

THE STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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COUNTY OF CAMERON       §

**CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY  
COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
February 19, 2025**

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 19, 2025.

**Present:**

Board Members: Gabriel Garza, Albert De La Rosa, Jorge Martinez and Valentin Ramirez. The meeting was presided over by Gabriel Garza in the absence of the President and Vice-President.

Board Members Absent: Mario Prado (President) and Bill Aston (Vice-President)

Executive Directors: J. Davila and A. Chavez

Corporate Counsel: Juan M. Pequeno

Others: R. Cruz, J. Garcia, and A. Castillo (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. Garza 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. Then, the Board went to Item 3.
- Item 3.       Public Comment.  
Mr. Garza, Board Member 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. Garza closed the public comment section and no action was needed. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 4.
- Item 4.       Swearing-in (re-appointment) CCECD Board Member Gabriel Garza, City of Brownsville Fire Department pursuant to Tex. Const. Art. XVI § 1 (Vernon Supp. 2016) (Official Oath). Official Oath administered to Gabriel Garza to reappoint and reinstate board member, officiated by Alma Linda Chavez, a Notary of the State of Texas and

for CCECD. No additional action necessary.

- Item 5. Approval of January (15, 2025) Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Mr. De La Rosa to approve the said Regular Board Meeting Minutes as written. Seconded by Mr. Martinez. The motion carried unanimously. Signature will be obtained from Gabriel Garza, Member of the Board of Managers, and document to be forwarded to Valentin Ramirez, Secretary, for the same purpose.
- 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. Martinez to approve the said bills (& cash flow). Seconded by Mr. De La Rosa. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 7. Financial Report (& Banking Report)  
Mr. Davila provided an update on the financial banking reports. Motion made by Mr. Martinez to acknowledge the financial reports as presented. Seconded by Mr. De La Rosa. 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  
Mr. Davila reported as follows - Alma Linda Chavez and myself attended the Texas 9-1-1 Alliance Directors meeting held on February 5, 2025. Our Texas Alliance Attorneys, Mike Tomsu and Winston Skinner, discussed the General FCC update which pertained to requiring OSP's (Originating Service Providers) to provide better indoor location accuracy by including height (Z Axis) information in their ALI (Automatic Location Information) provided to all PSAP's. This would help in locating a 9-1-1 caller in a multi-story building to at least narrow down location to a floor and possibly office of a building. The Texas Alliance sent the following conclusion statement to the FCC. "Advancing the accuracy and reliability of caller and responder location systems is a critical step forward in public safety. The Texas 9-1-1 Alliance encourages the Commission to explore solutions that address the limitations of GPS, as proposed in this docket, and to consider the significant benefits of a robust and reliable terrestrial geolocation system for PSAPs and first responders. The Texas 9-1-1 Alliance appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments and applauds the Commission for its attention to this vital issue. The Texas 9-1-1 Alliance is happy to provide additional information or examples to support this effort." The 9-1-1 Goes-To-Austin event was held on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> this year. According to those in attendance representing the Texas 9-1-1 Alliance information about 9-1-1 and leave behind materials were left with local elected officials at the State Capitol. The Texas Alliance's law firm is working on another revision to policy based on new Chinese apps being added to the prohibited list by the State of Texas. We will present revision as an Agenda item to our Board of Directors in a future board meeting. Our all new Fiber 9-1-1 network implementation is ongoing and target date for completion and implementation of this AT&T Fiber network is still April 25, 2025. This concludes my report.

The GIS Report was presented by Rafael Cruz, the Public Education Report was presented by April Castillo, and Training Report by Joe Garcia. Motion was made by

Mr. Martinez to acknowledge the said Director's Report as presented by Mr. Davila, GIS, Public Education, and the Training Report. Seconded by Mr. De La Rosa. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. AT&T Report

Mr. Ramirez reported that the point-to-point fiber has been completed as of today (February 19). With nothing else to report, a motion to acknowledge was made by Mr. De La Rosa. Seconded by Mr. Martinez.

Item 10. Board Committee

No report. A motion to table was made Mr. Martinez. Seconded by Mr. De La Rosa. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 11. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Pequeno had nothing to report to the Board. A motion to acknowledge was made by Mr. Martinez. Seconded by Mr. De La Rosa. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 12. Consideration and Approval for Directors to attend 9-1-1 GTW on February 23 – February 26, 2025. A motion to approve was made by Mr. De La Rosa. Seconded by Mr. Martinez. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 13. Adjournment. At 10:33 A.M., a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. De La Rosa. Seconded by Mr. Martinez. The motion carried unanimously.

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Approved this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

Approved:



Mario M. Prado, President of the Board of Managers

Approved:



Bill Aston, Vice President of the Board of Managers

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