

THE STATE OF TEXAS       §  
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COUNTY OF CAMERON       §

**CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY  
COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
February 16, 2022**

The Board of Managers of the Cameron County Emergency Communication District (CCECD) met at the Cameron County Emergency Communication (9-1-1) District (CCECD) Building Board Room, located at 501 Camelot Drive, Harlingen, Texas, at 10:00 A.M., for a Meeting of the Board of Managers, on Wednesday, February 16, 2022.

Present:

Board Members: Mario Prado (President), Bill Aston (Vice-President), Robert Gracia, and Lt. Henry Etheridge  
Board Members Absent: Sam Ortega and Gabriel Moreno  
Directors: S. Barajas, and J. Davila  
Corporate Counsel: Juan M. Pequeno, Jr.  
Others: A. Chavez, A. Garrido, and J. Garcia (CCECD Staff), Captain Gabriel Garza, City of Brownsville

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Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, codified as Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §§ 551.002 (Open Meetings Requirements) (Vernon 2017) ("Every regular, special, or called meeting of a governmental body shall be open to the public, except as provided by this chapter".)

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- Item 1.        Call to order (Pledge of Allegiance)  
                  Call to order by Mr. Prado at 10:00 A.M. to open the meeting, recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 2.
  
- Item 2.        Establishment of a Quorum.  
                  After confirmation of a voting quorum (4 of 5 quorum) by Ms. Barajas, Mr. Pequeno confirmed that neither action nor motion was necessary. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 3.
  
- Item 3.        "Swearing-in of appointment of new Board Member Captain Gabriel Garza."  
                  Pursuant to Texas Constitution, Art. XVI, § 1 (Vernon Supp. 2016) Official Oath administered to Gabriel Garza appointment to the CCECD board member by the City of Brownsville, officiated by Alma Linda Chavez, a Notary of the State of Texas and for CCECD. No additional action necessary.
  
- Item 4.        Public Comment.

Mario Prado, Board President opened public comment on any agenda item to anyone attending the meeting by approaching the podium. After a brief time, with no attendees, and no comments made, Mr. Prado closed the public comment section and no action was needed.

Item 5. Approval of January 19, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Signature obtained from Mr. Prado, President, and document to be forwarded to Bill Aston, Vice President, for the same purpose. Motion made by Mr. Aston to approve the said Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Mr. Gracia. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. Approval of Bills (& Cash Flow)  
Ms. Barajas presented the February Expense Report pertaining to regular monthly bills, after discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Gracia to approve the said bills (& cash flow). Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 7. Financial Report (& Banking Report)  
Ms. Barajas provided an update on the financial banking and investment reports. Motion made by Mr. Etheridge to acknowledge the financial reports as presented. Seconded by Mr. Gracia. The motion carried unanimously. (The amounts of these reports were presented at the CCECD Board Meeting as with previous meetings.)

Item 8. Director's Report  
Motion made by Mr. Prado to acknowledge the said Director's Report as presented by Ms. Barajas. As of this date, no major system problems reported by PSAPs. On January 21<sup>st</sup>, virtual meeting with Texas Alliance Directors to review NG9-1-1 funding projections. On January 25<sup>th</sup>, attended the Commission meeting which included district/municipality funding approved by CSEC Commissions. On January 27<sup>th</sup>, met with Megamorphosis to discuss contractual agreement with Peacock Construction. On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, attended the Director's Meeting in Dallas, with continuation discussion of HB2911/SB8 NG9-1-1 Funding Implementation Project. Texas is the only state in the country to receive federal funding. The Directors plan to attend the CSEC NG9-1-1 Funding/Rider 9 workshop on February 24<sup>th</sup>. CSEC has adopted amended Rule 251.2 changes to the 9-1-1 Service Arrangements. CSEC recommends the Districts review and adopt Rule 251.2 during the year to ensure coordination of Texas 9-1-1 entities in communicating with affected county neighbors and service providers. CSEC hopes the 2022 survey will report which ECDs have adopted Rule 251.2. Safety measures (disinfecting) continue every day in our building. This concludes the Director's Report. Also the Building Report as presented by Mr. Davila, which included an estimated building addition cost of \$1,335,400. On February 15, Mr. Davila showed the building to Peacock Construction representative. Mr. Davila and Mr. Pequeno have been working together to finalize contract. Mr. Pequeno has forwarded the contract to Peacock Construction, once signed and returned, they will commence construction. GIS Report was presented by Alfonso Garrido (GIS



Department), and the Public Education/Training Report was presented by Jose Garcia. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. AT&T Report

No report was available and this item was tabled. Ms. Barajas informed the Board of Managers that Billy Blankenship would be attending next month's meeting and will be providing the AT&T update. A motion made by Mr. Aston to table item. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 10. Board Committee Report

Mr. Aston asked if everyone still had their laptops. The board members discussed their usage of the command post during Spring Break. After a group discussion of the availability to run a PSAP remotely and the importance of the Command Post, a motion of acknowledgement was made by Mr. Aston on this item. Seconded by Mr. Gracia. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 11. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Pequeno informed the board they had a meeting with the architect to finalize the terms of the contract. The contract has been sent to Peacock Construction and have not heard anything back from them. The FCC adopted a petition process where entities can request approval or guidance prior to using 9-1-1 funds to pay for an expense. Mr. Pequeno submitted a request to the FCC regarding the petition process and if they would be providing reported opinions on their findings on whether they would be permissible or not permissible. Mr. Pequeno was asked if he had reached out to Hidalgo County (RGVECD) regarding the name issue. He reported nothing has been done, not sure if it would involve legal action at this point, however a letter could be sent to see what their response would be, and if they would be willing to change the name. The name is a concern and is causing confusion for this emergency entity. First and Foremost, we want to reach out diplomatically to them and see if they are willing to change the name. A motion to acknowledge the legal counsel's report was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 12. Consideration and Approval of revised 2022 Capital Budget. After discussion of modification made to the budget, based on actual costs that were received, a motion was made to approve by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Gracia. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 13. Consideration and Approval of Rule 251.2 Changes to 9-1-1 Service Arrangements as per the Commission of State Emergency Communications (CSEC). Mr. Pequeno provided an interpretation of the rule to the board. After a brief discussion, a motion to approve was made by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 14. Closed Meeting for Discussion of Any Item on the Agenda as may be permitted by Subchapter D of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. No items nor action

Item 15. Adjournment.

At 10:35 A.M., a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Gracia. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

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Approved this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2022.

Approved:   
Mario M. Prado, President of the Board of Managers

Approved:   
Gabriel Moreno, Secretary of the Board of Managers

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