

**JOINT MEETING FOR HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5 AND
HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 6
Minutes of the Meeting Held on August 13, 2025**

LOCATION: Hidalgo County Precinct 3, 724 N. Breyfogle Mission, Texas

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT FOR HIDALGO COUNTY ESD NO. 5

Dr. Antonio Uresti
Ana Gonzalez
Maribel Galvan
Juan Lino Garza

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT FOR HIDALGO COUNTY ESD NO. 6

Dr. Antonio Uresti
Janie Gaytan
Mario Flores
Kimberly Echavarria
Juan Tito Palacios

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jorge Arcaute
Juan Villarreal
Krystine Ramon

- 1) Call meeting order. The meeting was called to order by Krystine Ramon at 5:33 p.m. Dr. Antonio Uresti, Ana Gonzalez, Maribel Galvan and Juan Lino Garza from Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 5 were present and a quorum was established. Dr. Antonio Uresti, Janie Gaitan, Mario Flores, Kimberly Echavarria and Juan Tito Palacios from Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 6 were present and quorum was established.
- 2) To receive public comment. Jorge Arcaute presented to the Boards the process of how the ESD was created, which started with a petition to order an election. An election was then ordered by the County after the petition met all requirements under Chapter 775 of the Texas Health and Safety Code and the election was held on May 3, 2025 and passed for the creation of Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 5 and for the creation of Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 6.
- 3) To elect Board Officer for Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 5. Krystine Ramon presented to the Board that at this time a Presiding Officer/President will need to be appointed at this time. Ms. Ramon stated that all other positions can wait if the Board would prefer to table the remaining positions until the September meeting. Commissioner Gonzalez made a motion second by Commissioner Garza to approve Commissioner Dr. Antonio Uresti as Board President for Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 5. The motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0 with Commissioner

Uresti abstaining. By general consent the Board agreed to table the remaining officer positions until the September meeting.

- 4) To elect Board Officer for Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 6. Krystine Ramon presented to the Board that at this time a Presiding Officer/President will need to be appointed at this time. Ms. Ramon stated that all other positions can wait if the Board would prefer to table the remaining positions until the September meeting. Commissioner Palacios made a motion second by Commissioner Flores to approve Commissioner Dr. Antonio Uresti as Board President for Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 5. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining. By general consent the Board agreed to table the remaining officer positions until the September meeting.
- 5) To engage legal counsel for Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 5. Commissioner Garza made a motion second by Commissioner Galvan to approve Coveler & Peeler as legal counsel.
- 6) To engage legal counsel for Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 6. Commissioner Gaitan made a motion second by Commissioner Flores to approve Coveler & Peeler as legal counsel.
- 7) To review, discuss and take action to establish a District administrative office and designate locations and procedures for posting meeting notices, and to authorize publication of required notices related to same and a District mailing address for Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 5 and Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 6. Both Boards discussed a meeting location for their monthly meetings. Commissioner Gonzalez made a motion second by Commissioner Galvan to approve The Mansion at 2401 N. Moorefield Rd. Mission, Texas 78574 as the Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 5 meeting location and mailing address of 2401 N. Moorefield Rd. Suite A, Mission, Texas 78574. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0. Commissioner Flores made a motion second by Commissioner Gaitan to approve The Mansion at 2401 N. Moorefield Rd. Mission, Texas 78574 as the Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 6 meeting location and mailing address of 2401 N. Moorefield Rd. Suite A, Mission, Texas 78574. The motion passed 5 to 0.
- 8) To review, discuss and take action regarding any financial institution matters for Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 5 and Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 6. Legal counsel Krystine Ramon presented to the Board that in order to establish a bank for each ESD, an EIN is needed. Commissioner Galvan made a motion second by Commissioner Garza to authorize legal counsel to establish an EIN for Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 5. Commissioner Echavarria made a motion second by Commissioner Palacios to authorize legal counsel to establish an EIN for Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 6. Commissioner Garza made a motion second by Commissioner Galvan to approve using Texas National Bank as the banking institute for Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 5. Commissioner Flores made a motion second by

Commissioner Palacios to approve using Texas National Bank as the banking institute for Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 6.

- 9) To review, discuss and take action regarding Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 5 and Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 6, 2025 Tax Rate setting and budget process, including authorizing counsel to publish required tax setting notices, and scheduling meetings to propose the District's 2025 tax rate and 2026 budget. Legal counsel informed the Board that for a new ESD such as Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 5 and Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 6 the last day to adopt their tax rate will be September 29, 2025. Ms. Ramon presented to both Boards the process for the tax rate setting including proposing a rate, newspaper publications and adoption. Ms. Ramon informed the Board that in accordance with section 775.074 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, a budget must be adopted prior to adopting their tax rate. No action was taken.
- 10) To review, discuss and take action regarding the acquisition of insurance coverage for the Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 5 and Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 6 and to acquire Bonds for Commissioners and Treasurer as required in §775.037. Legal Counsel informed both Boards that both District's will need insurance coverage. Legal Counsel stated that she will reach out to insurance providers to present to Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 5 and Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 6 at their September meeting. No action was taken.
- 11) To review, discuss and take action regarding matters related to funding for the Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 5 and Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 6 and any agreements or contracts with Hidalgo County related to the same. No action was taken.
- 12) To review, discuss and take action regarding the provision of Emergency Services to Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 5 and Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 6. No action was taken.
- 13) To review and discuss upcoming training opportunities for the District Commissioners for Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 5 and Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 6. Legal Counsel informed both Boards the SAFE-D (Texas State Association of Fire and Emergency Districts) will be having their annual conference January 29-31, 2026 in San Antonio, Texas. No action was taken.
- 14) To discuss and confirm upcoming regular and special meeting dates, and to review, discuss and take action on any District matters which need to be included on those agendas. Commissioner Gonzalez made a motion second by Commissioner Galvan to schedule the tax rate proposal meeting on September 3, 2025 at 5:30 p.m and the adoption of the tax rate for Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 5 on September 24, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. The motion passed 4 to 0. Commissioner Flores

made a motion second by Commissioner Palacios to schedule the tax rate proposal meeting on September 3, 2025 at 5:30 p.m and the adoption of the tax rate for Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 5 on September 24, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 15) To meet in Closed Session under Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to consult with legal counsel. Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 5 chose not to go into closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to consult with legal counsel. Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 6 chose not to go into closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to consult with legal counsel.
- 16) Adjournment. Commissioner Garza made a motion second by Commissioner Galvan to adjourn the meeting for Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 5. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m. Commissioner Flores made a motion second by Commissioner Palacios to adjourn the meeting for Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 6. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.