

AGENDA
TEXAS WATER
DEVELOPMENT BOARD
WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 4, 2026
AUSTIN, TEXAS

Director Ashley Morgan called the meeting of the Texas Water Development Board to order at 9:30 a.m. This meeting was held at 1601 Congress, Room 2.029, Austin, Texas, 78701. In addition to Director Morgan, Director Brady Franks was in attendance, and a quorum was present. Also in attendance for TWDB were Kerry Nieman, Ron Ellis, Kate Raetz, Kathleen Ligon, Bryan McMath, Tom Barnett, Berkley Dyer, Ashley Harden, Kendal Kowal, Breann Hunter, Marshall Walters, John Dupnik, Natalie Bellew, Sam Marie Hermitte, Matt Nelson, Temple McKinnon, Sarah Lee, Georgia Sanchez, Marvin Cole-Chaney, Trae Tillis, and Sara Sopczynski. Also present were Perry Fowler with the Texas Water Infrastructure Network, Vanessa Puig-Williams with the Environmental Defense Fund, Sarah Kinkle with Texas Water Association, Alan Leonard with the Texas Water Foundation; and Tom Entsminger with the National Wildlife Federation.

1. Executive Administrator's update and discussion on agency activities. Marvin Cole-Chaney, John Dupnik, Ashley Harden, Bryan McMath, and Matt Nelson addressed the Board.
 - Update on implementation of recent legislation.
 - Discussion of draft policy recommendations for inclusion in the draft 2027 State Water Plan.

No final action was taken on this item.

2. Update and discussion on Texas Water Development Board financial programs. Marvin Cole-Chaney and Sara Sopczynski addressed the Board.
 - Discussion of proposed changes to the next Flood Infrastructure Fund program cycle.

No final action was taken on this item.

3. The Board will receive public comments on any matters within the jurisdiction of the TWDB, with the exception of matters which are subject to the ex parte prohibition found in Texas government code §2001.061. Vanessa Puig-Williams addressed the Board.
4. The Board may conduct a closed meeting to receive legal advice and discuss pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, and/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 recessed at 10:55 a.m. and reconvened at 11:05 a.m. There being no further business for the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

APPROVED and ordered of record this the 4th day of February 2026.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

L'Oreal Stepney, P.E., Chairwoman

DATE SIGNED: _____

ATTEST:

Bryan McMath, Executive Administrator