

MINUTES OF THE
TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 24, 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 1601 Congress Ave., Barbara Jordan Building, Room 2.034 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 approving the resolution authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the Nueces River Authority for a \$7,000,000 grant pursuant to HB 500, 89th Legislative Session. Kevin Smith, Water Supply & Infrastructure, presented this item. John Byrum with the Nueces River Authority addressed the Board.

Director Franks moved to adopt the resolution authorizing the Executive Administrator to execute an agreement with the Nueces River Authority for a grant pursuant to HB 500, 89th Legislative Session, as recommended by the Executive Administrator.

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

2. 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.
3. 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 9:39 a.m.

APPROVED and ordered of record this the 24th day of August 2026.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

L'Oreal Stepney, P.E., Chairwoman

DATE SIGNED: _____

ATTEST:

Bryan McMath, Executive Administrator