



GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, OES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting

February 21, 2026

ATTENDEES:

Board Members and Required Attendees: Brenda McDaniel, Chairman (D4); Oscar Hairell, Vice-Chairman (D5); Donna Noe, Secretary (D3); Rick Taylor (D1); Mary Medford and Roy Parsons (D2); Beverly Plante (D3); Vickie Mathews (D5); Janet Travers, Grand Secretary (D1); Suzanne DeVine, Grand Treasurer (D1); Karen Wright, Recording Secretary (D5).

Absent: None.

In-Person Guests: Donna Hill Pope, AGC (D3); Lyndon Westerberg, John Bator, & Aaron Rowan, JP Morgan.

Remote Guests: Chris Elliott (D1); Alan Duncan (D4); Gary Drescher, WGP (D5); Terri Rozell, PGM (D4); Phyllis Macon, PGM (D1); Susan Dormady (D2); Gerald Skipper, AGP (D3); Debbie Burks, Martha Cameron, and Ellen Pickrell (D1); Kate Cecil, and Gay Jones (D3); Robert Royal (D4); Caron Joseph (D5).

Chairman Brenda McDaniel called the Meeting to order at 9:03 AM on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington, TX, and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Invocation was delivered by Mary Medford.

The Worthy Grand Patron tried to express comments to the Board, but due to technical difficulties, his comments were unheard.

Brenda McDaniel reviewed the Housekeeping Rules with everyone:

- Only Board Members speak during discussions.
- If a guest has a question, the guest should present the question to a Board Member to bring it before the Board.
- If a virtual guest has a question, the guest should text the question to a Board Member to bring it before the Board.
- Make eye contact with members in the room during the Mizpah Benediction.

EMAIL VOTES RATIFIED:

- On January 27, 2026, Donna Noe moved, and Rick Taylor seconded, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2026. Motion passed.
- On February 28, 2026, Oscar Hairell moved, and Donna Noe seconded, to approve reducing the price of the Worthy Grand Matron’s Special Projects merchandise. Motion passed.

Vickie Mathews moved, and Oscar Hairell seconded, to ratify the email votes. Motion passed.

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JPMORGAN PRESENTATION:

- Lyndon Westerberg, John Bator, and Aaron Rowan from JPMorgan presented a thorough and comprehensive quarterly report on the accounts.
- Per the request of the Board Investment Committee, JP Morgan discussed our current 40% Equity and 60% Bonds Investments. They presented proposals for possibly changing the current investment ratio to either 50% Equity and 50% Bonds OR 60% Equity and 40% Bonds. Rick Taylor moved, and it was seconded by Roy Parsons, to prepare and submit legislation to the membership at Grand Chapter to amend **Article 83a** to change the percentages to 50% Equity and 50% Bonds. Motion passed unanimously.
- The board will prepare and submit legislation for Grand Chapter approval.
- Per the request of the Board Investment Committee, JP Morgan also presented a proposal to use the 5% variance set forth in **Article 83a** to earn additional revenues. Rick Taylor made a motion, and seconded by Roy Parsons, to permit JPMorgan the use of a portion of the variance for revenue generation. Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Donna Noe noted the following cards were sent during the month. These cards were sent at the personal expense of the Board members and not the expense of Grand Chapter.

GET WELL	TOY	SYMPATHY	BIRTHDAY	ANNIVERSARY	TOTAL
20	8	12	12	3	55

REPORT FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY:

- March Official Bulletin will be printed, mailed, and sent electronically next week.
- Information about the 143rd Grand Chapter Session, the Associate Grand Conductress Roundup, and the Grand Conductress Roundup is on the website.
- Waiting on an order for 100 large, blue Rituals from General Grand Chapter.
- The 2025 Constitution and Code of Laws is being proofread.
- Legislation to be considered during the 143rd Grand Chapter Session must be submitted by April 22, 2026.
- Deadline for Education Scholarships is March 1, 2026.
- Deadline for ESTARL Scholarships is March 31, 2026.
- Job descriptions for the Bookkeeper, Membership Data and Front Desk positions are being developed.
- A notice has been sent to all Chapters that a part-time position is open for a bookkeeper.
- Bookkeeping duties are being handled by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer at the moment.

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REPORT FROM THE GRAND TREASURER:

- February 2026 Financial Reports (Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet, and Journal Entry report) were emailed to the Board Members. Copies have been provided to the Corporate Board members. Please remember these reports are confidential.
- Checks are being handled and deposited in-house with a bank check deposit machine.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Discussed under JP Morgan Presentation.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BENEVOLENT AID: The following amounts were reported by Beverly Plante:

PERIOD	EMERGENCY AID	TEMPORARY AID	LONG-TERM AID	TOTAL AMOUNT
September 1, 2025	\$ 500	\$0	\$1,500	\$2,000
October 1, 2025	\$3,000	\$0	\$1,500	\$4,500
November 1, 2025	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
December 1, 2025	\$0	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
January 1, 2026	\$0	\$ 500	\$2,000	\$2,500
February 1, 2026	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
YTD	\$3,500	\$1,500	\$11,000	\$16,000

WGM'S SPECIAL PROJECTS: Vickie Mathews reported sales of the WGM's special projects. The Luggage Tags are the only item still "in the red."

TMRCLADY: Suzanne Walters is in good spirits and is able to go to the activities room.

TRANSPORTATION: Roy Parsons reported the process of looking for a replacement vehicle has begun.

BOARD RETIREMENT PARTY: The location has been reserved, and the date set for Friday, July 17, 2026.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

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MISCELLANEOUS:

- Next Meeting: March 21, 2026, at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington, TX.
- Roy Parsons will give the Invocation in March.
- Special Guests will be Kathy Paschal, Associate Grand Matron, and Gerald “Skip” Skipper, Associate Grand Patron, who will make their Purposes and Policies Presentation.
- Announcements/Comments:
 - The Joint “Hanging” of Terri Rozell, Past Grand Matron, and Tom Brisko, Past Grand Patron, held on Friday, February 13, 2026, at the Madison Masonic Lodge, Orange, Texas, was a huge success.
 - The brother of Bill Wyatt, Past Grand Patron, passed away in Virginia.
 - The mother of James Parker, Past Grand Patron, passed away.
 - Lynda Benefield, spouse of Leland Benefield, Past Grand Patron, and mother of Lesa Smith and Laura Geyer, passed away.
 - Joe Gilmore, Bill & Sharon Prague, Cindy Echols, and Lou Ann Elliott are having health issues.

The Regular Session was paused at 12:07 PM.

The Board Chairman, Brenda McDaniel, called the Executive Session to order at 12:18 PM.

- Donna Noe moved, and Mary Medford seconded, to approve the Temporary Aid to Burnet Chapter #425. Motion passed.

The Regular Session was resumed at 12:35 PM. The Mizpah Benediction was recited, and the Chairman, Brenda McDaniel, adjourned the Meeting at 12:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wright
Recording Secretary