

HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5
Minutes of the Meeting Held on September 25, 2025

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Larry Hall
Luther Brady
Brent Burley
James Blaha

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Gerardo Gonzalez – EMS Chief, HCESD 5
JoAnn Kuritz – HR Director, HCESD 5
Nicole Pierce – Smith, Murdaugh, Little & Bonham, L.L.P., District Counsel

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 by the Board.

Agenda Item No. 3

The Board then reviewed the minutes for the regular meeting held on August 21, 2025. The Board noted one correction. Commissioner Burley made a Motion to approve the minutes as corrected. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Blaha. The Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

Agenda Item No. 4

The Board received the monthly financial report prepared by Ms. Kuritz and the bills for payment. Following review of same, Commissioner Blaha made a Motion to approve the financial report and to approve the bills for payment as presented. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall. The Motion passed by a vote for 4 to 0.

Agenda Item No. 5

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

Agenda Item No. 6

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

Agenda Item No. 7

The Board received a monthly report from the EMS Chief Gerardo Gonzalez. He reported that there are no issues at any of the stations. He reported morale remains high and that the staff are working on different projects for the upcoming months. He reported that EMS will be including antibiotics on the ambulances to treat septic patients and they are working on implementing having whole blood products on all the ambulances by the end of October. He reported that they took delivery of the two (2) new ambulances

which both have been placed in service. He reported on the patient/medic meet & greet event with HCA Kingwood Hospital that went well. The Board thanked Chief for the report and commended the staff and crews on their great work and service to the District.

Agenda Item No. 8

There was no capital requests presented at this time.

Agenda Item No. 9

The Board then reviewed the auction bids related to the sale of the surplus ambulance. Ms. Pierce advised that the ambulance is up for auction and that the end date for the auction is 10/22. Chief Gonzalez advised that Frazer was willing to provide a trade in amount for the ambulance. Ms. Pierce advised that currently the auction bids have not met our reserve limit and that she was unsure if we could remove the auction listing before the close date. Following discussion of same, Commissioner Burley made a Motion to accept the Frazer trade in amount on the condition that the auction listing could be removed prior to the close date. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall. The Motion passed by a vote for 4 to 0.

Agenda Item No. 10

The Board received a monthly report from Ms. Kuritz, Director of Human Resources and Finance. Ms. Kuritz reported that she is working with Frost Bank on the transition to the new bank accounts. She also advised that she is working on the new employee protocols and procedures for the peer support team. She also reported that the insurance renewals are this month and that open enrollment for medical and dental will start soon. The Board thanked Ms. Kuritz for her report. No action was required by the Board.

Agenda Item No. 11

The Board went into Closed Session under Government Code Section 551.072 to discuss real estate matters at 2:15 p.m. The Board came out of Closed Session at 2:17 p.m.

Agenda Item No. 12

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

Agenda Item No. 13

Following Closed Session, Commissioner Blaha made a Motion to reduce the list price on the District's Hwy 90 property for sale as discussed during Closed Session. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Hall. The Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

Agenda Item No. 14

The Board's next regular meeting will be held on **October 23, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at EMS Station 3 located at 111 West Stroker Road, Crosby, Texas 77532.**

Agenda Item No. 15

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Board Secretary