

anyone attending the meeting by approaching the podium. After a brief time, with no comments made, Mr. Aston closed the public comment section and no action was needed.

- Item 5. Approval of January (18, 2023) Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Signature will be 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 that included 'Minutes' on this item. Seconded by Prado. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 6. Approval of Bills (& Cash Flow)
Mr. Davila presented the February Expense Report pertaining to regular monthly bills, after discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Prado to approve the said bills (& cash flow). Seconded by Mr. Hoskins. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 7. Financial Report (& Banking Report)
Mr. Davila provided an update on the financial banking report. Motion made by Mr. Prado to acknowledge the financial reports as presented. Seconded by Mr. Hoskins. The motion carried unanimously. (The amounts of these reports were presented at the CCECD Board Meeting as with previous meetings.)
- Item 8. Executive Director's Report
Motion made by Mr. Prado to acknowledge the said Director's Report as presented by Mr. Davila. Alma Linda Chavez and myself attended the Texas 9-1-1 Executive Directors Meeting via Zoom on February 1, 2023. Our Alliance formally hired new Lobbyist firm, Moontower Public Affairs, Inc., with Lauren Fairbanks as our Lobbyist. Ms. Fairbanks was formerly employed by our previous Lobbyist, W. Shayne Woodard, with Waterloo Lobbyists and Advocacy, Inc. Moontower Public Affairs has been sending out weekly reports regarding 9-1-1 Bill Tracking with bills that might affect 9-1-1 directly or indirectly. The Alliance is still looking at filling a bill with a Wireless Fee increase this legislative session and will be looking at the Committee Assignment Chairpersons and members just appointed last week to determine who will sponsor our bill. There was discussion in regards to the HB2911/SB 8 NG9-1-1 Funding Implementation Process and Factors. The Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) has come up with recommendations in consultation with State of Texas Emergency Communications Advisory Committee (ECAC) for the proposed \$7,441,591.09 surplus for the 2nd round. CSEC will prioritize funding to entities that have Grant contracts with them. All interested 9-1-1 entities have until February 23, 2023 to apply for these funds. The Texas 9-1-1 Alliance has formally voted to develop a Job Description for a Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to be hired after the 2023 Texas Legislative Session(s) are over. A search committee has been tasked with a final job description and selection of qualified candidates. This job will be a combination of our existing Chief Executive Officer (Jim Goerke) and Director of Regulatory Affairs (Richard Muscat) who have committed to stay in their positions until then. Also there was

more discussion regarding Texas Education Agency (TEA) Rule in regards to Panic Buttons for schools. Once the final legislation is passed we will inform all PSAP's of what the outcome is in regards to PSAPs meeting all the legal requirements. Also, the Building Report as presented by Mr. Davila informed the Board that the generator will be shipped on March 17, 2023 and will be installed last week of March. This concludes my report. GIS Report was presented by Rafael Cruz (GIS Department), and the Public Education/ Training Report by Jose Garcia. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. AT&T Report

Mr. Moreno was not present. A motion to table was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion was carried unanimously.

Item 10. Board Committee

Mr. Aston commended the staff on their efforts to have continued trainings and taking into consideration shortages of telecommunicators and the continued effort to fill-up classes. Mr. Prado made a motion acknowledge this item. Seconded by Mr. Hoskins. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 11. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Pequeno informed the board that the RFP was issued and a preconference meeting will be held. RFP was emailed to all HGAC list of vendors. An addenda to the RFP will be posted and distributed with additional information for the RFP equipment and an extension to add an additional week or two. CSEC opened a supplemental application for second round grant funds, with a deadline of February 23, 2023. No other items were reported. A motion to acknowledge was made by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 12. Consideration and possible action on the approval of Cameron County Emergency Communication District's Revised Grant Application. An explanation of the revised grant which focuses on the ESINet and Call Handling Equipment was discussed with the Board. A motion to approve the revised grant application was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Garza. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 13. Consideration and possible action on the approval of Cameron County Emergency Communication District's Next Generation 9-1-1 Fund Grant Program *Supplemental* Grant Application Package (Second Round Allocations). Mr. Pequeno provided the Board with a review of the application and equipment and software upgrade that were included in the Supplemental package. A motion to approve the Supplemental Grant Application submitted to CSEC was made by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 14. Consideration and possible action on the appointment of ranking committee members for SB8-CSFRF-2 Solicitation for Competitive Proposals for Call Handling Equipment & Software Upgrade and setting a committee meeting to review

submitted proposals. Committee will consist of 5 people, Mr. Davila, Mrs. Chavez, Mr. Etheridge, Mr. Hoskins, whom have volunteered. The Executive Director was given approval for the possible 5th spot to be filled by a consultant. A motion to approve and appoint the committee as follows; Mr. Davila, Mrs. Chavez, Mr. Etheridge, Mr. Hoskins, and a Consultant was made by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 15. 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.

Item 16. Adjournment.
At 11:35 A.M., a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Etheridge. The motion carried unanimously.

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Approved this 15th day of March, 2023.

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

Approved: Bill Aston
Bill Aston, Vice President of the Board of Managers

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