in financing and \$4,000,000 in principal forgiveness funding from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for design and construction of a water system improvements project. Dain Larsen, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Franks moved to adopt the proposed resolution for the City of Port Arthur for financial assistance from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for design and construction of a water system improvements project, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Morgan, and it passed unanimously.

20. Consider approving by resolution a request from the City of San Marcos (Hays County) for \$17,334,120 in financial assistance consisting of \$11,945,000 in financing and \$5,389,120 in principal forgiveness funding from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for construction of a wastewater system improvements project. Dain Larsen, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Morgan moved to adopt the proposed resolution for the City of San Marcos for financial assistance from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for construction of a wastewater system improvements project, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

The motion was seconded by Director Franks, and it passed unanimously.

21. The Board will receive comments from the public on any matters within the jurisdiction of the TWDB the exception of matters which are subject to the ex parte prohibition found in Texas Government Code Section 2001.061.
22. THE BOARD MAY ADJOURN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND CONDUCT A CLOSED MEETING TO CONSIDER ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IF A MATTER IS RAISED THAT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO CONDUCT A PRIVATE CONSULTATION WITH ITS ATTORNEY ON A MATTER IN WHICH THE DUTY OF THE ATTORNEY TO THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY UNDER THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS CLEARLY CONFLICTS WITH CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE. THE BOARD MAY CONDUCT A CLOSED MEETING TO RECEIVE LEGAL ADVICE AND DISCUSS PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION, SETTLEMENT OFFERS, OR THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF SPECIFIC BOARD EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING THE EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR AND GENERAL COUNSEL, AS PERMITTED BY SECTIONS 551.071 AND 551.074, THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT, CODIFIED AS CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE. THE BOARD MAY ALSO MEET IN OPEN MEETING TO TAKE ACTION ON LEGAL OR PERSONNEL MATTERS CONSIDERED IN THE CLOSED MEETING AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 551.102 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, CHAPTER 551 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE. THE BOARD MAY CONDUCT A CLOSED MEETING TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS FINANCIAL MATTERS RELATED TO THE INVESTMENT OR POTENTIAL INVESTMENT OF THE BOARD'S FUNDS, AS PERMITTED BY SECTION 6.0601(A) OF THE TEXAS WATER CODE. THE BOARD MAY ALSO MEET IN OPEN MEETING TO TAKE ACTION ON A FINANCIAL MATTER DISCUSSED IN THE CLOSED MEETING AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 6.0601(B) OF THE TEXAS WATER CODE.

There being no further business for the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

APPROVED and ordered of record this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2026

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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Ashley Morgan, Director and Presiding Officer

DATE SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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Bryan McMath, Executive Administrator