

**HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 6
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2026**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Dr. Antonio Uresti
Janie Gaytan
Mario Flores
Rolando Reyna
Juan Tito Palacios

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jorge Arcaute
Krystine Ramon
Gus Ramirez
Arturo Galvan Jr.
Janie Flores
Gerado Alaniz
Leroy Salinas
Vanessa Trevino
Daniel Tuttle
Ernest Hernandez
Luis Chavez
Jesse Hammon
Isaac Guerra
Zacharay Tamayo
Veronica Olivarez

1. Call meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order by President Uresti at 5:33 p.m. A quorum was established.

2. Invocation

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. To receive public comments.

No comments available.

5. To approve the February 11, 2026 meeting minutes.

Motion to approve the minutes was moved by Commissioner Flores and seconded by Commissioner Palacios. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.

6. To review, discuss and take action regarding any District financial institution matters including resolutions and pay District bills.

Attorney, Krystine Ramon stated that an invoice from the City of Alton for reimbursement in the amount of \$776,045, for the period of July 22, 2025 through February 1, 2026. The second invoice is for my legal services for the month of January in the amount of \$10,979.33. Commissioner Gaytan stated that the City of Alton reimbursement invoice be discussed under Executive Session and not be voted on at this time. Motion to approve payment for invoice by legal Attorney, was moved by Commissioner Reyna and seconded by Commissioner Flores. Motion carried 5-0.

Board moved to go into Executive Session under agenda item 14 pursuant to Government Code §551.071 to consult with legal Attorney at 7:15 p.m. At: 7:54 p.m., Board returned to Open Session.

Motion was moved by Commissioner Rolando Reyna to approve payment of City of Alton Invoice in the amount of \$776,045 and was seconded by Commissioner Juan Palacios. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.

Commissioner Flores made a motion to authorize the Board Treasurer to open a Money Market Account with Texas National Bank and transfer 1 million dollars in the account and seconded by Commissioner Reyna. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.

7. To review, discuss and take action on a grant proposal from Border Affairs.

No action was taken on this item.

8. To review, discuss and take action on proposals for 2025 auditing services.

Attorney, Ramon stated that two proposals for auditing services were received. One from Guillermo Reyna, CPA and Carr, Riggs & Ingram firm. Attorney, Krystine Ramon, stated that Carr, Riggs & Ingram is a firm that usually does work for large businesses but both firms were very well qualified. Motion to approve Guillermo Reyna, CPA for auditing services was moved by Commissioner Reyna and seconded by Commissioner Gaytan. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining. Commissioner Reyna stated for the record that he had no relation to Guillermo Reyna.

9. To review and discuss annual conflicts of interest requirements under Local Government Code §176.003 (Conflicts Disclosure Statement Required) and §171.004 (Affidavit and Abstention from Voting Required).

Attorney Krystine Ramon explained the Conflicts Disclosure Statement and how it would work if there was a conflict on any annual contracts. Ms. Ramon added that there could be a case by case Conflict Disclosure Statement issued, if a service by the ESD's was provided and a Commissioner had a family member involved then a conflict disclosure would be done for the item. Commissioner Janie Gaytan inquired on how close of a relation is considered to be a

conflict of interest. Ms. Ramon stated that it would be for a direct relative, such as a spouse, a son or daughter, or in-laws. For second or third cousin or similar, it would not be considered as a conflict of interest but it would be a best practice to provide a conflict of interest statement and abstain from any vote. No action is required for this item.

10. To review and discuss access to personal information under the Public Information Act, including review of sections 552.024, 552.117 and 552.1175.

Attorney Krystine Ramon stated that the form was to allow for personal information to be withheld for a Commissioner in the case that a request of public information is received. The form is only required to be submitted one time as long as each Commissioner continues in their term of office. No action is required for this item.

11. To review, discuss and take action on Commissioner Compensation Resolution.

Attorney Krystine Ramon, stated that under the Texas Health and Safety Code, Commissioners are allowed to collect a compensation. It is dictated through the Water Code and the daily rate under the Texas Ethics Commission. The compensation cannot exceed seventy two hundred dollars per year and the daily rate limit is up to two hundred twenty five dollars per day. Ms. Ramon stated that under the Texas Health and Safety Code, a resolution must be adopted in order to receive any compensation. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Flores and seconded by Commissioner Gaytan. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.

12. To review, discuss and take action on the District's Investment Policy.

Attorney Krystine Ramon stated that the law changed in 2020, where it is required that an emergency services district and other political subdivisions have an investment policy. Ms. Ramon stated that the investment policy provided is very basic but will but the Board in compliance with the requirement, changes can be made at any time. Ms. Ramon stated that the standard person to designate as the Investment Officer is the Board Treasurer because they would work with the Bookkeeper. Motion to approve the Investment Policy and appoint Treasurer Janie Gaytan as the Investment Officer was moved by Commissioner Flores and seconded by Commissioner Reyna. Motion carried by a vote of 3-0. Commissioner Janie Gaytan and Commissioner Uresti abstained from vote.

13. To review, discuss and take action regarding the provision of Emergency Services to the District territory, strategic planning, proposals and approve emergency services contract with providers, including transitions.

Gus Ramirez, Consultant, provided a presentation regarding a 5-year Strategic Plan.

14. To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §551.071 to consult with legal Attorney. The Board went into closed session at 7:15 p.m. and return to open session at 7:54 p.m.

15. To review and act on scheduling District meetings and items to be added to meeting agendas.

Next District meeting was scheduled for March 11, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

16. Adjournment.

There being no further business, Commissioner Gayatan made a motion seconded by Commissioner Reyna to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining. The meeting was concluded at 9:51pm.