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## Board Members



**L'Oreal Stepney, P.E.,  
Board Member**

L'Oreal Stepney was named Chairwoman of the Texas Water Development Board by Governor Greg Abbott on January 8, 2025. She is the first engineer to serve as Chair since the Board became a full-time three-member board. Governor Abbott appointed her to the Board in

December 2022 for a term beginning January 1, 2023.

Stepney previously served as the deputy executive director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). She began working for TCEQ in 1992, first in the Air Permitting Division for eight years, then as section manager for the Wastewater Permitting Section before being promoted to director of the Water Quality Division in 2003. She also served as deputy director of the Office of Water upon its creation in 2009. The Office of Water encompasses TCEQ's water availability, water districts, groundwater, river compacts, water quality permitting and planning, and public drinking water functions. During her time at TCEQ, Stepney worked closely with the Texas Water Development Board on several water programs.

Additionally, Stepney has participated in the group from Texas that meets with Mexico and the International Boundary and Water Commission to negotiate water deliveries under the Rio Grande 1944 Treaty. She is a board member for the Mickey Leland Environmental Internship Program and a graduate of the University of Texas Governor's Center Executive Management Program and the University of Texas Center for Public Policy Dispute Resolution Fellows Program. Stepney received a bachelor of science in aerospace engineering and a master of science in civil engineering from the University of Texas at Austin.

Stepney's term will expire February 1, 2029.



**Tonya R. Miller  
Board Member**

Governor Greg Abbott appointed Tonya Miller as a Board member of the Texas Water Development Board on September 16, 2024, for a term set to expire on February 1, 2027.

Miller is a well-known leader with more than 20 years of experience in Texas state government focused on energy and environmental issues. She previously served as the chief executive officer and public utility counsel of the Office of Public Utility Counsel, director of the Office of Air at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, attorney and assistant director for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Radioactive Materials Division, and attorney for the Public Utility Commission. She also served as legislative liaison for the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts and as a senior revenue analyst and governor's advisor for the Office of the Governor.

In addition to her State experience, Miller served as vice president of wholesale power strategic projects and optimization at the Lower Colorado River Authority and executive director of the Texas Solar Power Association.

She also completed the senior management and executive management programs at the University of Texas Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs Governor's Center for Management Development.

Miller received a bachelor's degree in business administration and law degree from the University of South Dakota. She is a member of the State Bar of Texas.