

**HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5**  
**Minutes of the Meeting Held on April 23, 2026**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Larry Hall  
James Blaha  
Brent Burley  
Luther Brady

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Gerardo Gonzalez – EMS Chief, HCESD 5  
JoAnn Kuritz – Director of HR & Finance, HCESD 5  
Nicole Pierce – Smith, Murdaugh, Little & Bonham, L.L.P., District Counsel  
Johnny Clark – member of the public

**Agenda Item No. 1**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Brady at 1:00 p.m. at EMS Station No. 3, 111 West Stroker Road, Crosby, Texas 77532.

**Agenda Item No. 2**

Mr. Brady opened the floor up to public comment. There was no public comment received.

**Agenda Item No. 3**

The Board discussed the vacancy on the Board and discussed that Mr. Clark was interested in the position and serving on the Board. After discussion, Commissioner Blaha made a Motion to appoint Johnny Clark to fill the Board vacancy. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall. The Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

**Agenda Item No. 4**

Ms. Pierce then swore in and administered the oath to Mr. Johnny Clark.

**Agenda Item No. 5**

The Board then discussed the District officers. After discussion, Commissioner Blaha made a Motion to elect the following slate of officers:

Brent Burley – President  
Luther Brady – Vice President  
James Blaha – Treasurer  
Larry Hall – Secretary  
Johnny Clark – Assistant Treasurer/Secretary

The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brady. The Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

*Commissioner Burley resumed the meeting as Board President.*

**Agenda Item No. 6**

The Board then reviewed the minutes for the regular meeting held on March 26, 2026 and the special meeting held on April 10, 2026. Commissioner Blaha made a Motion to approve the minutes as presented. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall. The Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0 with Mr. Clark abstaining.

**Agenda Item No. 7**

The Board received the monthly financial report from Ms. Kuritz and the bills for payment. Following review of same, Commissioner Brady made a Motion to approve the financial report as presented and the bills for payment as presented. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Blaha. The Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

**Agenda Item No. 8**

The Board received the monthly investment report prepared by Ms. Kuritz. No action was required by the Board at this time.

**Agenda Item No. 9**

The Board received the monthly ambulance billing report prepared by Ms. Kuritz. No action was required by the Board.

**Agenda Item No. 10**

The Board received a monthly report from the EMS Chief Gerardo Gonzalez. He advised that they had some issues at Station 3 related to cattle breaking through the fence but that have installed a hot wire fence per approval by the property owner and made some repairs to the fence and that has helped with the cattle issue. He reported no issues with personnel or apparatuses. He reported that they are still working on obtaining whole blood and that the program should be implemented mid-summer and that their agency will be the distribution center for whole blood products for the East Harris County area. He also reported that they will be attending the Cream of the Crop Gala as HCESD 5 is a finalist for the “best other healthcare” category and Blake Milnes and Gage White are both finalists for the “public servant of the year”. Chief Gonzalez and Ms. Pierce provided an update on the new drone system by ECOM. The Board thanked Chief for his report and commended the staff for their exceptional service. No action was required by the Board.

**Agenda Item No. 11**

There was no capital requests presented at this time.

**Agenda Item No. 12**

The Board received a monthly report from Ms. Kuritz, Director of Human Resources and Finance. She reported that audit work is being completed with McCall Gibson. The Board thanked Ms. Kuritz for her report. No action was required by the Board.

**Agenda Item No. 13**

The Board went into Closed Session under Government Code Section 551.072 to discuss real estate matters at 2:04 p.m. The Board came out of Closed Session at 2:14 p.m.

**Agenda Item No. 14**

There was no action required related to personnel matters following Closed Session.

**Agenda Item No. 15**

Following Closed Session, Commissioner Hall made a Motion to accept the offer as presented on the Hwy 90 property as discussed during Closed Session and authorized Mr. Burley and Mr. Hall (as an alternate) to sign all necessary paperwork related to an earnest money contract and closing documents associated with this sale. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Blaha. The Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

**Agenda Item No. 16**

The Board's next regular meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 28, 2026** at 1:00 p.m. at EMS Station 3 located at 111 West Stroker Road, Crosby, Texas 77532.

**Agenda Item No. 17**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

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Board Secretary