

AGENDA
TEXAS WATER
DEVELOPMENT BOARD
WORK SESSION
JULY 1, 2026
AUSTIN, TEXAS

Chairwoman L'Oreal Stepney called the meeting of the Texas Water Development Board to order at 9:31 a.m. This meeting was held at 1601 Congress, Barbara Jordan Building, Room 2.013, 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 Ron Ellis, Kate Raetz, Ashley Harden, Bryan McMath, Kathleen Ligon, Joe Reynolds, Kendal Kowal, Breann Hunter, Marshall Walters, Sara Ali, Kristine Richmond, Tom Barnett, Fritz Reinig, Shae Luther, Kaci Woodrome, Clay Schultz, Natalie Ballew, Matt Nelson, Reem Zoun, Temple McKinnon, Kevin Wessels, Kevin Smith. Also in attendance were Cyrus Reed with the Sierra Club, Ryan Thomas with the Society of American Value Engineers International, Sarah Schlessinger with the Texas Water Foundation, and Heather Harward with the Texas Water Supply Partners.

1. Executive Administrator's update and discussion on agency activities. The following addressed the Board. Sarah Schlessinger and Kaci Woodrome: Bullet 1. Kathleen Ligon: Bullet 2. Reem Zoun and Kevin Wessels: Bullet 3. Matt Nelson and Temple McKinnon: Bullet 4.
 - Update on the Statewide Water Awareness Campaign
 - Update on the Implementation of Senate Bill 3
 - Briefing on the Nature-Based Solutions for Flood Resilience Guidance Manual
 - Briefing on the Response to Public Comments and the Final Content of the 2027 State Water Plan

No final action was taken on this item.

2. Update and discussion on Texas Water Development Board financial programs. Cyrus Reed addressed the Board.

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. Ryan Thomas, Cyrus Reed, and Heather Harward addressed the Board.

No comments were received.

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 11:32 a.m. and reconvened at 12:21 p.m. There being no further business for the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

APPROVED and ordered of record this the 1st day of July 2026.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

L'Oreal Stepney, P.E., Chairwoman

DATE SIGNED: _____

ATTEST:

Bryan McMath, Executive Administrator