

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TO TEXNET AND BUREAU OF ECONOMIC GEOLOGY**

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 – 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

OPENING

An additional remote meeting of the TexNet Technical Advisory Committee was called to order at ~ 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 20, 2026.

PRESENT

Alexandros Savvaidis, Manager of TexNet
Brian Stump, Committee Chair
Jeff Nunn, Committee Member
Aaron Velasco, Committee Member
Larry French, Committee Member
Dave Cannon, Committee Member
Stefan Hussenoder, Committee Member
Elizaveta Rybina, TexNet Admin Program Coordinator

ABSENT

Scott Mitchell, Committee Member
Chris Hillman, Committee Member
Mark Boyd, Committee Member
Lorena Moscardelli, Director, Bureau of Economic Geology
Seyyed Hosseini, Program Director, Bureau of Economic Geology

AGENDA FOR JANUARY 20, 2026 MEETING

1. Approval of November 18th, 2025 Meeting Minutes
2. Information on ageing equipment and related costs, including current and future needs
3. Information on equipment maintenance
4. Items for Q1 Meeting in February:
 - a. Budget request for next Biennium (including as an appendix a summary of the budget request)
 - b. Draft of letter to UT and Governor's office
5. Location of regular Q1 and Q2 meetings.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 18TH, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

The Committee reviewed and approved the November 18th, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

INFORMATION ON AGING EQUIPMENT AND RELATED COSTS, INCLUDING CURRENT AND FUTURE NEEDS

Alexandros presented an overview of seismic instruments, noting that there are 62 stations with equipment that is 10-year-old. This equipment was manufactured in 2016, with a total cost of \$1,410,110.00 at the time. The stations were deployed between 2016 through Q2 2017, with the majority located primarily in the Permian Basin, and others in Panhandle, DFW, East and South Texas.

In response to Brian's inquiry regarding the estimated cost of replacing this equipment, including tariffs, Alexandros will obtain updated quotes from vendors.

Alexandros also presented an overview of IT expenses, highlighting storage expansion as the top priority. He provided a comparison of current costs vs. estimated costs for March 2026.

Brian suggested implementing upgrades in stages, and Alexandros agreed, noting that funding requests for these upgrades would be included in the next State Biennium Budget.

INFORMATION ON EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE

Alexandros presented a summary of Return Merchandise Authorization (RMA) counts and costs for the period of 2024 – 2025, along with details equipment purchased from different vendors during that time. He noted an increasing trend in instrument failures and repair costs. As of 01/20/2026, there is a backlog of 11 dataloggers and 10 sensors requiring RMA, which need to be assessed in Q1 2026.

The TAC requested Alexandros to provide a five-year analysis of instruments failures and repair costs to assess trends.

The group agreed to develop a rationale for a reasonable pace of replacement and to include budgeting for instrument replacements in future proposals.

Alexandros will share the updated information, including annual replacement budgets, approximate repair costs, reasons for repairs, and failure rates.

The group discussed the possibility of seeking support from organizations such as TXSWP, TXOGA, and RRC.

Additionally, the TAC agreed to draft a letter to the Governor's office. Brian Stump, Aaron Velasco, and Larry French will collaborate on the draft, which will be reviewed at the February Q1 TAC Meeting. Representatives from UT Government Affairs are expected to participate in the Q1 TAC Meeting in February 2026 to ensure alignment with the plan.

The Committee requested insight into the next meeting regarding whether all equipment costs are expected to increase, or if increases are limited to IT-related costs.

Brian emphasized the importance of providing a clear explanation for why certain costs should be covered in the biennium budget while others may require a one-time funding request.

Location of Q2 2026 Meeting will be discussed at the next meeting together with UT Government Affairs.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE SUBSEQUENT MEETING Q1-2026

1. Budget for: (a) one time request and (b) next Biennium (including as an appendix a summary of the budget request) (draft by February 11th, 2026 to be discussed during the Q1 2026)
2. Letter to UT and Governor's office (draft to be completed by February 11th, 2026 for discussion during the Q1 2026)
3. Location of Q2 2026 Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at ~ 5:00 PM by Brian Stump, Committee Chair

Minutes submitted by: Elizaveta Rybina, TexNet

Minutes reviewed by: Alexandros Savvaidis, TexNet

Minutes approved on February 18, 2026, by:

Brian Stump, Committee Chair

Mark Boyd, Committee Member

Jeff Nunn, Committee Member

Aaron Velasco, Committee Member

Larry French, Committee Member

Stefan Hussenoder, Committee Member