



Waller-Harris Emergency Service District 200

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The Board of Commissioners of Waller-Harris Emergency Services District 200 (*the District*) met in a meeting, open to the public, at WHESD200 Station 81/District Administration Building located at 540 Ellen Powell, Prairie View, Texas 77446 on July 21, 2026 at 5:30 P.M.

Commissioners

Brenda Bundick	Present
Deena Elliott	Present
Melinda Hashaw	Present
Sherry Whiteley	Present
Brian Davis	Present

Also present, Fire Chief Will McDugle, Assistant Chief James Jones, Administrative Director Lisa Denecamp, District Counsel Krystine Ramon, Architect Ricardo Martinez, Training Chief Trey Scardino, Waller EMS Chief Rhonda Getschman, and other District staff and guests.

1. **Call meeting to order.** The meeting was called to order by President Bundick at 5:30 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance.** The pledge of allegiance was conducted by Commissioner Davis.
3. **Invocation.** Commissioner Hashaw gave the invocation.
4. **To receive public comment.** No public comments were received.
5. **To receive the financial report from the District.** Christina Moore presented the financial report and reviewed property tax collections, Texas Comptroller payments for sales tax, budget versus actuals, and vendor payments. Commissioner Hashaw made a motion seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the financial report. After discussion, President Bundick called for a vote and the vote passed 5-0.
6. **Consent Agenda.** President Bundick asked if the Commissioners reviewed the consent agenda items and had any questions. Commissioner Elliott made a motion seconded by Commissioner Whiteley to approve the consent agenda items: meeting minutes for June 16, 2026; financial and bookkeeping matters, including payment of the bills and review of reports concerning the District's financial condition and investments; and approval of budgeted purchase requests over \$15,000, including Metro and SAFE Industries. After discussion, President Bundick called for a vote and the vote passed 4-0 with President Bundick abstaining.
7. **Non-Consent Agenda.** No items were removed from the Consent Agenda. No action was taken.
8. **To review, discuss and take action regarding payments to District providers.** Lisa Denecamp informed the Board that all required items had been turned in by the providers. Commissioner Elliott made a motion seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve payments to District providers. After discussion, President Bundick called for a vote and the vote passed 4 to 0 with President Bundick abstaining.
9. **To propose the District's 2027 Budget.** Commissioner Davis made a motion seconded by Commissioner Whiteley to approve the proposed 2027 Budget for the District. After discussion, President Bundick called for a vote and the vote passed 4-0 with President Bundick abstaining.

10. To propose the District's 2026 Tax Rate. Commissioner Whiteley made a motion seconded by Commissioner Hashaw to approve the proposed 2026 tax rate of \$0.10. After discussion, President Bundick called for a vote and the vote passed 4-0 with President Bundick abstaining.

11. To set the Public Hearing and Adoption date for the 2027 Budget and 2026 Tax Rate. Commissioner Whiteley made a motion seconded by Commissioner Elliott to set the public hearing and adoption date for the 2027 Budget and 2026 Tax Rate for August 18, 2026 at 5:30 P.M. After discussion, President Bundick called for a vote and the vote passed 4-0 with President Bundick abstaining.

12. To approve legal counsel to go out for an RFP for loan financing for two ladder trucks. Commissioner Elliott made a motion seconded by Commissioner Davis to authorize legal counsel to solicit a request for proposals for loan financing for two (2) ladder trucks. After discussion, President Bundick called for a vote and the vote passed 5-0.

13. To review, discuss and take action on matters related to construction, renovation, repair, maintenance and improvement to District facilities and real property, including engagement of design professionals or engineering services, selection of builders/contractors and cooperation with other county entities regarding the development of stations, including action on construction financing. Architect Ricardo Martinez presented a construction update to the Board.

Regarding Station 72, Mr. Martinez reported that the District was working with Law Construction on final installations. Substantial completion occurred on June 23, 2026, and the TAS inspection passed on June 20, 2026. Mr. Martinez presented pay application number twelve (12) from Law Construction in the amount of \$105,498.69 for Station 72. Commissioner Hashaw made a motion seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve pay application number twelve (12) from Law Construction in the amount of \$105,498.69 for Station 72. After discussion, President Bundick called for a vote and the vote passed 5-0.

Regarding Station 43, Mr. Martinez reported that power had been installed at the facility and that he anticipated the project would be at the punch-list stage in approximately six (6) weeks. Mr. Martinez also discussed options concerning the metal panels and reported a projected completion date of September 22, 2026. Mr. Martinez presented pay application number fifteen (15) from Construction Masters of Houston in the amount of \$304,719.32 for Station 43. Commissioner Davis made a motion seconded by Commissioner Hashaw to approve pay application number fifteen (15) from Construction Masters of Houston in the amount of \$304,719.32 for Station 43. After discussion, President Bundick called for a vote and the vote passed 5-0.

14. To receive a report from Waller EMS and take any necessary action. Waller EMS Chief Rhonda Getschman presented her report for the month of June. Chief Getschman reported eight hundred and fifty-four (854) calls, an average response time of ten minutes and thirty-seven seconds (10:37), six hundred and ninety (690) patients, and four hundred and eighty-seven (487) transports. There were four (4) air transports. Chief Getschman reported six (6) in-house CPR classes and two (2) public CPR classes, two (2) days of new employee orientation with new hires, ESO training and virtual classes, and airway training provided by Dr. Buzzard. There were seventy-nine (79) participants in community training and ten (10) on hospice. Chief Getschman also reported that personnel had assisted with flood response beginning July 14, 2026 and were expected to remain deployed through July 22, 2026. No action was taken.

15. To receive a report from the Fire Chief of Emergency Services and command staff and take any necessary action related thereto including any needed maintenance, replacements, improvements related to the District's operations, apparatus, equipment, vehicles, training, and testing. Administrative Director Lisa Denecamp reported that she had nothing additional to report. Training Chief Trey Scardino reported seven hundred and two (702) training hours for full-time personnel, nine hundred and sixty (960) hours for part-time personnel, and seventy (70) volunteer training hours. The District conducted live training with Magnolia and new employee orientation training, and command staff discussed ongoing hiring and additional training opportunities. ESD 48 was scheduled to conduct RIT training in which District personnel would participate. Assistant Chief Jones reported seven hundred and eight (708) calls in June and a year-to-date total of four thousand two hundred and eleven (4,211) calls and reported that the District was working on driver-operator training. Command staff also reported work on an FIFA reimbursement packet for the City of Houston and on the District budget.

Chief McDugle presented the VFIS premium summary/proposal in the amount of \$543,983. Commissioner Whiteley made a motion seconded by Commissioner Elliott to approve the VFIS proposal. After discussion, President Bundick called for a vote and the vote passed 5-0. Chief McDugle also reviewed maintenance matters and reported that thirty (30) cradle points had been delivered.

16. To receive and act to approve the purchase, funding, financing and payment for capital assets, including construction, vehicles, fire-fighting apparatus and equipment and for non-capital items and expenses. Commissioner Hashaw made a motion seconded by Commissioner Davis to approve the \$10,000 proposal from Square Up Concrete to tear down the house and shed at Station 51. After discussion, President Bundick called for a vote and the vote passed 5-0.

17. To review, discuss and take action for the sale or disposal of obsolete surplus and/or salvage property pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code §775.0735. The Board discussed the old house and shed at Station 51 and determined that the structures were not usable. Commissioner Elliott made a motion seconded by Commissioner Hashaw to designate the house and shed at Station 51 as salvage property. After discussion, President Bundick called for a vote and the vote passed 5 to 0.

18. To receive any committee reports and take any necessary action related to the reports. No committee reports were given. No action was taken.

19. To review, discuss and take action to schedule future District meeting(s). The next meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2026 at 5:30 P.M. No action was taken.

20. To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §551.071 to consult with legal counsel. The Board chose not to enter closed session pursuant to Government Code §551.071.

21. To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §551.072 to deliberate regarding real estate matters.
The Board entered closed session at 6:16 P.M. pursuant to Government Code §551.072 and returned to open session at 6:35 P.M.

22. To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel matters including the appointment, employment, evaluation and duties of a public officer or employee. The Board entered closed session at 6:16 P.M. pursuant to Government Code 551.074 and returned to open session at 6:35 P.M.

23. To review, discuss and take action regarding real estate. No action was taken.

24. To review and act on employment/personnel issues, including policies, handbooks, procedures, hiring, retention, compensation, benefits, scheduling, complaints and discipline of District employees, including administrative staff, fire suppression staff, executive staff and Fire Chief. No action was taken.

25. **Adjournment.** President Bundick asked if there was any further business that needed to be discussed. There being no further business, President Bundick adjourned the meeting at 6:37 P.M.

These minutes were adopted on Aug 18, 2026 by a vote of 4 to 0

Minutes were adopted on Aug 18, 2026 by a
Melinda Hashaw
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