



# 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*

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Tuesday, June 9, 2026

1:00 PM

EAA Board Room

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

*Vice-Chairman Youngblood called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.*

**Present:** 15 - Director Andres Campos, Director Steve Cargil, Director Deborah Carington, Director J Carnes, 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 Rader Gilleland and Director Russell Persyn

#### B. Public Comment

*There were no citizens who requested to address the board.*

#### 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

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

- *Ms. Lucille Avitia was hired as a Senior Accountant for Financial Services.*
- *Ms. Casey Cowan was promoted from Aquifer Sustainability Supervisor to Aquifer Sustainability Manager.*
- *Mr. Omar Garcia, Senior Director for Water Resources, passed away on June 5 and was a part of the EAA organization for over 17 years. Board and staff honored his memory with a moment of silence.*
- *Mr. Paul Bertetti, Sr. Director - Aquifer Science Research & Modeling, briefed the board on current aquifer conditions.*

#### D. Treasurer's Report

*Treasurer Miller did not have anything to 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 the recent rain was well appreciated, river flow was almost back to normal, and the Nueces Basin was seeing a slight increase in Canyon and Lake Corpus Christi.*

**F. Consent Agenda**

- F.1 Approval of previous board meeting minutes**
- **Regular Board Meeting - May 12, 2026**
  - **Special Board Meeting - May 14, 2026**
  - **Special Board Meeting - May 15, 2026**

*Approval of previous board meeting minutes*

- *Regular Board Meeting - May 12, 2026*
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- F.2 Consider recommendation from the Finance/Administrative Committee to approve a contract with Valley View Consulting, L.L.C., for investment advisory services, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.**

*Adopt Resolution and Order No. 06-26-149 of the Edwards Aquifer Authority Board of Directors approving the renewal of Contract No. 22-015-AFS between the EAA and Valley View Consulting, L.L.C., to serve as the EAA investment advisor, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000, for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028.*

*[Attached and made a part of these minutes.]*

- F.3 Consider recommendation from the Finance/Administrative Committee to approve payment to Kemp Smith, in the amount of \$6,286, for legal services for April 2026.**

*Approve payment to Kemp Smith, in the amount of \$6,286, for legal services for April 2026.*

*A motion was made by Director Hoyt, seconded by Treasurer Miller, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed without opposition.*

**G. Individual Consideration**

**G.1 Consider recommendation from the Permits/Enforcement Committee to approve a conversion of base irrigation groundwater owned by Andiron Multistate 1, LLC.**

*Mr. Paul Aton, Sr. Permit & Conservation Coordinator, briefed the board regarding a conversion of base irrigation groundwater owned by Andiron Multistate 1, LLC.*

**A motion was made by Director Yanta, seconded by Director Perkins, the board adopt a Final Order Granting Application to Convert Base Irrigation Groundwater to Unrestricted Irrigation Groundwater based on changes in land use submitted by Andiron Multistate 1, LLC. The motion passed without opposition.**

[Attached and made a part of these minutes.]

**G.2 Consider recommendation from the Permits/Enforcement Committee to approve a conversion of base irrigation groundwater owned by Yellowstone Real Estate, Inc.**

*Mr. Aton briefed the board regarding a conversion of base irrigation groundwater owned by Yellowstone Real Estate, Inc.*

**A motion was made by Director Yanta, seconded by Director Perkins, the board adopt a Final Order Granting Application to Convert Base Irrigation Groundwater to Unrestricted Irrigation Groundwater based on changes in land use submitted by Yellowstone Real Estate, Inc. The motion passed without opposition.**

[Attached and made a part of these minutes.]

**G.3 Consider recommendation from the Permits/Enforcement Committee to approve a conversion of base irrigation groundwater owned by Microsoft Corporation, a Washington Corporation.**

*Mr. Tamauj Thomas, Water Resources Supervisor, briefed the board regarding a conversion of base irrigation groundwater owned by Microsoft Corporation, a Washington Corporation.*

**A motion was made by Director Yanta, seconded by Director Cargil, the board adopt a Final Order Granting Application to Convert Base Irrigation Groundwater to Unrestricted Irrigation Groundwater based on changes in land use submitted by Microsoft Corporation, a Washington Corporation. The motion passed without opposition.**

[Attached and made a part of these minutes.]

**G.4 Consider recommendation from the Permits/Enforcement Committee to approve a conversion of base irrigation groundwater owned by Microsoft Corporation, a Washington Corporation.**

*Mr. Thomas briefed the board regarding a conversion of base irrigation groundwater owned by Microsoft Corporation, a Washington Corporation.*

**A motion was made by Director Yanta, seconded by Director Perkins, the board adopt a Final Order Granting Application to Convert Base Irrigation Groundwater to Unrestricted Irrigation Groundwater based on changes in land use submitted by Microsoft Corporation, a Washington Corporation. The motion passed without opposition.**

**[Attached and made a part of these minutes.]**

**G.5 Consider recommendation from the Permits/Enforcement Committee to approve a conversion of base irrigation groundwater owned by Capitol Aggregates, Inc.**

*Mr. Thomas briefed the board regarding a conversion of base irrigation groundwater owned by Capitol Aggregates, Inc.*

**A motion was made by Director Yanta, seconded by Director Cargil, the board adopt a Final Order Granting Application to Convert Base Irrigation Groundwater to Unrestricted Irrigation Groundwater based on changes in land use submitted by Capitol Aggregates, Inc. The motion passed without opposition.**

**[Attached and made a part of these minutes.]**

**H. Staff Reports**

**H.1 Receive report from EAA staff regarding Edwards Aquifer 2025 Critical Period Management, permitted groundwater authorization, and reported use.**

*Mr. Lawrence Jackson, Executive Director - External & Regulatory Affairs, briefed the board regarding Edwards Aquifer 2025 Critical Period Management, permitted groundwater authorization, and reported use.*

**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:**

*Vice-Chairman Youngblood closed the meeting to the public at 1:41 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)

*Vice-Chairman Youngblood reopened the meeting to the public at 2:14 p.m.*

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

**A motion was made by Secretary Sanborn, seconded by Director Patterson, the board authorize the General Manager to offer a non-binding term sheet to Laguna Water under the terms discussed in closed session. The motion passed without opposition.**

**K. Future Board Meeting Agendas**

*Director Hutchins requested an update on the Edwards Aquifer Habitat Conservation Plan.*

**L. Adjournment**

*There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.*

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*Rachel Sanborn  
Secretary, Board of Directors*

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*Jennifer Wong-Esparza  
Assistant to Board Secretary*