



GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, OES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting

May 16, 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); 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: Mary Medford (D2).

In-Person Guests: Glenda Klemm, WGM (D4); Kathy Paschal, AGM (D1); Gerald “Skip” Skipper, AGP (D3); Donna Hill Pope, AGC (D3); Joe Paschal and Lou Anne Elliott (D1); Judy Parsons (D2); Debbie Skipper, Kate Cecil, Loretta Booth and Gay Jones (D3).

Remote Guests: Gary Drescher, WGP (D5); Vi Griffin, PGM, and Terri Rozell, PGM (D4); Tom Brisco, PGP (D1); Pam Dean and Dale/Vicky Coleman (D1); Richard Huff, 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, May 16, 2026, at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington, TX. She welcomed everyone to the meeting, and noted Mary Medford was absent due to illness.

The Invocation was delivered by Alan Duncan.

The Worthy Grand Matron thanked the Board for their commitment to the Order and to make the drive to Arlington every month.

The Worthy Grand Patron expressed his appreciation for all the work accomplished by the Board.

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 April 24, 2026, Beverly Plante made a motion, and Rick Taylor seconded, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 18, 2026. Motion passed.
- On May 5, 2026, Oscar Hairell made a motion, and Mary Medford seconded, to approve the award and procurement of the 2026 Grand Chapter vehicle through Lawrence Hall Ford, Inc. for the Estimated Net Price and Option Packages of \$63,700. Motion passed.

Vickie Mathews made a motion, and Chris Elliott seconded, to ratify the email votes. 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 |
|----------|-----|----------|----------|-------------|-------|
| 8 | 4 | 12 | 10 | 2 | 36 |

REPORT FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY:

- All Chapter supply orders are up-to-date.
- Julie Thomas has been hired as the Office Coordinator. The title of the position was changed because duties will include more than just “bookkeeping”.
- 123 Golden Star Awards have been processed.
- The Printer contract is up for renewal October 1, 2026. An extensive list of detailed printing requirements and in-house versus outsourcing costs comparisons has been compiled.
- New Toll/EZ Tags have been given to the Worthy Grand Matron.
- Deadline for ordering the 2026-27 Bag of Books is June 15, 2026.
- Proceedings of the 142nd Grand Chapter Session is at the printers.
- Deadline for advance committee reports for Grand Chapter is June 15, 2026.
- June Official Bulletin has been printed and mailed. Online version will be sent on Monday.
- Number of Registrations for the 143rd Grand Chapter Session are up from this time last year.

REPORT FROM THE GRAND TREASURER:

- Grand Chapter investments are up this month.
- Grand Chapter expenses are stable.
- Chapter Endowment checks were mailed on April 24, 2026. Interest on Endowments was paid at \$21.29 per member.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

Kathy Paschal, Associate Grand Matron, announced:

- The opportunity to have a Scottish Rite Charity Event at no cost to Grand Chapter. The Purposes and Policies Committee is discussing the update. The General Fund would receive 25% of the proceeds.
- The 4-State Exchange scheduled for September, 2026, and hosted by Oklahoma Grand Chapter, has been cancelled.

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- The dates for the Louisiana Grand Chapter have been changed to March 19-20, 2027.
- There will be twenty-five (25) Schools of Instructions next year.

The Associate Grand Matron and the Associate Grand Patron then presented the proposed 2026-2027 Grand Chapter budget.

Donna Noe made a motion, and Chris Elliott seconded, to accept the 2026-2027 Grand Chapter Proposed Budget to be presented to the membership. 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 |
| April 1, 2026 | \$0 | \$1,000 | \$2,000 | \$3,000 |
| May 1, 2026 | \$0 | \$1,500 | \$2,000 | \$3,500 |
| YTD | \$3,500 | \$5,000 | \$17,000 | \$25,500 |

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 May 31, 2026.

TMRC LADY: Healthwise, Suzanne Walters is good; however, she continues to get slower. She will get her hair cut next week. She has not seen her new doctor who comes to TMRC.

TRANSPORTATION: Roy Parsons reported the new van for the Worthy Grand Matron's use was ordered on May 5, 2026. As soon as the VIN is created, the vehicle will be built. It is a 2026 Transit Passenger Van X2CO T350 MR Pass XLT RWD with multiple Factory-Installed Safety Options.

The mandatory quotes were submitted by the following participating dealers:

1. **Lawrence Hall Ford, Inc., Abilene, TX - \$63,700.**
2. Arrow Ford, Anson, TX - \$66,305.
3. South West Ford, Inc., Weatherford, TX = \$73,470.

LEGISLATION: Oscar Hairell updated the information on the proposed Amendment on Article 83. He reported the legislation was presented to the Jurisprudence Committee by the deadline.

OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS: Vickie Mathews reported the ad for the Board of Directors Retirement Banquet has been sent to the Official Bulletin. Fajitas will be served; ticket donation is \$30; the ticket chairman this year is Vickie Mathews.

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MISCELLANEOUS:

- 2025-26 Board of Directors' Grand Chapter reports were discussed. Reports are due June 15, 2026 to the Grand Secretary and the Chairman of the Board.
- No Meeting in June, due to Chapter installations.
- Next Meeting: July 18, 2026, at the Grand Chapter Office in Arlington, TX.
- Vickie Mathews will give the Invocation in July.
- Special Guests will be the bank representative from J.P. Morgan.
- Announcements/Comments:
 - Anna Haws, Deputy Grand Matron – D3, S1 is on hospice care.

The Regular Session was paused at 11:06 AM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT:

The Board Chairman, Brenda McDaniel called the Executive Session to order at 11:26 AM.

- On April 24, 2026, Beverly Plante made a motion, and Rick Taylor seconded, to approve the minutes of the Executive Session held on April 18, 2026. Motion passed.

Beverly Plante made a motion, and Alan Duncan seconded, to ratify the email vote. Motion passed.

Vickie Mathews made a motion, and Oscar Hairell seconded, to approve Emergency Aid funding to Haltom City Chapter #982. Motion passed.

Donna Noe made a motion, and Rick Taylor seconded, to retain all past and current benevolent aid applications by scanning them "on the cloud". Motion passed.

The Regular Session was resumed at 12:07 PM.

The Grand Secretary noted twenty-eight (28) Education Scholarships and two (2) Music Scholarships were approved at \$1,000 each. Roy Parsons made a motion, and Alan Duncan seconded, to transfer \$18,000 to cover the cost of the scholarships.

The Mizpah Benediction was recited, and the Chairman, Brenda McDaniel, adjourned the Meeting at 12:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Wright
Recording Secretary