

HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 6
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 8, 2026

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Dr. Antonio Uresti
Janie Gaytan
Mario Flores
Juan Palacios

COMMISSIONERS NOT PRESENT

Rolando Reyna

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jorge Arcaute
Krystine Ramon (via Google Meets)
Gus Ramirez
Arturo Galván Jr.
Janie Flores
Cecilia Sanchez
Kelly Salazar
Leroy Salinas

1. **Call Meeting to Order, Roll Call and Establish a Quorum**
2. **Invocation**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Public Comment**
5. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. **To approve meeting minutes of March 25, 2026.**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was moved by Commissioner Flores and seconded by Commissioner Gaytan. Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.
6. **Old Business** (posted as New Business)
 - a. **To receive a report from the District's bookkeeper Luis Orozco regarding the District's financial condition.**

No action was taken on this item.
 - b. **To discuss and consider approval to pay District bills as presented.**

Commissioner Gaytan explained that three bills were sent through email and the last two were for expenses from the previous meeting. Commissioner Flores made a motion to approve the bills as presented and seconded by Commissioner Palacios. Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.
 - c. **To receive a report from Consultant Gus Ramirez regarding Fire Services.**

Gus Ramirez, Consultant, stated that over the last several weeks, he and the committee have been meeting with the cities to let them know that contracts will need to be brought over from

the county over to the ESD. Mr. Ramirez stated that currently some of the proposals were submitted but still pending the City of Mission's proposal.

Mr. Ramirez also reported that the Board had instructed him to seek quotes for headshots. Pricing was provided from two companies for the board to consider.

d. To review, discuss and consider the approval of District logo and District Commitment Statement.

Gus Ramirez presented the proposed logo and mission and vision statement for consideration by the board. Motion to approve was moved by Commissioner Gaytan and seconded by Commissioner Flores. Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.

e. To receive a Committee Report from District Committee.

f. To review, discuss and take action to approve a contract with a GIS Services Company to provide fire hydrant location mapping, boundary analysis, and related geographic information system services for the District.

Gus Ramirez, Consultant recommended the item be tabled. Mr. Ramirez stated proposals are still being sought.

g. To review, discuss and consider action to approve Fire Service Proposals for services in the District from the City of Alton, the City of La Joya, the City of Penitas, the City of Mission and Sullivan City.

Commissioner Flores commented that he would like to recommend approval for the County budget with a ten percent increase to these cities. Commissioner Galvan asked if the City of Alton would have separate contract, one for the rural area and one for within the City. Gus Ramirez, Consultant recommended that there be one contract that includes both areas for Alton.

After returning from Executive Session; Jorge Arcaute stated that for rural fire service, ESD #6 will prepare offers for each city under the following guidelines: lump sum payments to be paid February first of each year, amount to be determined by Exhibit A, which is the county's last offer to each city plus ten percent. Coverage areas to remain the same as the current map reflected by the county departments and reporting requirements to be determined by the consultant, Gus Ramirez. Motion was moved by Commissioner Flores and seconded by Commissioner Palacios. Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.

h. To review, discuss and take action to approve under Texas Government Code 2254, for the District to provide a Written Statement and Finding of the District's Need for Specialized Contingent Fee Legal Services.

Commissioner Gaytan moved to approve with the exhibit of action approving contract with Linebarger, Goggan Blair & Sampson LLP. and seconded by Commissioner Palacios. Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.

i. To review, discuss and take action to approve Awarding a Contract for Delinquent Tax Collection Services to Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP.

Commissioner Flores made a motion to approve. Commissioner Gaytan stated that she would like to remove section 6.03, which is in case of an unsatisfactory performance from the firm then they can be removed. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Palacios. Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.

j. To review, discuss and take action to approve the Adoption of Resolution Modifying Penalties Imposed Under Texas Tax Code Sections 33.07 and 33.08.

Commissioner Gaytan made a motion to approve the adoption of resolution and seconded by Commissioner Palacios. Commissioner Flores pointed out an error, which listed Fausto Salinas as the Board Secretary instead of Rolando Reyna. Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.

k. To review, discuss and take action to approve the Adoption of Resolution Setting Penalties Imposed Under Texas Tax Code Section 33.11.

Commissioner Gaytan moved to approve the resolution and was seconded by Commissioner Flores. Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.

l. To discuss and take action on scheduling District meetings and items to be added to meeting agendas.

7. New Business (added section per Board)

a. Commissioner Flores stated that there is going to be expenses to start fixing the building that will be the home of the ESD boards. He would like to see this item placed on the agenda.

b. Commissioner Palacios spoke about the logo and the banner; he would like to have it ready for the opening.

c. Gus Ramirez recommended looking into a grant program committee and placing this item for the next agenda. Another item would be to discuss the possibility to join the federal surplus. This can be placed on the next agenda.

8. Executive Session: Pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code Section 551.071

a. To consult with Legal Counsel. The Board went into closed session at 9:39 pm and came back into open session at 9:42 pm.

9. Return to Open Session for Possible Action

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Flores and seconded by Commissioner Gaytan. The meeting adjourned at 9:59 pm.