

**MEETING FOR HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5**  
**Minutes of the Meeting Held on October 15, 2025**

LOCATION: 724 N. Breyfogle Rd. Mission, Texas 78574

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Dr. Antonio Uresti  
Maribel Galvan  
Ana Gonzalez  
Juan Lino Garza

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Jorge Arcaute  
Juan Villarreal  
Krystine Ramon  
Homero Garza  
Gus Ramirez  
Ricardo Saldana

- 1) Call meeting order. The meeting was called to order by President Uresti at 5:39 p.m. Dr. Antonio Uresti, Maribel Galvan, Ana Gonzalez, and Juan Lino Garza were present, and a quorum was established.
- 2) Invocation.
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4) To receive public comment. Mr. Jorge Arcuate introduced the Hidalgo County Fire Mashall Chief Homero Garza and Chief of Hidalgo County Emergency Management Ricardo Saldana.
- 5) To approve the September 24, 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioner Garza made a motion second by Commissioner Galvan to approve the September 24, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.
- 6) To review, discuss and take action regarding any District financial institution matters. No action was taken.
- 7) To review, discuss and take action regarding bookkeeping services. Legal counsel recommended the Board form a committee to evaluate the RFP. Legal counsel discussed with the Board the draft of the RFP for bookkeeping services with the deadline of proposals due on November 10, 2025 and selection meeting on November 12, 2025. Commissioner Garza made a motion seconded by Commissioner Galvan to approve forming a committee to evaluate the bookkeeping RFPs and have Commissioner Gonzalez and Commissioner Garza on the committee. The motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining. Commissioner Garza made a motion seconded by Commissioner Galvan to approve the draft of the RFP and approve the deadline of proposals due on November 10,

2025 and selection meeting on November 12, 2025. The motion passed by a vote of 3 to 0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.

- 8) To receive a presentation from the Hidalgo County Fire Marshal's Office. Fire Marshal Chief Homero Garza introduced himself to the Board. Chief Garza informed the Board that the Fire Marshal's Office is staffed by ten (10) people who cover fifteen hundred (1500) square miles. Chief Garza informed the Board that at their office they provide education training. The Fire Marshal's Office manages twenty two (22) contracts with different entities. There are around two thousand two hundred (2,200) calls per year. The Fire Marshal's Office has an estimated three million dollar (\$3,000,000) budget. The Fire Marshal's Office also conducts life safety inspections. No action was taken.
- 9) To receive a presentation from the City of Alton regarding emergency services. The City of Alton's Fire Chief Gus Ramirez presented to the Board a proposal to establish a municipal EMS organization along with the ESD for EMS and ambulance services. Chief Ramirez proposed the City and ESD work together to operate three (3) ALS Ambulances for the City and ESD territory. The Chief went over the proposed organizational structure of having the EMS division under the Fire Department or stand-alone with oversight, also with an EMS Director who reports to the Fire Chief and coordination with HR, Finance and 911 Dispatch. The Board discussed with Chief Ramirez what the cost would be to operate a three (3) ALS Ambulance with the City. Chief Ramirez projects a budget for two million seven hundred and fifty two thousand dollars (\$2,752,000). No action was taken.
- 10) To review, discuss and take action regarding the provision of Emergency Services to District territory. The Board discussed contracting for EMS services. The Board discussed an RFP for EMS/Ambulance services. Legal counsel said she would draft an RFP for EMS/Ambulance services to present at the next board meeting for approval. No action was taken.
- 11) To review, discuss and take action regarding District Website. Legal counsel presented to the Board that the District will need a point of contact with Clicktunity for website design. Commissioner Galvan made a motion seconded by Commissioner Garza to appoint Commissioner Gonzalez as the website point of contact. The motion passed 3 to 0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.
- 12) To review, discuss and take action regarding hiring a part-time administrative assistant. The Board discussed the need for a part-time administrative assistant. Commissioner Garza made a motion seconded by Commissioner Galvan to approve the position of a part-time administrative assistant for twenty one dollars (\$21.00) and hire Justin Villarreal pending legal review for conflict. The motion passed 2 to 1 with Commissioner Gonzalez opposing the motion and Commissioner Uresti abstaining.
- 13) To meet in Closed Session under Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to consult with legal counsel. The Board chose not to go into closed session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 to consult with legal counsel.

- 14) To review and act on scheduling District meetings and items to be added to meeting agendas. The next regular meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2025 at 5:30pm.
- 15) Adjournment. There being no further business, Commissioner Gonzalez made a motion seconded by Commissioner Galvan to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 3 to 0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining. The meeting was concluded at 8:57pm.