

**HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 21**  
**Minutes of the Special Meeting Held on August 25, 2025**

LOCATION: Fire Station No. 3, 19720 Becker Road, Hockley Texas 77447

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

James Oswalt  
Nolan Butterfras  
David Flower  
Naomi Kleb  
Hardy LeBlanc

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Jason DeVries, District's Fire Chief  
Christopher Reyes, District's Assistant Fire Chief  
Christy Graves, Assistant District's Chief of HCESD 3  
Jenni Talley, the District's Chief of Administration  
Lori Grogg, Office Manager  
Scott Webb, District Chief  
Randall F. Parr, District's Bookkeeper  
Lisa Covington, District's Bookkeeper  
David Slattery, Slattery Tackett Architects  
Krystine Ramon of Coveler & Peeler, P.C., District's Legal Counsel  
Members of HCESD 21

- 1) Call meeting order. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Oswalt at 9:04am. James Oswalt, Nolan Butterfras, David Flower, Naomi Kleb, and Hardy LeBlanc were all present and a quorum was established.
- 2) To receive public comment and conduct the public hearing/open forum to allow interested parties to address the Board of Commissioners and be heard regarding the proposed tax rate setting. There were no public comments.
- 3) The public hearing was concluded at 8:32am.
- 4) To consider and adopt the District 2026 Budget. Bookkeeper Randall F. Parr presented there were no changes to the proposed District 2026 Budget. Commissioner Kleb made a motion to approve the adopted Budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner LeBlanc. The motion passed 5 to 0.
- 5) To adopt the District 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operations. Commissioner Kleb made a motion to approve by resolution the 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operations at \$0.074821/\$100. The motion was seconded by Commissioner LeBlanc. The motion passed 5 to 0.

- 6) To adopt the 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Debt Service. Commissioner Kleb made a motion to approve by resolution the 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Debt Service at \$0.025179/\$100. The motion was seconded by Commissioner LeBlanc. The motion passed 5 to 0.
- 7) To adopt the District 2025 Ad Valorem Tax Rate. Commissioner Kleb made a motion I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.100000, which is effectively a 6.71 percent increase in the tax rate. The motion was seconded by Commissioner LeBlanc. The motion passed 5 to 0.
- 8) To review and take action on matters relating to an election be held on November 4, 2025. Legal counsel informed the Board that the rate the District adopted did not result in an automatic election and therefore an election was not needed and could be canceled for mootness under Texas Election Code §2.081. Commissioner Kleb made a motion to cancel the November 4, 2025 Tax Approval Rate Election due to mootness. The motion was seconded by Commissioner LeBlanc. The motion passed 5 to 0.
- 9) Adjournment. Commissioner Kleb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner LeBlanc. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 a.m.