HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5
Minutes of the Meeting Held on June 25, 2026

<u>COMMISSIONERS PRESENT</u>
Larry Hall
James Blaha
Brent Burley
Luther Brady
Johnny Clark

<u>OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE</u>
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
Joseph Ellis – McCall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot Ellis, PLLC

<u>Agenda Item No. 1</u>
The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Burley at 1:00 p.m. at EMS Station No. 3, 111 West Stroker Road, Crosby, Texas 77532.

<u>Agenda Item No. 2</u>
Mr. Burley opened the floor up to public comment. Mr. Blaha noted he attended the recent school board meeting where they discussed the traffic along Foley Road and the impact on the school bus pickups and a possible solution to alleviate some of the traffic and safety of the kids. There was no additional public comment received.

<u>Agenda Item No. 3</u>
The Board then reviewed the minutes for the regular meeting held on May 28, 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 5 to 0.

<u>Agenda Item No. 4</u>
The Board discussed the District's 2025 Audit. Mr. Ellis of McCall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot Ellis PLLC presented the Board with the draft 2025 Audit. He advised that the audit was a clean opinion. Commissioner Blaha made a Motion to approve the draft 2025 Audit as presented. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall. The Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

<u>Agenda Item No. 5</u>
The Board then took action to designate Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office to prepare the District's No New Revenue Tax Rate and related tax rate calculations for 2026. Following discussion of same, Commissioner Brady made a Motion to approve designating the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector's Office to prepare ethe District's No New Revenue Tax Rate and related tax rate calculations for 2026. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall. The Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Agenda Item No. 6
The Board received the monthly financial report from Ms. Kuritz and the bills for payment. Following review of same, Commissioner Blaha made a Motion to approve the financial report as presented and the bills for payment as presented. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brady. The Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Agenda Item No. 7
The Board received the monthly investment report prepared by Ms. Kuritz. No action was required by the Board at this time.

Agenda Item No. 8
The Board received the monthly ambulance billing report prepared by Ms. Kuritz. No action was required by the Board.

Agenda Item No. 9
The Board received a monthly report from the EMS Chief Gerardo Gonzalez. He reported no issues at any of the stations and no issues with personnel. He reported that they have conducted the 2nd round of interviews and have hired three (3) part-time employees. He reported that they are preparing for hurricane season and the dry/hot season for wildfires. He reported no issues with any of the apparatus/vehicles. The Board requested a quarterly report and attendance by Outreach Coordinator Blake Milnes for the July meeting. The Board thanked Chief for his report. No action was required by the Board.

Agenda Item No. 10
There was no capital requests presented at this time.

Agenda Item No. 11
The Board then discussed the sale or disposal of surplus and/or salvage property pursuant to Local Government, Section 263.151. Chief Gonzalez advised that the 2015 ambulance recently had the engine replaced and only has 12,000 miles on this new engine. He advised that he would like to convert this 2015 ambulance into a utility vehicle for state deployments. He advised that this would entail taking the ambulance box off and purchasing a new utility bed for the truck. Following review of same, Commissioner Blaha made a Motion to convert the 2015 ambulance into a utility deployment vehicle and declare the ambulance box as salvage and to be disposed of accordingly and authorized Chief Gonzalez to purchase a utility bed in an amount not to exceed $7,500.00. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall. The Motion passed by a vote for 5 to 0.

Agenda Item No. 12
The Board received a monthly report from Ms. Kuritz, Director of Human Resources and Finance. She reported that the deployment reimbursement process has been established and that the first round of paperwork has been submitted,. She advised that she has been working with VFIS on several small matters. She requested Ms. Pierce to review HB4144 in more detail for discussion by the Board for the July meeting. The Board thanked Ms. Kuritz for her report. No action was required by the Board.

Agenda Item No. 13
The Board did not enter into Closed Session.

Agenda Item No. 14
There was no action required related to personnel matters.

Agenda Item No. 15
There was no action required related to District real estate matters.

Agenda Item No. 16
The Board's next regular meeting will be held on **Thursday, July 23, 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 3:04 p.m.

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Board Secretary