

MINUTES OF THE
TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
APRIL 16, 2026

Chairwoman L'Oreal Stepney 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 Chairwoman Stepney, Directors Ashley Morgan and Brady Franks were in attendance, and a quorum was present.

The General Counsel announced the items for consideration:

1. Consider authorizing publication of the draft 2027 State Water Plan for public comment and posting notice of public hearing, public comment period, and intent to adopt the 2027 State Water Plan. Temple McKinnon, Water Supply Planning, presented this item. Cyrus Reed, Sierra Club Lone Star Chapter, also addressed the Board.

Director Franks moved to authorize the publication of the draft 2027 State Water Plan for public comment and posting notice of public hearing, public comment period, and intent to adopt the 2027 State Water Plan, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

2. Consider authorizing the publication of the adoption of new chapter 31 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 378. Kendal Kowal, Office of General Counsel, presented this item.

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

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

3. Consider approving the 2026 State Water Implementation Fund for Texas program prioritization list, the amount of funds available by category, and the terms of the subsidy. Trae Tillis, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Franks moved to approve the 2026 State Water Implementation Fund for Texas program prioritization list, the amount of funds available by category, and the terms of the subsidy, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

4. Consider approving the Amended State Fiscal Year 2025 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Lead Service Line Replacement Intended Use Plan. Jesse Milonovich, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Morgan moved to approve the Amended State Fiscal Year 2025 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Lead Service Line Replacement Intended Use Plan, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

5. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the City of Houston for a \$5,000,000 grant pursuant to SB 1, 89th Leg., R.S., Article IX, Section 17.18 (23). Nancy Richards, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Franks moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the City of Houston for a grant pursuant to SB 1, 89th Leg., R.S., Article IX, Section 17.18, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

6. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the Sunbelt Freshwater Supply District for a \$11,942,000 grant pursuant to SB 1, 89th Leg., R.S., Article IX, Section 17.18 (33). Nancy Richards, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Morgan moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the Sunbelt Freshwater Supply District for a grant pursuant to SB 1, 89th Leg., R.S., Article IX, Section 17.18, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

7. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the City of Alamo for a \$5,300,000 grant pursuant to SB 1, 89th Leg., R.S., Article IX, Section 17.18 (8). Kevin Smith, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Franks moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the City of Alamo for a grant pursuant to SB 1, 89th Leg., R.S., Article IX, Section 17.18, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

8. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the Nueces County Drainage District No. 2 for a \$4,000,000 grant pursuant to SB 1, 89th Leg., R.S., Article IX, Section 17.18 (6). Kevin Smith, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Morgan moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the Nueces County Drainage District No. 2 for a grant pursuant to SB 1, 89th Leg., R.S., Article IX, Section 17.18, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

9. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the City of Penitas for a \$750,000 grant pursuant to SB 1, 89th Leg., R.S., Article IX, Section 17.18 (25). Kevin Smith, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Franks moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the City of Penitas for a grant pursuant to SB 1, 89th Leg., R.S., Article IX, Section 17.18, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

10. Consider authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the City of Weslaco for an \$8,000,000 grant pursuant to SB 1, 89th Leg., R.S., Article IX, Section 17.18 (26). Kevin Smith, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Morgan moved to authorize the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the City of Weslaco for a grant pursuant to SB 1, 89th Leg., R.S., Article IX, Section 17.18, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

11. Consider approving by resolution a request from the City of Grapeland (Houston County) for \$6,869,850 in financial assistance consisting of \$935,000 in financing and \$5,934,850 in principal forgiveness from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for planning, design, and construction of wastewater system improvements project. Dain Larsen, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Franks moved to adopt the proposed resolution for the City of Grapeland for financial assistance from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund for planning, design, and construction of wastewater system improvements project, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

12. Consider approving by resolution a request from the Haciendas Del Norte Water Improvement District (El Paso County) for \$5,000,000 in financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Fund for planning, design, and construction of a water system improvements project. Dain Larsen, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Morgan moved to adopt the proposed resolution for the Haciendas Del Norte Water Improvement District for financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Fund for planning, design, and construction of a water system improvements project, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

13. Consider approving by resolution a) a request from the Manville Water Supply Corporation (Williamson, Lee, Bastrop, and Travis counties) for \$15,650,000 in principal forgiveness funding from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Emerging Contaminants Program for planning, acquisition, design, and construction of a water system improvements project to address emerging contaminants; and b) a waiver from the requirement to include funds to mitigate water loss as part of this project. Dain Larsen, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item.

Director Franks moved to adopt the proposed resolution for the Manville Water Supply

Corporation for funding from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Emerging Contaminants Program for planning, acquisition, design, and construction of a water system improvements project to address emerging contaminants; and a waiver from the requirement to include funds to mitigate water loss as part of this project, as recommended by our Executive Administrator.

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

14. Consider approving by resolution a request from the Sharyland Water Supply Corporation (Hidalgo County) for \$40,900,000 in principal forgiveness funding from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Emerging Contaminants Program for planning, design, and construction of a water system project to address emerging contaminants. Dain Larsen presented this item.

Director Morgan moved to adopt the proposed resolution from the Sharyland Water Supply Corporation for funding from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Emerging Contaminants Program for planning, design, and construction of a water system project to address emerging contaminants, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

15. 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.
16. 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 10:34 a.m.

APPROVED and ordered of record this the 16th day of April 2026.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

L'Oreal Stepney, P.E., Chairwoman

DATE SIGNED: _____

ATTEST:

Bryan McMath, Executive Administrator