

Budget Broadcast with the University Budget Office

July 2026

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FY27 Budget Timeline

University of North Texas

Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Timeline - **DRAFT**



Date	Responsible Party	Action
Fri, Jan 23, 2026	Campus Users	Deadline for permanent ABA's to be approved and in the Budget Office queue. (These transactions will affect the FY26 budget used in base budget calculation)
Mon - Fri, Jan 26-30, 2026	University Budget Office	UBO processes permanent ABA's
Mon - Fri, Feb 2-6, 2026	University Budget Office	Calculation of college budgets using new methodology. LTM (last twelve month) or flat revenue estimates for tuition (central and differential) and fees (instructional and mandatory) adjusted if needed
Mon - Fri, Feb 9 - 13, 2026	University Budget Office	Communication of calculated college budgets, per new budget model, to Provost Office/ Colleges
Mon, Feb 16 - Fri, Mar 27, 2026	Campus Users	Review calculated budgets/ fill out 5 year forecast & strategy templates
Tues, Mar 17 - Wed, Mar 25	Colleges & VP Areas	Strategy meetings: to convey actions to further strategic goals/ suggest actions to University Budget Council via 5 year forecast & strategy templates
Mon, Mar 30, 2026	Campus Users	5 year forecast & strategy templates due to Budget Office
Mon, Mar 30 - Fri, May 29, 2026	University Budget Office	UBO balancing of funds and transfers, finalize revenue assumptions, validate campus inputs, prepare of narratives and slides. (Opportunity for centrally-directed enrollment-driven changes)
Mon, Jun 1 - Fri, Jun 19, 2026	University Budget Office	Report finalization, quarterly allocations
TBD (mid June)	University Budget Office/ System Admin	System close of Axiom. UNT System's Budget Office prepares analysis and compiles component unit budgets into the UNTS Consolidated FY27 Budget and prepares budget presentations.
Late June	University Budget Office	Draft budget distributed to Cabinet, direct reports/ AVPs
TBD (July, week 1)	University Budget Office	Narrative due to System
TBD (August, week 1)	System Admin	UNT System's office posts FY27 budget - in Board book, prior to Board of Regents meeting
Thurs, Aug 13, 2026	Board of Regents	UNT System Board of Regents meeting to review submitted budget
Wed, Aug 19, 2026	University Budget Office	BOR approved budget posted to UBO website, campus notification sent in 'UNT Today'
Tue, Sep 1, 2026	Campus Users	Submit budget transfers to filter down increases/ decreases

State Items



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July 15, 2026 | Austin, Texas | [Press Release](#)

Governor Greg Abbott, Lieutenant Governor Dan Patrick, and Speaker Dustin Burrows today announced joint policy guidance [directing](#) state agencies and institutions of higher education on the preparation of Legislative Appropriations Requests (LARs) for the 2028–29 biennium.

The leaders called on the 90th Texas Legislature to build on recent successes by addressing affordability for Texas families and homeowners, while requiring state agencies to demonstrate prudent stewardship of taxpayer resources through a three percent reduction in base budget requests. This guidance puts four top priorities into action for the 2028–29 biennium:

<https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/press/90R-LAR-Policy-Letter-Final-07.14.2026.pdf>

<https://gov.texas.gov/news/post/governor-abbott-lt-governor-patrick-speaker-burrows-issue-joint-guidance-on-2028-29-budget-priorities>

Higher education agency prepares to cut 3% of spending as ordered by Texas leaders

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board mulled a course action at a meeting Wednesday, including asking the Legislature for money to offset the impact the cuts would have on students.

BY SNEHA DEY

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Students walk through the Trauth-Huffman Hall arch at Texas State University on Sept. 2, 2025, in San Marcos.  Eli Hartman for The Texas Tribune

<https://www.texastribune.org/2026/07/22/texas-higher-education-spending-cuts/>

Federal and External Developments

Department of Education – Earnings Accountability Rule Finalization

- Effective July 1, 2027
- Student Tuition and Transparency System (STATS) and earnings accountability framework
 - Undergraduate programs: graduates earn more than typical high school graduate
 - Graduate programs: graduates earn more than typical bachelor's degree holder
 - If fail earnings test in two of three consecutive award years, lose participation eligibility in Federal Direct Loan Program
- [Federal Register :: Accountability in Higher Education and Access Through Demand- Driven Workforce Pell: Student Tuition and Transparency System \(STATS\) and Earnings Accountability](#)

International Student Stay - Duration Limit

- US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced on July 16, 2026
 - Effective September 15, 2026
 - Implemented through US Citizenship and Immigration Council (USCIS)
- International Student stay in US limited to 4 years unless an extension is obtained
 - Change from 'duration of status' approach, ie allowed to stay until program studies are completed
- <https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2026-14439.pdf>

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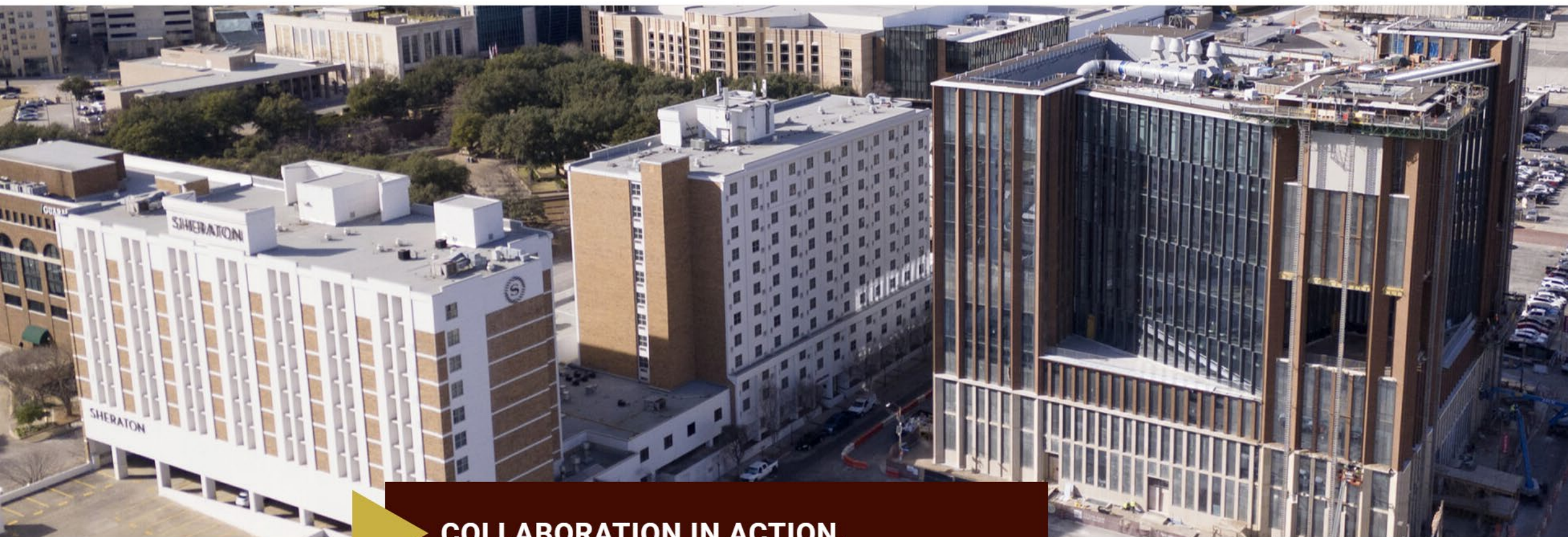
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Proposed Denton Utilities Rate Increases - 1



FY 2026-27 Preliminary Utility Budgets and Rates

*Understanding Today's Budget
and Preparing for Tomorrow*

Aimée Kaslik
Chief Strategic Officer



July 21, 2026

ID 26-0558

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<https://denton-tx.legistar.com/gateway.aspx?M=F&ID=2c49bcc6-2426-4c25-a6c5-c67722cbd786.pdf>

Link to utilities presentation:

<https://dentontx.new.swagit.com/videos/394037>

Link to city council meeting:

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Denton utility rates are on track to increase as electric revenue comes in \$200M shy of projections



Denton residents could see rate increases for water, wastewater and electric service next year if the City Council approves staff recommendations in the proposed 2026-27 budget in September. [Read more](#)

Proposed Denton Utilities Rate Increases -2

https://dentonrc.com/news/denton/denton-utility-rates-are-on-track-to-increase-as-electric-revenue-comes-in-200m-shy/article_5ebc792e-7a58-4d7d-aca2-3d3d8857c905.html

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Those utility rate increases, however, are projected to continue over the next five years:

- Water — 6% in fiscal years 2027-28 and 2028-29, and 5% in 2029-30 and 2030-31
- Wastewater — 8% in 2027-28, 7% in 2028-29 and 5% in 2029-30 and 2030-31
- Drainage — 5% increase each year
- Electric — 7% in 2027-28 and 2028-29, 4% in 2029-30 and 3% in 2030-31

Growth was one of the reasons given for proposed utility rate increases, as was projected power consumption from data centers.

https://dentonrc.com/news/denton/denton-utility-rates-are-on-track-to-increase-as-electric-revenue-comes-in-200m-shy/article_5ebc792e-7a58-4d7d-aca2-3d3d8857c905.html

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Budget Broadcast: Time and Locations TBD

August 20th

September 24th

October 22nd

November 19th

December 16th

University Budget Open Lab: SSB 105 10-12pm

Tuesday, August 18th

Tuesday, September 15th

Thursday, October 15th

Tuesday, November 17th

Thursday, December 17th



Announcements & Reminders

Payroll Training (UBO): **Now On Demand in Bridge!!**

Budget Basics, PowerBi Reports, and ABA Training:
available on demand in Bridge



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