



## NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING of the BARTON SPRINGS-EDWARDS AQUIFER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Thursday, December 11, 2025

4:00 PM

IN-PERSON

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Notice is given that a **Regular Meeting** of the Board of Directors (Board) of the Barton Springs-Edwards Aquifer Conservation District will be held on **Thursday, December 11, 2025**, commencing at **4:00 p.m.** at the **District office, located at 1124 Regal Row, Austin, Texas.**

This meeting will be video and audio recorded and the recording will be available on the District's website after the meeting.

Public Comments at the Board Meeting – Please complete a comment card prior to the start of the meeting. Each registered person will be recognized and identified by the Presiding Officer or staff moderating the communications when it is their turn to speak. **Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per person.**

### AGENDA

**Board members present at commencement:** Blayne Stansberry, Jon Cradit, and Lily Lucas. Vanessa Puig-Williams and Christy Williams joined virtually.

**Staff present:** Erin Swanson, Jeff Watson, Bri Moore, Justin Camp, Shay Hlavaty, and Jacob Newton.

Note: The Board of Directors of the Barton Springs-Edwards Aquifer Conservation District reserves the right to meet in a closed Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed on this agenda, as authorized by the Texas Government Code Sections §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), 551.087 (Economic Development), 418.183 (Homeland Security). No final action or decision will be made in Executive Session.

1. **Call to Order.**  
*Director Stansberry called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.*
2. **Citizen Communications (Public Comments of a General Nature).**
3. **Consent Agenda.** *(Note: These items may be considered and approved as one motion. Directors or citizens may request any consent item be removed from the consent agenda, for consideration and possible approval as a separate item of Regular Business on this agenda.)*

- a. Approval of Financial Reports under the Public Funds Investment Act, Directors' Compensation Claims, Specified Expenditures greater than \$10,000.
- b. Approval of minutes of the Board's October 9, 2025, Regular Meeting.  
Director Cradit moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Director Lucas seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

Director Lucas moved to approve an invoice for LRE Water in the amount of \$16,695.75.  
Director Cradit seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

#### **4. General Manager's Report.**

- a. District Update

General Manager Flatten gave a summary of his first few weeks in the position.

- b. Aquifer Status Report

Justin Camp provided the drought update. He reported that in November 2025, the region experienced 0.5 inch of rain, which is 2.3 inches below the historical rainfall average for November. For December, the region historically receives approximately 2.7 inches of rain but has seen no rainfall yet this month.

The 10-day average water level at Lovelady is 455.0, which is 1.6 ft above stage 4 drought conditions. If the current rate of decline holds steady, Lovelady could reach the level 4 drought stage trigger as early as February 2026.

The 10-day average flow at Barton Springs is 13.8 cfs, which is within stage 3 drought conditions.

Steep declines in water level continue to be observed in the Trinity Aquifer.

The December monthly rain outlook predicts normal chances of average rainfall, with warmer and drier weather conditions.

#### **5. Discussion and Possible Action.**

- a. BSEACD Board Officer Elections.

Director Stansberry moved to elect Director Lucas for the vice president officer position and Director Williams for the secretary officer position. Director Lucas seconded the motion, passing 5-0.

- b. Approval of FY 2025 Annual Report.

The financial audit (item 5c) has been delayed, and it is proposed to approve the annual report with the condition of reviewing the audit at the next board meeting. Director Lucas moved to approve the annual report with the condition of reviewing the financial audit. Director Williams seconded the motion, passing 5-0.

- c. Approval of FY 2025 Audit.

The financial audit has been delayed in process but will be reviewed at the next board meeting.



- d. Discussion and possible action on Drought Stage.  
Board discusses possible actions for community engagement to inform a wider audience of drought conditions.  
Shay Hlavaty mentioned expanded news coverage and involving the board of directors at more outreach events.  
President Puig-Williams suggested engaging in conversations with City of Austin for wider scale planning.
- e. Discussion and possible action related to the performance and compliance of District permittees with their User Drought Contingency Plan curtailments.  
Jacob Newton presented the UDCP, updated through November. Tier 3 permittees, Creedmoor-Maha WSC, Monarch Utilities Inc, and Centex Material LP were not in compliance for November, over pumping their allocations by 109%, 35%, and 16%, respectively. Five Tier 2 permittees over pumped their November allocations, including four Aqua Texas Inc permits (38%, 30%, 13%, and 10%), and Slaughter Creek Acres Water Supply (12%). Aqua Texas Inc also over pumped their Tier 1 November allocations by 9%.
- f. Discussion and possible action on update to GMA 10 interlocal agreement to fund modeling for DFC planning.  
To continue GMA modeling through Collier Consulting, each GCD member of the GMA 10 interlocal agreement is proposing to provide additional funding of \$6,000.  
  
Director Cradit moved to approve additional District funding in the amount of \$6,000 to Collier Consulting. Director Lucas seconded the motion, passing 5-0.
- g. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 121125-01 replacing Dr. Loftus with Mr. Flatten as the Standard signee.  
Director Lucas moved to approve the change in the District's standard signee to GM Flatten.  
Director Cradit seconded the motion, passing 5-0.
- h. Discussion and possible action on new interlocal agreement to engage Texas Health Benefits Pool as the District's health care benefits provider.  
Director Lucas moved to approve an interlocal agreement with Texas Health Benefits Pool.  
Director Williams seconded the motion, passing 5-0.
- i. Discussion and possible action related to Texas Land Application Permit No. WQ0016373001 and the Decision of the TCEQ Executive Director for Hays Commons Development, Inc.  
General Manager, Charlie Flatten, mentioned that staff met with developers and hydrogeologists firm Benett Bullock and Associates to discuss the environmental impacts and regulatory requirements for the Hays Commons Development.  
  
The District's legal counsel, Brian Sledge, included that the TCEQ commissioners have referred the permit case to SOAH.
- j. General Counsel's Report: The District's legal counsel will brief the Board on pertinent legal issues and developments impacting the District since the last Board meeting, and legal counsel's activities on behalf of the District, including without limitation waste injection well monitoring activities including any protests of injection well applications with the Railroad

Commission of Texas or the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), monitoring or protests of water rights, wastewater discharge, or other waste-related applications at the TCEQ that may impact groundwater resources in the District; District rules enforcement activities, possible amendments to the District rules and management plan, or implementation issues related to the rules or plan, groundwater-related legislative activities, aquifer joint planning and DFC development activities, developments in groundwater case law and submission of legal briefs, contractual issues related to the District, open government, policy, personnel, and financial issues of the District, threatened or pending claims or litigation against the District, and other legal activities on behalf of the District – Brian Sledge, Legal Counsel, Sledge Law Group, PLLC

Director Stansberry called an executive session at 4:56 p.m. No final action or decision will be made during the executive session.

The executive session concluded at 5:33p.m.

## **6. Director Reports.**

Directors may report on their involvement in activities and dialogue that are of likely interest to the Board, in one or more of the following topical areas:

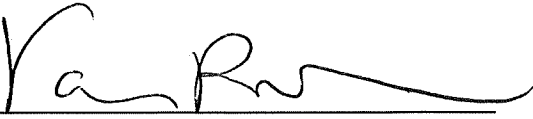
- Meetings and conferences attended or that will be attended;
- Board committee updates;
- Conversations with public officials, permittees, stakeholders, and other constituents;
- Commendations; and
- Issues or problems of concern.

## **7. Adjournment.**

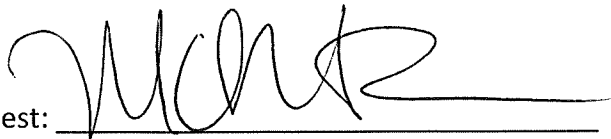
Director Stansberry adjourned the board meeting at 5:36 p.m.

**Please note:** This agenda and available related documentation, if any, have been posted on the District website, [www.bseacd.org](http://www.bseacd.org). If you have a special interest in a particular item on this agenda and would like any additional documentation that may be developed for Board consideration, please let staff know at least 24 hours in advance of the Board Meeting so that we can have those copies made for you. The Barton Springs/Edwards Aquifer Conservation District is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Reasonable accommodations and equal opportunity for effective communications will be provided upon request. Please contact the District office at 512-282-8441 at least 24 hours in advance if accommodation is needed.

Approved by the Board on January 8, 2026

By: 

Vanessa Puig-Williams, Board President

Attest: 

Christy Williams, Board Secretary