TEXAS ELKS CHILDREN'S SERVICES, INC.
Board Meeting – Homecoming

Al McLoughlin, Chairman of the Board
Mike Smith, Vice-Chairman
Karen McCrary, Secretary/Treasurer
Julie Morris, Chaplain
John Atwood, TECSI Advisor/SDGER
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*THE BOARD WILL CONVENE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOLLOWING THE MEETING. *

ROLL CALL - REFERENCE LIST
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Agenda Item: III – A. **Date: September 18, 2026**

Subject: Consideration of Minutes

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** ACTION **
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Background Information:

The Texas Elks Children's Services, Inc. Board of Directors, as a corporate body, is required to keep a record of actions taken by the TECSI Board of Directors at all regular and called meetings.

Item Addressed:

Following are the minutes from the Texas Elks Children's Services, Inc. Board of Directors Meetings held on June 4, 2026.

Recommended Action:

Board Approval of the Minutes as presented.

Texas Elks Children's Services, Inc.
Board Meeting – State Convention
Thursday, June 4, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.
Mesquite, Texas

I. **Call to Order:** Mike Smith, Chairman of the TECSI Board, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

A. **Invocation:** TECSI Chaplain, Julie Morris opened the meeting with a prayer.

B. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Director David Zint led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. **Roll Call and Introductions:** Secretary-Treasurer Karen McCrary called the roll. Chairman Mike Smith made the introductions.

TECSI Directors present for the meeting were:

Chris Stansbury	Sally DiPalma	Mike Smith
Karen McCrary	David Zint	Julie Morris
Al McLoughlin		

The following TECSI Alternates were present:

Sheri McCord	Carlos Camarillo	Larry Green
Brian Degner	Efrain Guerrero	

Those also attending the meeting were: Matt Williams, TESA President; Billy Bryan, TESA President-Elect; Hon. John Atwood, Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler/TECSI Advisor; Hon. John Amen, PGER/State Sponsor; Steve Weatherly, TESA Treasurer/PSP; Mike Clark, TESA Secretary/PSP; John Oswalt, PSP; Mike Callahan, PSP; Donnie Cagle, PSP; Renea Oswalt, PSP/TEEI Chairperson; Mandy Meyers TEEI Secretary-Treasurer East/Gulf Coast District; Stephen Hafley, TEEI Director North Central District; Kim McDermott, TESA Red Pig Chairperson; Kerri Weatherly, TESA Trustee North Central District; Lee Hincher, TESA Trustee Southwest District; Larry Wilson, VP North Central District; Kendra Hart, VP Pan West District; Jim Grissom, ASR Gulf Coast District; Renay Bennett, PDD/East District Leader; Lowell Neinast, DD Gulf Coast District; Mike Cropp, PDDGER: Dave Stewart, DL/PDDGER; Nikki Green, TESA Veterans Chair; Dustin Basquez, ENF TESA Chair Southwest District; Corey Basquez, Youth Activities Southwest District; Daniel Gutierrez, New Mexico EA President; Dennis Morgan, CEA President; Tammy Stewart Seguin Lodge #1229; Stacy Hydrick, Member Frisco Lodge #2890; Jackie Degner, Member Marshall Lodge #683; Buck Buckley, Member Canyon Lodge #2887; Julie Moles, Member Galveston Lodge #126; Keith Schmitz, Member San Antonio #216; Debra Scott, Member Tyler Lodge #215; Susan Amen, Wife of Hon. John Amen; Sandi Creswell, TECOT Executive Director; Loretta Hill, TECSI Executive Director; and Janet Person, TECSI Assistant Director.

III. Items for Board Action:

A. Consideration of the Minutes of the Previous Meetings, February 7, 2026:

Secretary-Treasurer Karen McCrary stated everyone had received copies of the minutes from the previous TECSI Board Meeting held on February 7, 2026..

Karen McCrary made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Al McLoughlin. Motion carried.

B. Consideration of the Financial Statements:

Secretary-Treasurer, Karen McCrary asked everyone to turn to pages 18-29 to find the balance sheet. Karen reported the following:

As of May 15, 2026, there was $104,912.56 in the TECSI Operating Fund and $455,131.02 in the RBC Wealth Management Operating Account. Total current assets reflected on the balance sheet are $560,043.58. There is $2,157,770.99 in fixed assets which includes land, buildings, fixtures and equipment. Other assets include $144,925.69 in the restricted building maintenance fund. Total assets equal $2,862,740.26.

Total current and long-term liabilities which include payroll liabilities, accrued vacation liabilities and First Lady money equal $116,586.52. Total liabilities and equity balance with total assets of $2,862,740.26. The profit and loss statement (pages 20-25) shows $56,743.18 in next year's non-budgeted revenue which includes donations currently coming into TECSI such as R.V. Park, camp donations, quota donations, miscellaneous donations, bingo conductor donations and general donations. The current year budget vs. actual is included for Board information on pages 26-33.

Secretary-Treasurer, Karen McCrary made a motion to accept the financial statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Vice-Chairperson, Sally DiPalma. Motion carried.

C. Final Approval of the 2026-2027 Proposed TECSI Operating Budget:

Chairman Smith asked Budget Committee Chairperson, Sally DiPalma to address the Board. Sally said the budget is in your packet; the one that we had met on and talked about. The only question she has is about the expenses for Grand Lodge. Where are those? Sally then said she just found them on page 47 of the Board packet.

Vice-Chairperson Sally DiPalma then made a motion that the budget be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Director Julie Morris. Motion carried.

D. Election of Board Officers:

Chairman Smith said our first nominee will be for Chairman of the Board. Mike Smith nominated Sally DiPalma. Karen McCrary nominated Al McLoughlin. Chairman Smith called for a vote. Director Al McLoughlin received a majority of the votes and was elected Chairman of the Board.

Chairman Smith asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Sally DiPalma nominated Mike Smith. There were no other nominations. Mike Smith was elected Vice-Chairman of the Board.

Chairman Smith asked for nominations for Secretary-Treasurer. Julie Morris nominated Karen McCrary. There were no other nominations. Karen McCrary was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Chairman Smith asked for nominations for Chaplain. Mike Smith nominated Julie Morris. There were no other nominations. Julie Morris was elected Chaplain.

E. TECSI Physical Plant Committee Update:

Chairman Smith said for those of you who do not know, Kirk Storey tendered his resignation effective August 31st. He has since resigned. He is no longer the TECSI Physical Plant Manager. We are in the process of getting applications for a physical plant maintenance manager. He sent a two page employee application to Janet so that anyone who physically comes to the plant can fill out an application. We have to have that, and we have to have a background check on every person that comes in there. He also has a person who lives close to the camp who will be coming in next week to fill out an application.

Loretta has hired a part time maintenance person. We'll have to work with that as we are right now until we get someone in there. Dustin is also one that will be considered for that position. Loretta said Dustin is no longer interested in a maintenance position. Mike said that position has always been a part time position. We are not looking to make that a full time position. That's where we stand as far as physical plant.

F. Grant Program 2025-2026 Update:

Chairman Smith asked TECSI Assistant Director, Janet Person to address the Board. Janet reported the following:

For the month of February, we received a total of 3 grants. By the end of February, we had processed 94 grants for $349,219.17 which was 85% of the total grant allocations. This left $61,978.95 remaining in total statewide grant allocations. 5 of the 8 Districts had spent pretty much all of their grant money.

In March, she emailed the statewide unfunded grants list to the grant committee. There were a total of 19 unfunded grants totaling $204,674.10. The grant committee reviewed and voted on these remaining unfunded grants. She processed 101 grants at $389,906.67, which was 95% of the total grant allocations.

She did run into a snag as one of our vendors as experiencing a network system that was down. They had to wait until the network was up and running and all of their applications were reinstalled before they could issue an invoice. That took about three weeks.

She was able to complete the processing of the remaining grants in April. For the 2025-2026 grant period, she processed a total of 104 grants at $411,198.12 which was 100% of the total grant allocations. She returned the remaining 8 unfunded grants to the submitting lodges with a letter explaining the steps they need to take if they wish to resubmit these applications in June.

G. Grant Audit Committee Report:

Chairman Smith asked Director Chris Stansbury to give her report. Chris reported the following:

On May 8th, the Grant Audit Committee met at TECSI. The committee consisted of myself from the San Angelo Lodge, Alternate Sheri McCord from the Brenham Lodge and Alternate Carlos Camarillo Lodge from the Gonzales Lodge. We were assisted by TECSI Assistant Director, Janet Person.

We took the advice of the previous year's audit committee and pulled 45 grants. We pulled grants from every Lodge that submitted a grant. If there were some interesting grants, we looked at those also. We audited 45 grants out of 104 for the year of June 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026. We found very few discrepancies. Any issues that were found were in the Lodge area of the applications. For example, Lodge approved it before the application was signed by parents. For the audit committee, we feel a few of the Lodges should pay more attention to the details of the application before submitting it to TECSI. Also, they should not hold grants once they have been submitted.

Any questions we had, Janet would look at her notes that are in the file with the grant information. Her system is impeccable and nearly flawless. I would recommend any Elk that has an interest in the Grant Program to check out the process that Janet uses for the grants.

The biggest concern to the audit committee was the number of lodges that did not submit one grant and did not use any of their allotted money. 26 lodges did not submit one grant. As Directors and Alternates, we should be encouraging our lodges to reach out to their communities.

Average days from application submitted to Lodge to distributing: 32 days. The reason for this larger number is that some of the grants that were pulled had been placed on the unfunded list so Janet had to wait for funds to become available.

Average days between TECSI and disbursement: 18 days

Average days between Lodge approval to TECSI: 15 days

Average days between submission to Lodge to Lodge approval: 22 days

Total grant amount audited: $181,387.11

Total Grant amount: $411,198.12

Janet is awesome. It went really, really well. We got it done in about 4 ½ hours. It was a great thing to see. We, as a committee, recommend pulling at least one grant from each lodge and those others of interest and report on the grants pulled. As long as Janet is with TECSI and with the impeccable recording keeping that she keeps, we also see no reason to audit every grant done in that year.

H. Director's Manual & Personnel Policy Handbook:

Chairman Smith said the Board had met in Executive Session on May 23rd to discuss some revisions to the Director's Manual and the personnel policy handbook. Mike then said he will turn things over to Director Julie Morris. She will read the changes we made to the personnel policy handbook. We will vote on those to be approved, and then she will read the revisions that were discussed and made to the Director's Manual, and we will vote on those.

Julie said on the personnel policy handbook, our first change is under background checks; Section 6.2: Background checks are deemed essential given the fact that these employees will be serving not only children, but also children with special physical needs. We scratched out "physical" because we cover all special needs.

Our next change is under "Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace and Drug Testing,"; Section 15.1. It says, "An employee's use," and we added, "or possession of alcohol on TECSI premises, or during TECSI normal or actual working hours, is cause for immediate dismissal." Then we added, "This policy is also extended to visitors. Absolutely no alcohol use or possession during weeks of Summer Camp, including counselor and staff training week." It then goes on in this section to say, "This prohibition does not extend to officially sponsored TESA/TECSI social activities such as Homecoming." It also listed "Spring Fling," and we took that out. The last change that needs to be made is on page 13. Section 18.3 refers to Paragraph 19.2; it should be Paragraph 18.2.

Chairman Smith said those are all of the revisions that were made to the personnel policy handbook. He then asked for a motion. Director Chris Stansbury made a motion to accept the revisions to the personnel policy handbook. The motion was second by Vice-Chairperson Sally DiPalma. Mike then asked if there were any questions or any discussion. Director Al McLoughlin said he believed the part about the drug and alcohol needs to be reworded. There needs to be a provision that does not extend to any TESA/TECSI sponsored event. Sally DiPalma said that provision is in there already.

Al said he still needed some clarification and asked Julie to read that section again. Julie said in Section 15.1, the last sentence says," This prohibition does not extend to officially sponsored TESA/TECSI social activities such as Homecoming." It used to say, "Spring Rendezvous," but we don't do that anymore, so we scratched through it.

Al said we have a situation that conflicts with this portion. We have several volunteers that assist with summer camp that prepare burgers on Sundays for campers and staff. They are Elks from the local Gonzales Lodge, and they drink beer while they are cooking hamburgers. John Oswalt, PSP said they are volunteers; they are not employees. Loretta said it says, "volunteers." Al said will the volunteers continue to volunteer? Isn't this going to cause a conflict? Sally said they cannot consume alcohol on the premises. They can go to the Rally Room.

Chairman Smith reiterated that volunteers can go to the Rally Room, but they cannot consume alcohol on camp property. Julie Morris said she and Mike had talked about it and thought that if the volunteers still want to cook burgers on Sundays and drink alcohol, they could cook at the Rally Room. Al said he believes this will create a conflict. Chairman Smith then asked if there was any more discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion to approve the revisions to the personnel policy handbook as read by Director Julie Morris. Motion carried.

Chairman Smith then moved on to the discussion of revisions to the Director's Manual. Mike said the reason we have not published these and sent them out is because we wanted to make sure that everyone on the Board was notified and read in on the proposed revisions. Once the changes have been made, we will publish it and mail it out to all of the Directors and Alternates.

Julie said on page 20 under, "Texas Elks Camp for Special Needs Children," under the "Eligibility Criteria" number 2 read, "Between the ages of 7 and 18 years of age." We are extending that to 7 to 21 years of age. TECSI Executive Director, Loretta Hill said the Director's Manual is a compilation of a whole bunch of other documents. She sent the updated documents. It just needs to be put back together with all of the updated documents. The RV Park Standard has been changed. The Homecoming Standard has been changed, and the Special Grants Program has been changed since that version of the Director's Manual was put together. All we have to do is put the new documents in there.

Chairman Smith asked Director Julie Morris to continue. Julie said on page 24, number 10; and this is under "Executive Director Job Description," it reads, "Hire, train, supervise, evaluate and terminate, when necessary, TECSI personnel." We are suggesting a change that adds to that reading, "and Support Staff. The Board reserves the right to recommend discipline action and/or termination of any employee for good cause. Regarding counselors needed during Camp operations, hire no less than 20 and a maximum of 24."

On number 17 it reads," Process donations to TECSI and TEEI, prepare certificates and books, send donations acknowledgements and update plaques in the facility." We have added, "on a monthly basis." Number 26 states, "Other duties as assigned by the TECSI Board," to which we have added, "or representative approved by the board." Then it goes on to say, "E.g. Participate in Homecoming Activities and Grand Lodge Booth Committee Program."

On page 26, under "Assistant Director," it reads, "Reports to Executive Director." The suggested change is that it reads, "Reports to the Board." On page 29, there is a job description for the Custodian. It should be changed to "Housekeeper." We don't have a custodian anymore; we have a housekeeper. Under the job duties for housekeeping, there is a section that says, "Maintenance Duties," and that needs to be removed. There are 12 duties that are being taken out as these duties fall under the Maintenance Contractor.

Under TECSI Homecoming Standards, we have added Section 10.040.4 which states, "Parking: No parking on the grass around the main building, pavilion, or playground; including along the street. Extra parking will be available on the archery field. BE SURE NOT TO BLOCK THE DUMPSTERS." In Section 10.090.5: Trash; it states, "The Director from the Host District shall appoint a committee to empty trash receptacles and help keep the RV Park and TECSI grounds policed and clean." We are adding," The Host District also needs to clean up and put away tables and chairs after all activities have ended."

Under "Saturday Activities, Section 10.100.1 Attendance," it reads, "The Host District Chair will assign volunteers to run the registration booth so that we can track attendance." We have added, "Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m." Under "TECSI RV Park Standard, Section 12.010.5 Registration," we have, "Considering the above guidelines are met, please self-register and pay in the booth, using the form, envelope, and metal depository or online at https://texaselks.org/pollard-rvpark/." We have added, "VENMO is also available." The only other thing to be updated is the version of the special grants application that is in the manual.

Chairman Smith then called for a motion to the revision of the Director's Manual as read. Vice-Chairperson Sally DiPalma made a motion. The motion was seconded by Director Julie Morris. Mike then asked if there was any discussion. Director David Zint said he had a question. On the Assistant Director, why would they report to the Board when you already have a Director? Shouldn't the Assistant go straight to the Director? If we're streamlining this, we 're the Board, and we have one link to the camp. The Assistant should report to the Director just like any other employee. He just doesn't understand why any Assistant would go to the Board.

Vice-Chairperson Sally DiPalma said it's because there have been issues in the past. If we have issues again in the future, the Assistant Director needs to come to the Board if that Assistant Director can't go to the Director, and that's not always a possibility. They need to come to the Board. David said he understands that if there are some issues. It's just like him owning his own company. He puts people in place so that he doesn't have to deal with those others. They bring it to him after the fact. Sometimes he does have employees come to him but that is under special circumstances. If you put that in there, you are taking power away from the Director in his opinion.

John Oswalt, PSP said any employee has the power to go to any Director at any time and bring anything up to them. David Zint said exactly, you are taking authority away from the Director. Honorable John Atwood, Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler/TECSI Advisor, said he had one question. As he remembers, back when Loretta was hired, they were co-Directors. Is that correct? The Board said yes. John asked if that had ever changed? The Board said no. John then said either one of them can go to the Board.

Chairman Smith then asked if there was any more discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote. The results of the votes for revisions to the Director's Manual as presented were 2 against and 4 for the revisions. Motion carried.

IV. Items for Board Information:

A. Report from the TECSI Board Chairman:

TECSI Chairman Mike Smith said we are just a week away from camp. He will let Loretta explain what is happening there. He knows that she has worked very hard to get our camp license so that we can operate which has been a very tough thing for all camps across the state of Texas. We are in the process of looking for a plant maintenance person.

We need to have a motion to put out a resume for an Executive Director. Loretta has tendered her resignation as of August 31st. She has agreed to stay and work through camp. She has camp personnel lined up. Honorable John Atwood, Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler/TECSI Advisor said you don't need a motion to put that out. When she put her resignation in, it's your job to find somebody to replace her.

Chairman Smith said the last thing he has as far as the camp goes is we still have a few spot open so he will let Loretta discuss that. One thing, as far as revisions to the personnel handbook and Director's Manual, it has been suggested and this will happen; we are going to write a separate, stand-alone alcohol policy that will be signed by each and every employee. It will be written and will be presented at Homecoming to be included in our Director's Manual.

B. Report from the TECSI Executive Director:

TECSI Executive Director, Loretta Hill said we have a license and we're going to have summer camp. We already have staff moving in. They will be moving in from now until Sunday. We start our official staff training at 5 p.m. on Sunday. We're not completely full for the summer, but we are close. We have enrolled 222 campers. She is still interviewing staff. The faster she hires them, the faster they go away. We have 19 counselors and 2 counselors-in-training. We have a nurse, housekeeping staff and kitchen staff. We have Dustin Basquez coming out to do maintenance when he has time. It's going to be great.

She's still working on Big John's playground. The company that we purchased the playground from has changed hands so we're having trouble with the surfacing folks. The playground equipment has been ordered and is ready to ship. She doesn't want them to ship it until we have someplace to install it. As soon as she gets the surfacing quote and gets the surfacing done, we'll have Big John's playground in place.

Big John said somebody needs to call and use a harsh voice with somebody. Loretta said we're just going to have to call somebody else. He's just not helpful anymore. The current playground needs to go away. We're a nonprofit so we can't sell it. If anyone knows anybody that needs a playground, we need to get rid of it sooner rather than later. It has a couple of pieces that are broken, and it was not inspected by the state. We're just not going to use it, so we don't have to pay to replace the pieces. We would not have gotten a license from the state if they had actually inspected it so we're just going to rope it off.

C. Report from Texas Elks Endowment:

TEEI Chairperson, Renea Oswalt said the TEEI Board met prior to this meeting and took care of a little bit of business this morning. We elected new officers for the upcoming year. She is going to continue serving as Chair. Stephen Hafley will be Vice-Chair. Mandy Meyers will continue being our Secretary-Treasurer. We voted on some buy/sell options so we can generate some more money for camp. We're actually going to shift some of the cash that's just sitting there right now into some investments so we can make even more money. That's always a good thing. The best news is our current value is $12,015,941.00. We're very proud of that.

D. Remarks from the President:

TESA President, Matt Williams said he was at TECOT for Spring Fling. Orley Mullins donated a six seater golf cart to the camp at TECSI. Loretta said yes, that's correct. James and Stacy Hydrick are going to bring it with them and deliver it on Sunday. Matt said he personally wants to thank Loretta for all of her years of service. We appreciate you.

E. Remarks from the President-Elect:

TESA President-Elect, Billy Bryan said he appreciates everyone's hard work. He also echoes Matt's words. Thank you, Loretta. He is glad you got your camp's license. Good work.

F. Remarks from Hon. John Atwood, Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler/TECSI Advisor:

John said he wanted to say the two things he always says: Good job and keep it up.

G. Remarks from Hon. John Amen, PGER/Co-State Sponsor:

Honorable John Amen, PGER/Co-State Sponsor said a few years ago, we had our 75th anniversary years of service at the camp. We are now at 80 years. Congratulations, we'll have to have a celebration at Homecoming. Congratulations to everyone who contributes time, effort and money to this camp.

H. Check Registers:

Chairman Smith said the check registers are provided in the Board packet for your review and information and can be found on pages 61-65. The only thing he would say on the check registers is there are several checks written to people that don't show the dollar amount. We need to see dollar amounts for every check that is written. TECSI Executive Director, Loretta Hill said those checks are payroll. The Board already approves our salaries in the budget. Chairman Smith said we need to see what the check amount is for every check.

Loretta said you'll have to get the next person to publish the payroll separately from the check register because it gets put in a lump sum. The lump sum amount is there; it's just not the individual amounts. Chairman Smith said we will work on that. Chairman Smith also said we're looking at hiring a bookkeeper. I have one lady that has worked with camp before, Debbie Everett. She will possibly come and work with us until we hire someone full time.

I. Texas Elks Grants for Special Needs Children:

Chairman Smith asked Janet Person to address the Board. Janet said it's just a summary showing the amount of money each lodge and each district is going to have available to them in the 2026-2027 grant period. It's just for information.

V. Sickness and Distress:

Director Al McLoughlin said in case everyone doesn't know, Mr. Ken Moses has recently been diagnosed with a rather serious condition. It was caught early. The doctors are optimistic. Keep Ken Moses in your thoughts and prayers.

Honorable John Amen said last Saturday morning, PGER Charles F. "Chuck" Williams passed away. His service is this afternoon at 2 o'clock in Dallas.

TESA Treasurer, Steve Weatherly said Moshe Solomon died last night.

VI. Good of the Order:

Director David Zint said he just wanted to say how much he appreciates this Board. He hates to leave, but he has to because he will be TESA President. Y'all continue to do good things.

Chairman Smith said to David, we appreciate all that you have done. We look forward to the direction you are going. Larry Green will be the new Director for the Pan West District, and Kendra Hart will serve as the Alternate. We have a new Alternate coming in for the Gulf Coast District; Renay Bennett. Kim McDermott will be the new Alternate for the North District, and Larry Wilson will be the new Alternate for the North Central District.

Chairman Smith said after this meeting is over, all of the new Directors and Alternates will be sworn in.

VII. Benediction and Adjournment:

Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting. Chaplain Julie Morris led everyone in the closing prayer.

Immediately following the meeting, all new Directors and Alternates were sworn in.

Respectfully Submitted: **Approved By:**

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Karen McCrary, Secretary/Treasurer **Mike Smith, Chairman**

Agenda Item: III – B. **Date: September 18, 2026**

Subject: Consideration of the Financial Statements

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** ACTION **
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Background Information:

Texas Elks Children's Services, Inc., in accordance with all applied laws and Board requirements keeps a record of all financial transactions.

Item Addressed:

Financials are not available at this time as TECSI does not currently have a bookkeeper on staff. Financials will be provided to all TECSI Directors and Alternates at a later date.

Recommended Action:

No Board action recommended at this time.

Agenda Item: III – C. **Date: September 18, 2026**

Subject: Set Dates for Homecoming 2027 & Establish Host District

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Background Information:

Homecoming falls on the third full weekend of September. A copy of a calendar page for September 2027 has been included in the Board packet for viewing.

Item Addressed:

The North Central District will be the District in charge of Homecoming 2027. The Board needs to review the calendar page for September 2027 and set an exact date for Homecoming 2027.

Recommended Action:

Board Consideration & Approval

September 2027

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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Agenda Item: III – D. **Date: September 18, 2026**

Subject: Set Dates for Camp 2027

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Background Information:

Each year, the Texas Elks sponsor a summer camp for special needs children.

Item Addressed:

The dates have been included in the Board packet for viewing.

Recommended Action:

Board Consideration & Approval

2027 Camp Dates

- May 30th - June 4th **Prep Week**
- June 6th - June 11th **Training Week**
- June 13th - June 18th **Week One**
- June 20th - June 25th **Week Two**
- June 27th - July 1st **Week Three**
- July 5th - July 9th **Week Four**
- July 11th - July 16th **Week Five**
- July 18th - July 23rd **Week Six**
- July 25th - July 30th **Week Seven**

Agenda Item: III – E. **Date: September 18, 2026**

Subject: TECSI Physical Plant Committee Update

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** ACTION **
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Background Information:

TECSI has a Physical Plant Committee.

Item Addressed:

TECSI Alternate, Sheri McCord will address and update the Board.

Recommended Action:

Board Information

Agenda: III – F. **Date: September 18, 2026**

Subject: Grant Program 2025-2026 Update

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Background Information:

Texas Elks Children's Services, Inc. has a Grant Program for special needs children.

Item Addressed:

TECSI Assistant Director, Janet Person, will update the Board on number of grants submitted, processed and amount of grant allocations disbursed.

Recommended Action:

Board Information

Agenda Item: IV – A. **Date: September 18, 2026**

Subject: Report from the TECSI Board Chairman

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Background Information:

At each regularly scheduled Texas Elks Children's Services, Inc. Board of Directors meeting; the TESCI Board Chairman will update the TECSI Board of Directors with information regarding the operation of the Texas Elks Children's Services, Inc.

Item Addressed:

The TECSI Chairman, Al McLoughlin will present his report to the Board.

Agenda Item: IV – B. **Date: September 18, 2026**

Subject: Report from the TESCI Executive Director

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Background Information:

At each regularly scheduled Texas Elks Children's Services, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting, the Executive Director will update the TECSI Board of Directors with information concerning the state major project, summer camp and other matters of interest to the TECSI Board.

Item Addressed:

TECSI does not currently have an Executive Director on staff so no report will be given.

Agenda Item: IV – C. **Date: September 18, 2026**

Subject: Report from the Texas Elks Endowment Inc.

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Background Information:

At each regularly scheduled Texas Elks Children's Services, Inc. Board of Directors meeting, the Board will receive a report concerning the activities of the TEEI Board of Directors.

Item Addressed:

The Texas Elks Endowment Inc. Report will be presented to the TECSI Board.

Agenda Item: IV –D. **Date: September 18, 2026**

Subject: Remarks from the President

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Background Information:

At each regularly scheduled Texas Elks Children's Services, Inc. Board of Directors meeting; the Board will hear remarks from the TESA President.

Item Addressed:

President Billy Bryan will present his remarks to the Board.

Agenda Item: IV – E. **Date: September 18, 2026**

Subject: Remarks from the President-Elect

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Background Information:

At each regularly scheduled Texas Elks Children's Services, Inc. Board of Directors meeting; the Board will hear remarks from the TESA President Elect.

Item Addressed:

President-Elect David Zint will present his remarks to the Board.

Agenda Item: IV - F. **Date: September 18, 2026**

Subject: Remarks from Hon. John Atwood, TECSI Advisor/Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler

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Item Addressed:

Honorable John Atwood, TECSI Advisor/Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler will present his remarks to the Board.

Agenda Item: IV - G. **Date: September 18, 2026**

Subject: Remarks from Hon. John Amen, PGER/State Sponsor

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Item Addressed:

Honorable John Amen, PGER/State Sponsor will present his remarks to the Board.

Agenda Item: IV – H. **Date: September 18, 2026**

Subject: Check Registers

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Background Information:

In order to keep the Texas Elks Children's Services, Inc. Board of Directors fully informed concerning the activities of the Texas Elks Children's Services, Inc., the Board of Directors will be presented with an accounting of all checks written on the TECSI account for the months previous to the regular meeting. This accounting will be presented at each regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting.

Item Addressed:

Copies of the check register are not available at this time as TECSI does not currently have a bookkeeper on staff. Copies of the check register will be provided to all TECSI Directors and Alternates at a later date.

Agenda Item: IV – I. **Date: September 18, 2026**

Subject: Texas Elks Grants for Special Needs Children

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Background Information:

When the new state major project was approved, each Lodge was allocated money based on total donations and per capita of the membership of that Lodge.

Item Addressed:

The August 2026 report of the lodge allocations is not available at this time as TECSI does not currently have a bookkeeper on staff.

Agenda Item: IV - J. **Date: September 18, 2026**

Subject: 2026-2027 TECSI Committees List

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Item Addressed:

Attached you will find the 2026-2027 TECSI Committees List.

T.E.C.S.I. Committees 2026-2027 – Effective June 2026 – May 2027

BY-LAWS

MICHAEL SMITH	CHAIRPERSON
KEN MOSES	
SHERI MCCORD	
RENAY BENNETT	

POLICY

LARRY GREEN	CHAIRPERSON
JULIE MORRIS	
KAREN MCCRARY	
KIM MCDERMOTT	
SHERI MCCORD	

PHYSICAL PLANT

CARLOS CAMARILLO	CHAIRPERSON
BRIAN DEGNER	
SHERI MCCORD	
LARRY GREEN	

BUDGET

SALLY DIPALMA	CHAIRPERSON
CHRIS STANSBURY	
BRIAN DEGNER	
LARRY WILSON	

QUOTA

AL MCLOUGHLIN	CHAIRPERSON

ALL TECSI DIRECTORS & ALTERNATES

PUBLIC RELATIONS

AL MCLOUGHLIN

GRAND LODGE BOOTH

SALLY DIPALMA	CHAIRPERSON
CHRIS STANSBURY	
SHERI MCCORD	

GRANT COMMITTEE

KAREN MCCRARY	CHAIRPERSON
JULIE MORRIS	
KIM MCDERMOTT	

SPECIAL GRANTS AUDIT COMMITTEE

CHRIS STANSBURY	CHAIRPERSON
ALL ALTERNATE MEMBERS	

HOMECOMING

NORTHEAST DISTRICT – JULIE MORRIS	CHAIRPERSON – **SEPTEMBER 2026**
NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT – KAREN MCCRARY	CHAIRPERSON – **SEPTEMBER 2027**

STAFF

TBD – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

JANET PERSON – ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

TBD – PHYSICAL PLANT DIRECTOR

TBD - BOOKKEEPER