



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*

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

1:00 PM

EAA Board Room

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/92886517816>. 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, November 10, by emailing 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
 - C.1
 - 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
- F. Special Acknowledgments

F1 Acknowledgment of appreciation for Bill Taylor and KENS 5 Television.

F2 Acknowledgment of 2026 calendar photo contest winners - "Rooted in Saving Water"

G. Consent Agenda

G.1 Approval of previous board meeting minutes
- Regular Board Meeting - October 14, 2025

G.2 Consider recommendation from the Finance/Administrative Committee to approve amendments to Article X of the ByLaws of the Edwards Aquifer Authority pertaining to the EAA Investment Policy and Investment Strategy and designating investment officers.

G.3 Consider recommendation from the Finance/Administrative Committee to approve purchase orders with Mario Mendez Electrical Services for EAA main office HVAC preventative maintenance, HVAC building automation system maintenance and an IT server room/office reconfiguration, in the total amount of \$87,331.

G.4 Consider recommendation from the Finance/Administrative Committee to approve an engagement letter with RSM US, L.L.P., to provide independent audit services for fiscal year 2025, in the amount of \$82,000.

G.5 Consider recommendation from the Finance/Administrative Committee to approve payment to Kemp Smith, in the amount of \$10,750, for legal services for September 2025.

G.6 Consider recommendation from the Research & Technology Committee to approve a contract with the Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma for Assessing the Capacity to Downscale Evapotranspiration Using Remotely Sensed Observations, in an amount not to exceed \$78,452.

H. Individual Consideration

H.1 Consider recommendation from EAA staff to approve a contract with Texas State University for a Comal Springs Riffle Beetle Genetics Study, in the amount of \$73,790.

H.2 Consider recommendation from the Finance/Administrative Committee to approve the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan FY2026 Funding Applications submitted by the Edwards Aquifer Authority (\$18,162,608), the City of New Braunfels (\$1,027,495), and the City of San Marcos/Texas State University (\$616,600).

H.3 Receive report from EAA staff regarding the public hearing process and consider recommendation from the Finance/Administrative Committee to adopt the annual operating budget and associated aquifer management fee and program aquifer management fee rates for fiscal year 2026.

H.4 Consider settlement counter-offer from the City of Lytle related to exceeding authorized groundwater withdrawals during 2024.

I. Staff Reports

J. 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:

J.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)

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

L. Future Board Meeting Agendas

M. Adjournment

November 5, 2025

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.