HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

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

COMMISSIONER ATTENDING VIA ZOOM
James Olivarez (non-voting participation as advised by Legal Counsel)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE
Krystine Ramon (via Zoom)
Gus Ramirez
Janie Flores
Cecilia Sanchez
Other guests as recorded

1. Call Meeting to Order
The meeting was called to order by President Uresti at approximately 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call and Establish a Quorum
Roll call was taken and a quorum was established. Commissioner James Olivarez joined the meeting via Zoom at approximately 6:03 p.m. Legal Counsel advised that, because the posted notice did not contain the required videoconference language, Commissioner Olivarez could listen to the meeting but could not participate as a voting member. Commissioner Salinas arrived at approximately 6:04 p.m.

3. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag
The invocation was given, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

4. Public Comment
There were no public comments for District No. 5.

5. Consent Agenda
a. To approve the Special Meeting minutes of August 19, 2026.
b. To approve the Regular Meeting minutes of August 19, 2026.
Commissioner Garza made a motion to approve Items 5(a) and 5(b), contingent upon correcting the spelling of Commissioner Olivarez's last name where necessary, and Commissioner Galvan seconded the motion. 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.
The District Treasurer, Commissioner Olivarez reported transfers made between the District checking and money market accounts during August and early September. Interest earned for the month was reported at approximately $6,382.38. The money market balance was reported at approximately $2,475,002, with approximately $50,066 in the checking account. The Board received the report and no action was taken.

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

Consultant Gus Ramirez reported that quarterly GPS data had been obtained and forwarded to Commissioner Garza and the County IT Department. He also reported coordination regarding invoices and call data, advised that the September consulting invoice should reflect $1,000 rather than $1,100, and provided an update regarding establishment of the District's SAM.gov account for future grant opportunities. The Board received the report and no action was taken.

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

Daniel Tuttle, representative from Med-Care Emergency Services presented the August service report. Med-Care reported a total of 196 calls, including 155 Priority One calls and 41 Priority Two calls, with average response times of approximately 8 minutes and 20 seconds for Priority One calls and 9 minutes and 7 seconds for Priority Two calls. The report also included call types, simultaneous-call activity, and ambulance deployment information.

Matthew Gonzalez, Battalion Chief with the City of Palmview Fire and EMS Department, reported 79 calls for August with an average response time of approximately 7 minutes and 1 second. The report included call-type information, transports, cancellations, and patient refusals. The Board received the reports and no action was taken.

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

District bills were presented for review. Commissioner Garza made a motion to approve District bills in the total amount of $99,286.24 as presented, and Commissioner Salinas seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 to 0 with President Uresti abstaining.

7. <u>New Business</u>

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

Legal Counsel Krystine Ramon reviewed proposed revisions to the Property Use Agreement with Hidalgo County, including designated emergency-service vehicle areas, non-identifying statistical information, notice periods, termination provisions, ADA compliance, reimbursement for substantial permanent improvements, indemnification language, and responsibility for utilities. The Board discussed the proposed changes and requested clarification regarding utility responsibilities. Commissioner Garza made a motion to approve the changes subject to final details and revisions by Legal Counsel, and Commissioner Galvan seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 to 0 with President Uresti abstaining.

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

Counsel Ramon explained that BuyBoard is a cooperative purchasing program that allows governmental entities to purchase through competitively procured contracts. Participation in the program is at no cost to the District. Commissioner Garza made a motion to approve joining the BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative, and Commissioner Salinas 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 BuyBoard.

Counsel Ramon reviewed the standard Interlocal Participation Agreement required for participation in BuyBoard. Commissioner Garza made a motion to approve the agreement, and Commissioner Galvan seconded the motion. Motion carried 3 to 0 with President Uresti abstaining.

d. To review, discuss and approve the EMS Consultant RFQ/RFP dates and times.
The committee recommended that no action be taken at this time. No action was taken.

e. To review, discuss and approve an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Alton and the District.
The committee recommended that no action be taken at this time. No action was taken.

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 Garza made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Commissioner Galvan. Motion carried 3 to 0 with President Uresti abstaining. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.