

AGENDA
TEXAS WATER
DEVELOPMENT BOARD
WORK SESSION
MAY 13, 2026
AUSTIN, TEXAS

Chairwoman L'Oreal Stepney called the meeting of the Texas Water Development Board to order at 10:30 a.m. This meeting was held at 1700 Congress, Stephen F. Austin Building, Room 540E, Austin, Texas, 78701. In addition to Chairwoman Stepney, Directors Ashley Morgan and Brady Franks were in attendance, and a quorum was present. Also in attendance for TWDB were Kerry Nieman, Ron Ellis, Kate Raetz, Berkley Dyer, Bryan McMath, Kathleen Ligon, Ashley Harden, Tom Barnett, Jonathan Mathers, Kaci Woodrome, Jaclyn Buck, Shae Luther, Sam Marie Hermitte, John Dupnik, Natalie Ballew, Carla Guthrie, Matt Nelson, Temple McKinnon, Reem Zoun, Edna Jackson, Patricia Avitia, Joe Sepulveda, Richard Wade, Georgia Sanchez, and Jessica Pena. Also in attendance was Sarah Kirkle with the Texas Water Association.

1. Executive Administrator's update and discussion on agency activities.
 - Update on implementation of Senate Bill 3
 - Update on agency strategic planning efforts
 - Discussion of potential exceptional item requests
2. Update and discussion on Texas Water Development Board financial programs.

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. Sarah Kirkle 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 12:24 p.m. and reconvened at 12:33 p.m. There being no further business for the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

APPROVED and ordered of record this the 13th day of May 2026.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

L'Oreal Stepney, P.E., Chairwoman

DATE SIGNED: _____

ATTEST:

Bryan McMath, Executive Administrator