

**MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 5, 2025 SPECIAL MEETING OF  
FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 9**

A special meeting was duly called of the **FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 9** (the "District"), which was held on November 5, 2025, at the Needville Fire Station, 3323 Richmond Street, Needville, Texas 77461.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by the President of the Board of Commissioners ("Board" or "Commissioners"), **Barbara Smolik**. Pursuant to Agenda Item 1, a roll call of the Commissioners was made, and a quorum was confirmed, to-wit:

Barbara Smolik	President
Keith Thumann	Vice President
Rex Havron	Secretary
Jon Norwood	Treasurer
RJ Reiser	Assistant Treasurer

All members of the Board were present except **Commissioner Reiser**, thus constituting a quorum. Also present at the meeting were Monica A. Garza of Polley Garza PLLC, attorney for the District ("PG" or "Attorney"); Lisa Rickert and Millie Dunmire of Artesian Financial Services, bookkeeper for the District ("Bookkeeper"); Chief Troy Svatek, Fire Chief of the Needville Fire Department ("FD"), and Brandon Ordoyne, Treasurer of the FD.

Pursuant to Agenda Item 2, Commissioner **Smolik** led the meeting attendees in the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 3 regarding public comment; however, no public comments were offered.

Commissioner **Smolik** called up Agenda Item 4 regarding the District's financial planning. The Board discussed the District's budget for the fiscal year ending ("FYE") December 31, 2026, including projected sales tax revenue and the FD's anticipated expenditures. Chief Svatek stated that for the FYE December 31, 2026, the FD expects to request funds for a tanker truck, a vehicle for the Chief, and additional bunker gear. Discussion then ensued regarding hiring more paid duty crew members, potential incentives to retain current crew members, and filling an Assistant Captain position within the FD. Further discussion next ensued regarding the potential purchase of real estate for the location of a future fire station. Chief Svatek then requested that the budget line item for the FD's operating expenses be increased by \$170,000.00 to add an additional full-time crew member to each shift at the FD. It was the consensus of the Board to authorize the FD to hire an additional full-time paid duty crew member. Chief Svatek then further discussed the potential acquisition of real property for the location of a future fire station and certain real estate agents who could assist the District with such acquisition. A motion was made by Commissioner **Norwood**, seconded by Commissioner **Havron**, to amend the FYE December 31, 2026 budget to increase the District's maintenance tax revenue and the FD's operational expenses. After discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

There being no further business brought before the Board, upon motion made, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.



*David D. Harris*  
Secretary of the Board