



GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, OES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting

March 21, 2026

ATTENDEES:

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

Absent: Brenda McDaniel, Chairman (D4).

In-Person Guests: Jimmie Lee McMahan, PGM (D1); Susan Dormady, PGM (D2); Kathy Paschal, AGM (D1); Gerald "Skip" Skipper, AGP (D3); Joe Paschal and Lou Anne Elliott (D1); Debbie Skipper, Barbara Martin, Kate Cecil, Bulletin Editor, and Gay Jones (D3); Betty Duncan and Jane Wert (D4).

Remote Guests: Gary Drescher, WGP, and Kay Drescher, Grand Esther (D5); Terri Rozell, PGM and Vi Griffin, PGM (D4); Ann Wyatt, GC (D1); Debbie Burks, Ellen Pickrell, Dale Gordon, and Vicky Gordon (D1); Corinne Smith and Richard Huff (D4); Tammy Andricak (D5).

Vice-Chairman, Oscar Hairell, called the Meeting to order at 9:02 AM on Saturday, March 21, 2026, at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington, TX, and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Invocation was delivered by Roy Parsons.

The Worthy Grand Patron expressed his appreciation to the Board, and is looking forward to hearing the Purposes and Policies presentation.

Oscar Hairell 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 March 3, 2026, Rick Taylor made a motion, and Donna Noe seconded, to suspend the use of the 5% investment variance due to current market volatility. Motion passed.
- On March 4, 2026, Mary Medford amended her previous motion, and Donna Noe seconded, to approve the corrected minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 21, 2026. Motion passed.

Mary Medford made a motion, and Chris Elliott seconded, to ratify the email votes. 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 at the expense of Grand Chapter.

GET WELL	TOY	SYMPATHY	BIRTHDAY	ANNIVERSARY	TOTAL
15	6	12	26	1	60

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REPORT FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY:

- 2025 Constitution and Code of Laws is now available.
- 2025 Proceedings will be printed as soon as the final proofing is complete.
- Forty-five (45) Golden Star Awards have been processed.
- The Education Committee met on March 10, 2026, and accepted approximately 26 applications. The Chairman of the Committee will send her a complete report. Scholarships are \$1,000 each.
- Deadline for ESTARL scholarship applications is March 31, 2026.
- Printing services contract is up for renewal October 1, 2026. A committee is investigating printing requirements and comparing in-house versus outsourcing costs. She should have a contract to present to the Board in July.
- Deadline for advance committee reports is June 15, 2026.
- Deadline for Legislation to be considered during the 143rd Grand Chapter Session is April 22, 2026.
- April Official Bulletin will be printed, mailed, and sent electronically next week.
- Kate Cecil resigned as Editor of the Official Bulletin with the compilation of the April edition. Two (2) candidates are being considered for the position at this time.
- Applicants for the Bookkeeper position are being interviewed.
- Received information for Grand Chapter Sessions of Other Grand Jurisdictions.
- Received contract for 144th Grand Chapter Session from Grand Lodge.
- Informational “News Flashes” are sent weekly to Chapter Secretaries.

REPORT FROM THE GRAND TREASURER:

- February 2026 finished strong – income increased, and expenses decreased.
- Investments continue to be main source of income.
- Rick Taylor asked for a side-by-side last year versus this year comparison of expenses.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Associate Grand Matron Projects: Kathy Paschal, Associate Grand Matron, presented the projects for her and Gerald “Skip” Skipper, Associate Grand Patron’s year. Donna Noe made a motion, and Mary Medford seconded, to approve funding for the projects. Motion passed.

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
March 1, 2026	\$0	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
YTD	\$3,500	\$2,500	\$13,000	\$19,000

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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."

TMRC LADY: Healthwise, Suzanne Walters is good; however, she continues to get slower. She fell recently; one hearing aid is missing; eye glasses need repairing; food needs to be pureed. She HATES not being able to eat popcorn.

TRANSPORTATION: With reference to a new van for the Worthy Grand Matron, Roy Parsons reported he's getting all specifications together before getting purchase prices. The vehicle must be ordered at least ninety (90) days before the needed delivery date.

LEGISLATION: Rick Taylor reported that a draft of legislation is ready for the Board's consideration.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Next Meeting: April 18, 2026, at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington, TX.
- Beverly Plante will give the Invocation in April.
- Announcements/Comments:
 - Jimmie Lee McMahon, Past Grand Matron, commented:
 - Good job being done by the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer.
 - Funeral services for Jim Sharp will be today at 3:00 PM at TMRC.
 - Good job done by the Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron in presenting their projects.

The Regular Session was paused at 10:52 AM.

The Board Vice-Chairman, Oscar Hairell called the Executive Session to order at 11:08 AM.

- Donna Noe made a motion, and Mary Medford seconded, to approve Temporary Aid to Grapevine Chapter #326. Motion passed.
- Rick Taylor made a motion, and Chris Elliott seconded, to postpone the vote on Long-Term Aid for Seguin Chapter #555 until next month because additional information is needed. Motion passed.

The Regular Session was resumed at 12:00 PM.

The Mizpah Benediction was recited, and the Vice-Chairman, Oscar Hairell, adjourned the Meeting at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Wright
Recording Secretary