



REGULAR MEETING

May 13, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Orange County Appraisal District met in Regular Session on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting took place at the district's office at 9157 IH 10, East, Orange, Texas.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ronnie Crockett, Karen Fisher, Octavia Guzman, Deven Michael, Philip Welch

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrew Haeggquist, Cullin Smith, Wayne Sparrow

CHIEF APPRAISER: Scott W. Overton

ATTORNEY: Present by Video Conference

VISITORS: None

ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:

I. CALL TO ORDER

Scott Overton called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Ronnie Crockett led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

III. REPORT AND/OR ACTION ITEMS

1. Discuss Upcoming Board of Directors General Election

No motion necessary.

2. Discuss and / or Approve the Minutes for March 10, 2026 Regular Meeting.

Philip Welch made a motion to approve the Minutes for March 10, 2026 Regular Meeting. Deven Michael seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Discuss and / or Approve the March and April 2026 Bills for the Appraisal District.

Dale Parish made a motion to approve the March and April 2026 Bills for the Appraisal District. Ronnie Crockett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. Discuss and / or Approve the Year to Date Investments for the Appraisal District.

Philip Welch made a motion to approve the Year to Date Investments. Octavia Guzman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5. Discuss and / or Approve the Year to Date 2026 Financial Reports.

Philip Welch made a motion to approve the Year to Date 2026 Financial Reports. Deven Michael seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Section 551.074

-Chief Appraiser Evaluation

Chief Appraisers Evaluation began at 1:13 p.m. and concluded at 1:38 p.m. The Regular meeting proceeded directly after the executive session.

V. REPORT OF BOARD MEMBERS

Octavia Guzman thanked the District for sending employees to attend her class and for having the preliminary values ready on time.

Dale Parish said that he appreciated Scott working on posters for the feed stores in our area.

Philip Welch said that the school district Superintendents appreciate Scotts involvement.

VI. REPORT OF ATTORNEY

The total amount of active lawsuits is at 23. Jefferson Railports lawsuit is still pending.

VII. REPORT OF CHIEF APPRAISER

1. If you have a question about a specific property or value, please direct those questions to me. We have to be careful about what we discuss when it comes to value that is not your own personal property or value. Our employees don't feel comfortable discussing that because they are worried that they may discuss something that is not permissible. So, to keep them out of that situation, I ask that you direct all questions to me, and I will respond as quickly as possible.
2. Protest season is going good so far, the deadline to protest is this coming Friday. As of today, there have been 337 formal protests filed that are being scheduled for the ARB. We've had 399 informals where they talked to an appraiser. 144 have resulted in a change in value and a settlement and waiver were signed. 170 were closed out with no action taken. The others were either closed because the property owner was going to file a formal protest, it's pending a settlement or the appraiser has left a message and is waiting for a call back. I expect that these numbers will increase significantly this week with the deadline approaching.
3. Personal Property notices are scheduled to be mailed May 22nd.
4. ARB hearings start tomorrow, May 13th, and our last day of hearings is scheduled for July 20th and we will have values certified to the entities by July 25th.

ADJOURNMENT

Philip Welch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 p.m. Dale Parish seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL:

Karen Fisher, Chair of the Board

ATTESTED:

Dale Parish, Secretary of the Board