



Edwards Aquifer Authority

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Board of Directors

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

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

1:00 PM

EAA Board Room

A. Call to Order – Roll Call – Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Valdivia called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Present: 15 - Director Steve Cargil, Director J Carnes, Director Deborah Carington, Director Rader Gilleland, Director Matthew Hoyt, Director Maggie Hutchins, Director Gary Middleton, Treasurer Byron Miller, Director Carol Patterson, Director Randall Perkins, Director Abe Salinas, Secretary Rachel Sanborn, Chair Enrique Valdivia, Director Scott Yanta and Vice Chair Ben Youngblood

Absent: 2 - Director Stuart Hansmann and Director Russell Persyn

B. Public Comment

There were no citizens who requested to address the board.

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

Mr. Roland Ruiz, General Manager, made the following announcements:

- *Mr. Jim Boenig, Director - Aquifer Sustainability, was retiring after 10 years of service with the EAA.*
- *Directors were reminded about the Board Christmas Dinner on December 11 at the St. Anthony Hotel.*
- *Mr. Paul Bertetti, Sr. Director - Aquifer Science Research & Modeling, briefed the board on current 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.**

Director Middleton briefed the board regarding downstream water conditions of the Guadalupe River Basin and noted that rain has been spotty in the area, and over the past four to five months it has been near normal, and that the farmers were happy.

F. Consent Agenda

- F.1 Approval of previous board meeting minutes
 - Regular Board Meeting - November 12, 2025**

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- F.2 Consider recommendation from the Executive Committee to approve payment to Kemp Smith, in the amount of \$12,175, for legal services for October 2025.**

Approve payment to Kemp Smith, in the amount of \$12,175, for legal services for October 2025.

A motion was made by Secretary Sanborn, seconded by Vice-Chairman Youngblood, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed without opposition.

G. Individual Consideration

H. Staff Reports

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:

Chairman Valdivia closed the meeting to the public at 1:19 p.m.

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)

Chairman Valdivia reopened the meeting to the public at 2:02 p.m.

J. Consider recommendation(s) regarding matters discussed in closed session.

The board did not consider any recommendations.

K. Future Board Meeting Agendas

The board did not discuss future board meeting agenda items.

L. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Rachel Sanborn
Secretary, Board of Directors

Jennifer Wong-Esparza
Assistant to Board Secretary