



# Edwards Aquifer Authority

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## NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING

### Board of Directors

*Enrique Valdivia, Chairman Ben Youngblood, Vice-Chairman  
Rachel Sanborn, Secretary Byron Miller, Treasurer*

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Tuesday, March 10, 2026

1:00 PM

EAA Board Room

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Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Ch. 551, Texas Government Code, a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Edwards Aquifer Authority will be held on the date, time, and location stated above. Board members may participate by video conference consistent with Section 551.127 of the Texas Government Code and Section 7.09 of the EAA Bylaws.

The public may also attend the live meeting virtually by going to <https://edwardsaquifer-org.zoom.us/j/97723163101>. Individuals wishing to offer public comment remotely must register their name, telephone number and the item, if any, on which they wish to speak no later than 4:00 pm Monday, March 9, by emailing [jesparza@edwardsaquifer.org](mailto:jesparza@edwardsaquifer.org) or by calling 210.222.2204. Staff will contact registered speakers prior to the meeting time to arrange the process of addressing the board.

### AGENDA

- A. Call to Order – Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Public Comment
- C. General Manager's Announcements and Reports
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    - Staffing Items of Interest (anniversaries, new hires)
    - Recent Activities/Events (reports on conferences attended, meetings held, etc.)
    - Legislative Activity
    - Upcoming Activities/Events (conferences, meetings, etc.)
    - Operational Announcements (schedule changes, program updates, etc.)
    - Recent Activities of the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Program
    - Aquifer Conditions
- D. Treasurer's Report
- E. Board Reports

E.1 Receive report from Director Gary Middleton, South Central Texas Water Advisory Committee (SCTWAC) representative to the board, regarding downstream water conditions of the Guadalupe River Basin and current activities and issues of interest to SCTWAC.

**F. Consent Agenda**

F.1 Approval of previous board meeting minutes  
- Regular Board Meeting - February 10, 2026

F.2 Consider EAA staff recommendation to approve payment to Kemp Smith, in the amount of \$1,370, for legal services for January 2026.

**G. Individual Consideration**

G.1 Interview, select and appoint a candidate to fill the unexpired term for EAA Director District 8.

G.2 Consider EAA staff recommendation to approve an Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan FY2026 Funding Application Amendment submitted by the City of San Marcos/Texas State University and associated 2026 EAA Operating Budget amendment by increasing the Habitat Conservation Plan fund by \$8,878.70.

G.3 Consider recommendation from EAA staff to approve a contract with Carriage House Partners, LLC, for legislative consultant services in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, for the period April 1, 2026, through March 31, 2028.

**H. Staff Reports**

H.1 Receive report from the Edwards Aquifer Conservancy Executive Director regarding recent and upcoming activities and related program updates.

H.2 Receive report from EAA staff on current settlement guidelines regarding groundwater use regulations.

**I. Closed Session**

The Board of Directors of the Edwards Aquifer Authority may go into a closed session under the authority of the Government Code, Chapter 551, Texas Open Meetings Act, to discuss:

**I.1 Closed Session**

1. Consultation with Attorney - Pending Litigation (§ 551.071)
2. **Consultation with Attorney - Attorney/Client Privileged Consultations (§ 551.071)**
3. **Consultation with Attorney - Settlement Offers (§ 551.071)**
4. Deliberations Regarding Real Property (§ 551.072)
5. Deliberations Regarding Personnel Matters (§ 551.074)
6. Deliberations Regarding Security Devices or a Security Audit (§§ 551.076, 551.089)

**J. Consider recommendation(s) regarding matters discussed in closed session.****K. Future Board Meeting Agendas****L. Adjournment**

March 5, 2026

Jennifer Wong-Esparza  
Assistant to Board Secretary

In this Notice of Open Meeting ("Notice"), the posting of an agenda item to be discussed in open session is not intended to limit or require discussion of that item in open session if it is otherwise appropriate to discuss the item in closed session. If, during the discussion of an agenda item posted for discussion in open session, a matter is raised that is appropriate for discussion in closed session, the Board may, as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act, adjourn into closed session to deliberate on the matter. Additionally, the posting of an agenda item to be discussed in closed session is not intended to limit or require discussion of that item in closed session if it is otherwise appropriate to discuss the item in open session. In open session, the Board may discuss and take action on any agenda item for which notice has been given in this Notice, including an agenda item posted for closed session. In no event, however, will the Board take action on any agenda item in closed session.