HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 10, 2026

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Dr. Antonio Uresti
Maribel Galvan
Fausto Salinas
Juan "Lino" Garza

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

James Olivares

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jorge Arcaute
Krystine Ramon (via Zoom)
Gus Ramirez
Janie Flores
Cecilia Sanchez
Other guests as recorded

1. Call Meeting to Order, Roll Call and Establish a Quorum

The meeting was called to order by President Uresti at approximately 6:02 p.m. Roll call was conducted and a quorum was established.

2. Invocation

The invocation was led by Chief Gus Ramirez.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

5. Consent Agenda

a. To approve meeting minutes of May 13, 2026.

Counsel Krystine Ramon presented several minor revisions to the May 13, 2026 meeting minutes

Motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Salinas. Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.

6. Old Business

a. To review, discuss and take action to approve agreement with Border Affairs.

The Board reviewed the proposed agreement with Border Affairs.

Motion to approve the agreement with Border Affairs was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Salinas. President Uresti noted that the agreement provides that no compensation is due unless grant funding is successfully obtained, includes a nonexclusive provision allowing the District to utilize other grant writers if desired, and contains a thirty-day termination clause. Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.

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

Consultant Gus Ramirez reported that he continues to monitor EMS unit deployment and GPS tracking throughout the District. He advised the Board that procedures are being implemented to notify District representatives whenever EMS coverage reaches critical staffing levels due to units being committed to calls or hospitals.

Mr. Ramirez also reported that preliminary evaluations continue regarding a potential EMS station at the existing structure located near Mile 7 and Iowa Street or, alternatively, the placement of a Connex building to serve as an EMS station.

Commissioner Garza also reported that the District's Artificial Intelligence Committee recently met with Hidalgo County Information Technology staff to discuss potential AI applications and future collaboration. He noted that the City of Alton is participating in a pilot project that may provide valuable information for future implementation within the District. Commissioner Garza stated that the District will continue workering with the Hidalgo County IT Department in helping establish the Distirct's AI system.

c. To receive a report from Med-Care Emergency Services and the City of Palmview EMS.

Daniel Tuttle, Interim Chief Operating Officer for Med-Care EMS, presented the District's first monthly EMS performance report. He advised the Board that Med-Care began providing services on May 11, 2026, and responded to 130 calls during the reporting period, including 100 Priority One responses with an average response time of approximately eight minutes. He reviewed call volume, response times, simultaneous call activity, deployment strategies, system status management, and ongoing efforts to identify frequent callers and connect those individuals with appropriate community resources through a Mobile Integrated Healthcare program.

Mr. Tuttle further reported that Med-Care has implemented notification procedures whenever system coverage reaches critical levels and advised the Board of plans to establish a central EMS station to better support operations within the District.

Consultant Ramirez informed the Board that Stop the Bleed training and additional public education programs are being coordinated jointly with Med-Care EMS for local government employees and eventually for community members.

Jonah Riley, representing the City of Palmview EMS, presented Palmview's monthly activity report. Mr. Riley reported responding to 75 calls within the District during the month of May with an average response time of approximately 8 minutes and 15 seconds. He advised the Board that future reports would include additional breakdowns of call types and response statistics.

The Board discussed the value of continued data analysis, identifying high-use locations, developing community outreach programs, and implementing Mobile Integrated Healthcare initiatives to improve service delivery throughout the District. No action was taken.

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

Commissioner Galvan moved to approve the District bills as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza. Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.

7. <u>New Business</u>

a. To review, discuss and take action on proposals for evaluations related to a Sales Tax in the District.

The Board received presentations from representatives of Revenue Management Services and HDL regarding proposals to perform a sales tax availability analysis for the District.

Ryan Fortner of Revenue Management Services discussed the firm's experience providing sales tax consulting services to special purpose districts throughout Texas. Mr. Fortner explained that the proposed study would identify available sales tax within the District, estimate potential revenues, and provide additional consultation throughout the process. He stated that the proposed fee for both ESD No. 5 and ESD No. 6 would be $3,000, to be shared equally between the districts.

Katie Briggers, representing HDL, also presented the firm's proposal and explained the services included in its sales tax estimate report. Ms. Briggers reviewed the methodology used to identify available sales tax, estimate revenues, prepare mapping of eligible areas, and evaluate existing sales tax allocations. She also discussed the election process and answered questions regarding available tax rates, annexation, and public education efforts related to future elections. No action was taken.

President Uresti stated that the Board would take a recess and did so at 8:02 p.m.

The Board returned from recess at 8:46 p.m.

b. To discuss and consider obtaining a cost assessment and evaluation for building repairs to existing structure on Mile 7 and Iowa Street.

Consultant Gus Ramirez reported that preliminary evaluations continue regarding the existing structure located at Mile 7 and Iowa Street as a possible EMS facility. The Board discussed obtaining a professional assessment of the building's condition before determining future improvements. The Board discussed the process for obtaining contractor quotes following completion of the building assessment. Commissioners agreed that repair estimates would assist the District in determining whether renovation of the existing structure would be a cost-effective option. A motion was made by Commissioner Garza to allocate two hundred and fifty dollars for an assessment for the whole property and was seconded by. Commissioner Salinas. Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.

c. To discuss and consider authorizing the solicitation of quotes and, based on the evaluation, the hiring of a contractor to repair the existing structure at Mile 7 and Iowa Street.

No action was taken.

d. To review, discuss and take action on the proposal for Headshots.

The Board briefly discussed obtaining professional headshots for Commissioners for official District use. Motion was made by Commissioner Garza to approve the proposal submitted to take headshots and to split half the cost of the $800 package between ESD five and six. Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.

e. To discuss and consider approval of the purchase of shirts for ESD Commissioners.
The Board discussed purchasing shirts displaying District identification for Commissioners to wear during official functions and public events. Commissioner Galvan stated that although no quotes were available she felt that they should move forward with purchasing shirts. Commissioner Galvan made a motion to approve the purchase of shirts with a limit of $200 per Commissioner. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Garza. Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.

f. To review 2026 Preliminary Values and current property tax collections report.
Jessica Adkins with Coveler and Peeler, stated that the district had a taxable value of about three point eight billion and added that the district still has a lot of property under review. But overall values are looking really good. Ms. Adkins stated that the certified values would come out on July 25th. Ms. Adkins continued providing information for the District.

g. To discuss and possible action to review and approve Commissioner Compensation Requests submitted by District Commissioners pursuant to the District's Commissioner Compensation Resolution and Texas Health & Safety Code §775.038.
Krystine Ramon, District Counselor stated that back in February, the district approved a resolution to allow for commissioner compensation. That allows for up to two hundred and twenty-one dollars ($221) a day and up to seventy-two hundred dollars ($7,200) for the entire year. Ms. Ramon explained how the form should be completed by Commissioners. Commissioners Garza asked if they would be considered as employees of the district. Mr. Orozco, the District's bookkeeper stated that Commissioners were considered public officials so they would get compensated as a public official. As a public official, that's different than an employee. Motion to approve the Commissioner Compensation Request form was moved by Commissioner Garza and was, seconded by Commissioner Galvan. Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.

h. To review, discuss and take action on the Commissioner Services Compensation form.
This agenda item is a duplicate of the previous agenda item and was inadvertently included in the agenda.

i. To review and act on scheduling District Meetings and items to be added to meeting agendas.
Commissioner Garza stated that he has asked counselor to add an item to the agenda for committee reports, so that we have committee reports to give. The next Board meeting was scheduled for July 8th. No action was taken.

8. **Executive Session: Pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.072, and 551.074**
a. To consult with Legal Counsel.
There was no executive session.

9. **Return to Open Session for Possible Action**

10. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn at 10:12 p.m. was made by Commissioner Garza and seconded by Commissioner Salinas. Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Uresti abstaining.