

THE STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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COUNTY OF CAMERON       §

**CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY  
COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
May 17, 2023**

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, May 17, 2023.

Present:

Board Members: Mario Prado (President), Bill Aston (Vice-President), Charles Hoskins, Jr., and Gabriel Moreno  
Board Members Absent: Gabriel Garza and Henry Etheridge  
Executive Directors: J. Davila and A. Chavez  
Corporate Counsel: Juan M. Pequeno, Jr.  
Others: R. Cruz, J. Garcia, and E. Espitia (CCECD Staff)

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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 (3 of 5 quorum) by Mr. Davila, Mr. Pequeno confirmed that neither action nor motion was necessary. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 3.
  
- Item 3.           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 comments made, Mr. Prado closed the public comment section and no action was needed.
  
- Item 4.           Approval of April (19, 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. Seconded by Mr. Hoskins. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 5. Approval of Bills (& Cash Flow)

Mr. Davila presented the May Expense Report pertaining to regular monthly bills, after discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Hoskins to approve the said bills (& cash flow). Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. Financial Report (& Banking Report)

Mr. Davila provided an update on the financial banking report. Motion made by Mr. Aston 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 7. Executive Director's Report

Mr Davila provided the following Executive Directors Report: "Alma Linda Chavez and myself attended the Texas 911 Alliance Directors Meeting on May 3, 2023. Among the items discussed was Location Based Routing (LBR) which provides a better wireless phone location versus the current cell sector routing location being used. "Location-Based Routing" is "the use of information on the location of a device, including but not limited to device-based location information, to deliver 911 calls and texts to point(s) designated by the authorized local or state entity to receive wireless 911 calls and texts". All the major wireless carriers except for Verizon are currently providing or are in the process of providing LBR. Verizon is waiting on the FCC to require all major carriers to provide LBR and will provide LBR once FCC issues the LBR rule. The Senate (Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick) is unwilling to spend Rainy Day money this session. The Senate is focused on a possible appropriation in HB 1/state budget to cover the needed cost for 911 in the next biennium. The conference committee for HB 1 is in the final days of crafting the biennial budget. In its most current form, there is NO MONEY set aside for 9-1-1. Conferees are considering including money for 9-1-1 in Article IX and will decide on a final number. HB 3290 filed by Rep. Guillen/SB 1858 filed by Sen. Hancock, relating to the NG 9-1-1 service fund was filed. This is the Alliance's date extension bill. It would extend the deadline to spend the HB2911/SB 8 NG9-1-1 Grant Funding from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2026. Joe Garcia attended the Radio tabletop exercise held in Weslaco on May 2, 2023 at the LRGVDC facility. According to a preliminary email from Rene Perez, Program Supervisor for the Homeland Security & Criminal Justice of the LRGVDC-Public Safety Department, overall our Regional radio system is an excellent system as a whole. Harlan Squires, Radio Tabletop Exercise Facilitator, for Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) will be completing his assessment of the exercise and submit his final review of the exercise. We are in the process of training PSAP Supervisors on the use of our Laptops so they can be confident of using them when needed. We are also having a PSAP Supervisor's meeting tomorrow to go over the Agenda provided to you in your

packet of reports. Hurricane season is around the corner so we need to make sure we are prepared. Carr, Riggs, & Ingram has started our annual audit for the past year.

This concludes my report.” Safety measures (disinfecting) continue every day in our building. Also the Building Report as presented by Mr. Davila informed the Board that they continue to work on the generator and everything should be completed by the end-of-the-month. GIS Report was presented by Rafael Cruz (GIS Department), and the Public Education/ Training Report by Jose Garcia. Motion made by Mr. Prado to acknowledge the said Director’s Report as presented by Mr. Davila and the GIS Report and Public Education/Training Report. Seconded by Mr. Hoskins. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. AT&T Report

Mr. Moreno reported to the board that there are three items they are currently working on. First is the inventory of the laptop/command post, anticipates will be completed by next week. Second, hurricane preparedness, technicians will be performing preventive maintenance at each PSAP. EMS and CCSO are scheduled today. Four of the nine PSAPs are done. Third item, following-up with the requested star codes process. A motion to acknowledge was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Hoskins. The motion was carried unanimously.

Item 9. Board Committee

Mr. Aston commented that the District erected a Cameron County Memorial for the Fallen Public Safety Officers (2012 - DPS, Fire Fighters, Law Enforcement, & EMS) located at the Dancy Building was in dire need of restoration and if the district could find funds and for restoration of the monument. A motion to acknowledge was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Hoskins. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 10. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Pequeno provided additional information on HB 3290 filed by Rep. Guillen/SB 1858 filed by Sen. Hancock, relating to the NG 9-1-1 service fund that was filed. HB 3290 and HB 1858 is on the Governor’s desk and Governor has ten-days from this Friday to sign or veto the bill. This House/Senate Bill would extend the deadline to spend the HB2911/SB 8 NG9-1-1 Grant Funding from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2026. A motion to acknowledge was made by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. Hoskins. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 11.

Consideration and approval to transfer funds to the new bank account (approved 3/23/2022 in the amount of \$2,882,188.07 awarded for the ESINET) and to include Amendment No. 1, Commission of State Emergency Communications (CSEC) Texas 9-1-1 Entity Subrecipient Subaward Grant Contract adding\$2,393,448.49 in additional grant funds, as awarded by CSEC in response to the supplemental application submitted, and increasing the total account value to \$5,275,636.56, from Treasury Bills, which will be expended on the four subprojects of the contract. A motion to approve the transfer of CCECD funds that will be used to

fund the Federal Grant SB 1858 procurement, was made by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. Prado. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 12. Consideration and Approval for Directors' to attend NENA 2023 Conference in Grapevine, Texas on June 17-22, 2023. Mr. Davila also asked the Board of Director's if it was okay to move the June's Board Meeting to Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Prado. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 13. 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 14. Adjournment.  
At 10:34 A.M., a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Hoskins. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

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Approved this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

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

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

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