



GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, OES  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

*Regular Meeting*

*April 18, 2026*

**ATTENDEES:**

**In-Person Board Members and Required Attendees:** Brenda McDaniel, Chairman (D4); 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:** None.

**In-Person Guests:** Susan Dormady, PGM (D2); Marty Drescher and Addie Taylor (D1); Judy Parsons (D2); Loretta Booth and Gay Jones (D3); John Bator, and Aaron Rowan, JP Morgan.

**Remote Guests:** Glenda Klemm, WGM (D4); Gary Drescher, WGP (D5); Gerald "Skip" Skipper, AGP (D3); Ann Wyatt, GC (D1); Vi Griffin, PGM (D4); Phyllis Macon, PGM (D1); Debbie Burks (D1); Thomas Griffin, Donna Jane Wert and Maverick Murray (D4); Tammy Andricak and Caron Joseph (D5).

The Chairman, Brenda McDaniel, called the Meeting to order at 9:00 AM on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington, TX, and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The Invocation was delivered by Beverly Plante.

The Worthy Grand Matron thanked the Board for everything they have done for the Order.

The Worthy Grand Patron thanked everyone for taking the time to work for the betterment of the Order.

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.

**JP MORGAN PRESENTATION:**

- John Bator and Aaron Rowan from JP Morgan presented a thorough and comprehensive report on the accounts.
- They discussed our current 40% Equity and 60% Bonds Investments. They also discussed the pros/cons of changing the current investment ratio to 50% Equity and 50% Bonds.

**EMAIL VOTES RATIFIED:**

- On March 31, 2026, Donna Noe made a motion, and Mary Medford seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 21, 2026. Motion passed.

Mary Medford made a motion, and Chris Elliott seconded, to ratify the email vote. Motion passed.

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**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
12	4	10	18	1	45

**REPORT FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY:**

- All Chapter supply orders have been filled.
- Eighty-six (86) Golden Star Awards have been processed.
- The ESTARL Committee met on April 15, 2026 and awarded scholarships to the six (6) applicants.
- Printing services contract is up for renewal October 1, 2026. A committee is investigating printing requirements and comparing in-house versus outsourcing costs.
- Registration “tags/sticker” for the Van have been ordered.
- Revenue from the 2026-27 Bag of Books orders is updated weekly. Printed items versus online items are recorded separately for comparison.
- Proceedings of the 142<sup>nd</sup> Grand Chapter Session is at the printers.
- Deadline for advance committee reports is June 15, 2026.
- Deadline for Legislation to be considered during the 143<sup>rd</sup> Grand Chapter Session is April 22, 2026.
- May Official Bulletin is being compiled. The new editor is Joshua Dieckman.
- The Grand Secretary will be out of the office April 22 – 24, 2026.
- Informational “News Flashes” are sent weekly or bi-weekly to Chapter Secretaries.

**REPORT FROM THE GRAND TREASURER:**

- March 2026 reports show a loss, but overall year-to-date income is up 4.7%. Additionally, operating expenses are down 30%.
- The Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer share office processing duties.
- Chapter Endowment information is complete. Checks will be sent out by the end of the month.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The next presentation by the JP Morgan bankers will be at the July 18, 2026 Board meeting.

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**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
April 1, 2026	\$0	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000
<b>YTD</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>	<b>\$3,500</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$22,000</b>

**WGM'S SPECIAL PROJECTS:** Vickie Mathews reported sales of the WGM's special projects. All items show a profit. Final amounts will be issued on April 30, 2026.

**TMRC LADY:** Healthwise, Suzanne Walters is good; however, she continues to get slower. She still goes to the Activity Room. She has had her eyes examined; new glasses are ordered; one hearing aid is still missing.

**TRANSPORTATION:** With reference to a new van for the Worthy Grand Matron, Roy Parsons reported he's still getting specifications together before getting purchase prices. He will present the bids at the next meeting.

**LEGISLATION:** Rick Taylor reported an Amendment on Article 83 is ready for signing.

**OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Plans continue on the banquet for the two (2) retiring Board members.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

- 2025-26 Board of Directors' Grand Chapter reports were assigned.
- Next Meeting: May 16, 2026, at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington, TX.
  - Alan Duncan will give the Invocation in May.
  - The 2026-27 Budget Presentation will be given by Kathy Paschal, Associate Grand Matron, and Gerald "Skip" Skipper, Associate Grand Patron.
- Announcements/Comments:
  - Past Grand Patron, James Parker's "A Wise Owl Hanging" will take place on April 26, 2026 at 2:00 PM at the Bethesda Lodge in Gilmer.

The Regular Session was paused at 10:50 AM.

The Board Chairman, Brenda McDaniel called the Executive Session to order at 10:55 AM.

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Board Chairman, Brenda McDaniel, reported on the Executive meeting:

- On March 31, 2026, Donna Noe made a motion, and Mary Medford seconded, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on March 21, 2026. Motion passed.
- On April 9, 2026, Beverly Plante made a motion, and Donna Noe seconded, to approve the Emergency Aid for Nash Chapter #320. Motion passed.

Chris Elliott made a motion, and Roy Parsons seconded, to ratify the email votes. Motion passed.

- Donna Noe made a motion, and Oscar Hairell seconded, to approve Long-Term Aid to Seguin Chapter #555. Motion defeated.
- Donna Noe made a motion, and Mary Medford seconded, to approve Temporary Aid to Caddo Mills Chapter #82. Motion passed.
- Mary Medford made a motion, and Oscar Hairell seconded, to approve Temporary Aid to Crockett Chapter #509. Motion passed.

The Regular Session was resumed at 11:25 PM.

Beverly Plante noted that revisions have been made to the Benevolent Aid application forms to correct typos and verbiage. These revisions are on the website.

The Mizpah Benediction was recited, and the Chairman, Brenda McDaniel, adjourned the Meeting at 11:31 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Wright  
Recording Secretary