

HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 6
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Dr. Antonio Uresti
Janie Gaytan
Juan Palacios
Rolando Reyna

COMMISSIONER ABSENT

Mario Flores

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Krystine Ramon, Legal Counsel (via Zoom)
Gus Ramirez, Consultant
Janie Flores
Cecilia Sanchez
Representatives from participating municipalities and fire departments
Other guests as recorded

1. Call Meeting to Order

President Uresti called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was conducted jointly with Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 5 for common agenda items.

2. Roll Call and Establish a Quorum

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established. Commissioner Mario Flores was absent.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag

An invocation was given and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public Comment

Brandon Lao, a public finance banker with Frost Bank, introduced himself and provided information regarding the bank's experience financing fire apparatus and other municipal equipment. No action was taken.

5. Consent Agenda

a. To approve Special Meeting minutes of August 19, 2026.

Commissioner Gaytan made a motion to approve the August 19, 2026 Special Meeting minutes as written and was seconded by Commissioner Palacios. Motion carried 3 to 0 with President Uresti abstaining.

b. To approve Regular Meeting minutes of August 19, 2026.

Commissioner Gaytan made a motion to approve the August 19, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Palacios. Motion carried 3 to 0 with President Uresti abstaining.

6. Old Business

a. To receive a report from the District Treasurer and approve financial transfers.

Commissioner Gaytan presented the Treasurer's report and reviewed the District's fund balance and expense activity reflected in the meeting packet. The Board received the report. No separate financial transfer was identified for action.

b. To receive a report from Consultant Gus Ramirez regarding Fire Services.

Consultant Gus Ramirez reported on ongoing fire-service matters, including the planned meeting with Linn-San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department, the fire truck donated by the City of Mission, pending interlocal agreements, and other efforts to address service and equipment needs within the District. No action was taken on the report.

c. To receive a report from the Fire Services Review Committee.

The Fire Services Review Committee reported that the Linn-San Manuel and City of McAllen agreements were included on the agenda and that work continued on remaining service-area agreements pending clarification of unassigned areas. Legal Counsel Krystine Ramon advised that the County was expected to consider its related agreement after adoption of the County budget. No action was taken.

d. To discuss and consider approval to pay District bills as presented.

District expenses and allocations were presented for review. Commissioner Reyna made a motion to approve the District bills as presented, and Commissioner Palacios seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 to 0 with President Uresti abstaining.

7. New Business

a. To review, discuss and approve changes to the Property Use Agreement with Hidalgo County.

Counsel Ramon reviewed proposed revisions to the Property Use Agreement, including designated emergency-vehicle areas, responsibilities for utilities and services, and provisions related to future grant requirements. Commissioner Gaytan made a motion to approve the changes, and Commissioner Palacios seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 to 0 with President Uresti abstaining.

b. To review, discuss and approve joining the Buy Board Purchasing Cooperative.

Counsel Ramon explained that BuyBoard provides a cooperative purchasing process that may be used by local governmental entities for competitively procured purchases. Commissioner Palacios made a motion to approve joining the BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative, and Commissioner Reyna seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 to 0 with President Uresti abstaining.

c. To review, discuss and approve the Interlocal Participation Agreement between the District and Buy Board.

The Board reviewed the standard participation agreement required for BuyBoard membership. Commissioner Palacios made a motion to approve the Interlocal Participation Agreement, and Commissioner Reyna seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 to 0 with President Uresti abstaining.

d. To review, discuss and approve an Interlocal Agreement with AGUA SUD and the District.

Counsel Ramon advised that AGUA SUD had indicated it did not own the fire hydrants contemplated by the preliminary agreement and additional clarification was needed regarding ownership and responsibility. The Board tabled the item. No action was taken.

e. To review, discuss and approve an Interlocal Funding Program Agreement with Sullivan City for Bunker Gear.

Counsel Ramon presented the funding agreement for bunker gear previously approved through the District's Fire Services Interlocal Funding Program. The Board discussed firefighter training and certification and the terms governing ownership and use of the equipment. Commissioner Gaytan

made a motion to approve the agreement, and Commissioner Palacios seconded the motion. . Motion carried 3 to 0 with President Uresti abstaining.

f. To review, discuss and approve an Interlocal Funding Program Agreement with the City of La Joya for Cascade System.

The Board reviewed the funding agreement for the Cascade System previously approved through the District's funding program. Commissioner Palacios made a motion to approve the agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Reyna. Motion carried 3 to 0 with President Uresti abstaining. Consultant Ramirez advised that the equipment had been ordered and that the vendor agreed to honor the prior quoted price.

g. To review, discuss and take action to approve a Fire Service Agreement with Linn-San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department.

Counsel Ramon reviewed revisions to the proposed agreement, including a 60-day termination provision, liability language applicable to a nonprofit volunteer fire department, the proposed service territory, and payment on a per-call basis. Commissioner Gaytan made a motion to approve the agreement subject to any necessary revisions following review by Linn-San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department, and Commissioner Palacios seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 to 0 with President Uresti abstaining.

h. To review, discuss and take action to approve a mutual aid agreement with the City of McAllen.

Counsel Ramon presented a proposed mutual aid agreement with the City of McAllen on a call-by-call basis and noted a minor correction to the agreement. Commissioner Reyna made a motion to approve the agreement, and Commissioner Palacios seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 to 0 with President Uresti abstaining.

i. To review, discuss, and take action regarding a funding arrangement with the City of Peñitas for the purchase of a tender using Texas A&M Forest Service grant proceeds, including related reimbursement and agreements.

The Board discussed the City of Peñitas request concerning a Texas A&M Forest Service grant and a possible arrangement for the District to assist with the purchase of a tender with reimbursement to the District. Legal Counsel advised that additional grant documentation and agreement language were needed. The item was tabled for a future meeting. No action was taken.

j. To review, discuss and possible action to purchase a fire tanker apparatus.

Consultant Ramirez presented information on an available fire tanker apparatus and discussed current apparatus needs, availability, pricing, delivery lead times, and possible financing. Legal Counsel reviewed the separate procurement and loan-solicitation requirements. Following discussion, the Board tabled the item so additional information could be obtained and considered at a special meeting. No final purchase action was taken.

k. Discuss and consider approval of applications submitted for the Fire Services Interlocal Funding Program.

The Board considered an application from the City of Peñitas for bunker gear. Consultant Ramirez reported that the original quote was approximately \$39,000 and that a revised price of \$35,010.50 had been obtained. Commissioner Gaytan made a motion to approve funding for the bunker gear in

an amount not to exceed \$39,000, and Commissioner Reyna seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 to 0 with President Uresti abstaining.

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

a. To consult with legal counsel.

No Executive Session was held.

9. Return to Open Session for Possible Action

10. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Reyna motion to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Gaytan. Motion carried 3 to 0 with President Uresti abstaining. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.