HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 6
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2026

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT
Dr. Antonio Uresti
Mario Flores
Juan Palacios
Janie Gaytan

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT
Rolando Reyna

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE
Jorge Arcaute
Krystine Ramon (via Zoom)
Gus Ramirez
Luis Orozco
Janie Flores
Cecilia Sanchez
Other guests as recorded

1. **Call Meeting to Order**
   The meeting was called to order by President Uresti following the District's Public Hearing and Special Meeting held earlier that evening.

2. **Roll Call and Establish a Quorum**
   Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

3. **Public Comment**
   Public comments were received from Zachary Tamayo expressing appreciation for the Board's support of first responders and emphasizing the importance of regional cooperation and providing needed equipment to smaller fire departments.

4. **Consent Agenda**
   a. **To approve Regular Meeting minutes of July 8, 2026.**
   Commissioner Flores made a motion to approve the July 8, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Palacios. Motion carried 3-0 with President Uresti abstaining.

   b. **To approve Special Meeting minutes of July 29, 2026.**
   Commissioner Palacios made a motion to approve the July 29, 2026 Special Meeting minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Gaytan. Motion carried3-0 with President Uresti abstaining.

5. **Old Business**
   a. **To receive a report from the District Treasurer and approve financial transfers.**
   Luis Orozco presented the District's financial statements through June 2026. He reported total assets of approximately $2.294 million, including approximately $164,195 in the bank

account and $2.130 million in the money market account, with no liabilities reported. Revenue for the first six months was approximately $2.056 million, expenditures were approximately $867,612, and excess revenues over expenditures were approximately $1.183 million. Mr. Orozco advised that he was awaiting information from the auditor regarding an audit adjustment affecting prior-year collections and would make any necessary corrections in a future report. The Board also discussed the pending $750,000 County contribution. No financial transfer was identified for action.

b. To receive a report from Consultant Gus Ramirez regarding Fire Services.
Consultant Gus Ramirez reported on continuing efforts to finalize service agreements, including pending agreements involving Sullivan City, Palmview, Peñitas, and the northern Linn-San Manuel area. He also reported discussions with the City of McAllen regarding a mutual-aid agreement for specialized responses, including hazardous materials and major incidents. Mr. Ramirez discussed using a one-year, per-call arrangement to gather service data before considering a future lump-sum structure. He also reported that a SAM.gov account would be needed for grant opportunities and that mapping confirmed the City of McAllen has no territory within ESD No. 6; therefore, any agreement with McAllen would be for mutual aid only.

c. To receive a report from the Fire Services Review Committee.
The Fire Services Review Committee reported that it continues to work in conjunction with the consultant on fire-service matters. The Committee discussed bringing the Linn-San Manuel matter back at a future meeting and reported that members reviewed property near FM 1017 and FM 681 as a possible future location for an ESD station to improve response times in the northern rural portion of the District. The matter remained under review.

d. To discuss and consider approval to pay District bills as presented.
District bills and July expenses were presented for review. Commissioner Flores made a motion to approve the District bills as presented, and Commissioner Palacios seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0 with President Uresti abstaining.

6. <u>New Business</u>

a. To review, discuss and take action on approving an Interlocal Agreement with the City of McAllen for Mutual Aid.
Krystine Ramon, Legal Counsel discussed preparation of an interlocal agreement with the City of McAllen for mutual-aid calls. Because a final agreement had not yet been drafted, Commissioner Flores made a motion to authorize Legal Counsel to draft the agreement and bring it back to the Board for review and approval. Commissioner Palacios seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0 with President Uresti abstaining.

b. Discuss and consider approval of applications submitted for the Fire Services Interlocal Funding Program.
The Board considered an application from the City of La Joya for a cascade system used to refill firefighters' air cylinders and assist neighboring departments. Commissioner Flores made a motion to approve the application and funding amount of $46,342.75, and Commissioner Gaytan seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0 with President Uresti abstaining.

The Board also considered Sullivan City's application for five complete sets of bunker gear, including boots, pants, coats, and helmets, to complement previously obtained SCBA equipment. Commissioner Flores made a motion to approve the application, and funding amount of $33,652.46 and Commissioner Gaytan seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0 with President Uresti abstaining.

c. To review and discuss establishing District By-Laws and Policies.

Legal Counsel Ramon discussed establishing District bylaws and policies addressing meeting procedures, decorum, motions, and other governance matters. The Board requested time to review sample bylaws and policies, and Legal Counsel agreed to provide samples for review. No action was taken, and the item will be brought back on a future agenda.

d. 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.

The Board received a presentation by Sergio Castro, AIM GIS Solutions, regarding GIS services for District boundary mapping, fire-hydrant locations and status, inspection and maintenance information, and other geographic analysis. Mr. Castro explained licensing, data ownership, implementation, and support options and recommended that the District maintain its own license and data. Commissioner Gaytan made a motion to approve the GIS services proposal, and Commissioner Palacios seconded the motion. Motion carried3-0 with President Uresti abstaining.

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

a. To consult with Legal Counsel.

There was no executive session.

8. Return to Open Session for Possible Action

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Gaytan made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Palacios. Motion carried 3-0 with President Uresti abstaining. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.