



Texas Government Accountability Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2025

02:00 PM

Video Conference*

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Roll Call
4. Minutes for 2025/06/26 Meeting
5. Convene in Executive Session pursuant to Texas Government Code:
 - a. Section 551.071 for private consultation with the General Counsel to seek legal advice with respect to pending and contemplated litigation and including all matters on this agenda to which the General Counsel has a duty under the Texas Rules of Discipline and Professional Conduct regarding confidential communication with the Board.
 - i. AAA Case No. 01-25-0000-8663 – Texas Government Accountability Association v. City of Odessa, and
 - ii. Cause No. C250202212-CV – City of Odessa v. Texas Government Accountability Association in the District Court of Ector County, Texas
6. Discuss and consider TGAA Transparency & Ethics Policy changes and matters related thereto.
7. Discuss and consider TGAA Interlocal Agreement changes and matters related thereto.
8. Discuss and consider TGAA Budget and matters related thereto.
9. Announcements and updates on pending or new matters.
10. Adjournment

*Link to the video conference:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83198294032?pwd=yWPYaTRr8CYTtagU9KYaxm0pftneZ.1>

Agenda Date: August 27, 2025

Agenda Number: 1

Contact/Presenter: Anthony Wilder

Agenda Item: Call to Order

Minutes:

Anthony Wilder called the meeting to order at 2:14 PM.

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Contact/Presenter: Anthony Wilder

Agenda Item: Invocation

Minutes:

Scott Sanford lead the invocation.

Agenda Date: August 27, 2025

Agenda Number: 3

Contact/Presenter: Anthony Wilder

Agenda Item: Roll Call

Background: A roll call was performed. The following were confirmed via voice roll call.

- Kathy Wheat – Board Vice-President
- Scott Sanford – Board Member
- Anthony Wilder – Board Chairman

The following were not present:

- Art Martinez de Vara – General Counsel

Agenda Date: August 27, 2025

Agenda Number: 4

Contact/Presenter: Anthony Wilder

Agenda Item: Minutes for 2025/06/26 meeting.

Background: Review and approve the June 26, 2025 board meeting minutes, which are attached as Schedule A.

Minutes:

None – The board did not propose any changes to the minutes as presented.

Board Action:

A motion was made by Wheat in favor of the minutes as presented without changes and a second was made by Sanford. The motion passed with the following vote:

Aye – 3 – Sanford, Wheat, Wilder

Nay – 0 – None

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Board Action:

None – The board did NOT convene in Executive Session.

Agenda Date: August 27, 2025

Agenda Number: 6

Contact/Presenter: Anthony Wilder

Agenda Item: Discuss and consider TGAA Transparency & Ethics Policy changes and matters related thereto.

Background: Discuss and consider proposed changes to the Transparency & Ethics Policy, which are attached as Schedule B. A version with no markup is attached as Schedule C to display the Transparency & Ethics Policy if all changes are approved.

Additionally, consider questions regarding 1.2(b)(i), 1.2(b)(ii), 1.4(c)(2) and 2.2(b).

Minutes:

Anthony Wilder provided an overview of the proposed changes to the policy for all 3 entity types (counties, municipalities, school districts) followed by discussion. Additionally, questions regarding 1.2(b)(i), 1.2(b)(ii), 1.4(c)(2) and 2.2(b) were discussed.

Board Action:

A motion was made by Sanford to approve the proposed changes to the TGAA Transparency & Ethics Policy and a second was made by Wheat. The motion passed with the following vote:

- Aye – 3 – Sanford, Wheat, Wilder
- Nay – 0 – None

Agenda Date: August 27, 2025

Agenda Number: 7

Contact/Presenter: Anthony Wilder

Agenda Item: Discuss and consider TGAA Interlocal Agreement changes and matters related thereto.

Background: Discuss and consider changes to the Interlocal Agreement, including questions from prospective members regarding paragraph 5 of page 1.

Minutes:

Anthony Wilder provided an overview of the question regarding paragraph 5 of page 1.

Board Action:

None

Agenda Date: August 27, 2025

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Contact/Presenter: Anthony Wilder

Agenda Item: Discuss and consider TGAA Budget and matters related thereto.

Background: Discuss and consider adoption of the following proposed budget for the remainder of FY 2025. For reference, below are budget related sections in Article V of the TGAA Constitution.

TGAA Constitution Section 5.1 – Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Association shall be from January 1 through December 31 of that year.

TGAA Constitution Section 5.3 – Budget. The Board shall meet and adopt an annual budget which shall serve as the complete financial plan for the ensuing fiscal year. No unbudgeted indebtedness shall be incurred. No budget shall be adopted under which the expenditures for the ensuing year exceed a reasonable estimate of the actual funds to be available.

Proposed TGAA Budget to be discussed at the 20250827 board meeting			
2025/08/31 - 2025/12/31			
Revenue			Remainder of 2025
	Balance as of 2025/08/31		10,800
	Membership Dues ¹		32,000
	Contributions		81,200
	Total		124,000
Expenditures		Monthly Estimate	Remainder of 2025
	Fees	550	2,200
	Legal	9,000	36,000
	Office Supplies	150	600
	Payroll	18,800	75,200
	Professional Services	0	0
	Travel ²	2,300	9,200
	Website	200	800
	Total	31,000	124,000
¹ Estimate based upon progress with multiple prospective members.			
² Estimate based upon location of prospective members.			

Minutes:

Anthony Wilder presented the proposed budget for the remainder of FY 2025.

Board Action:

A motion was made by Wheat to approve the proposed budget and a second was made by Sanford. The motion passed with the following vote:

- Aye – 3 – Sanford, Wheat, Wilder
- Nay – 0 – None

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Contact/Presenter: Anthony Wilder

Agenda Item: Announcements and updates on pending or new matters.

Minutes:

None

Board Action:

None

Agenda Date: August 27, 2025

Agenda Number: 10

Contact/Presenter: Anthony Wilder

Agenda Item: Adjournment

Minutes:

None

Board Action:

A motion was made by Wheat to adjourn the meeting and a second was made by Sanford. The motion passed with the following vote:

- Aye – 3 – Sanford, Wheat, Wilder
- Nay – 0 – None

The meeting ended at 2:54 PM.