

THE STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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COUNTY OF CAMERON       §

**CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY  
COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 20, 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 Conference Room, located at 501 Camelot Drive, Harlingen, Texas, at 10:00 A.M., for a Meeting of the Board of Managers, on Wednesday, August 20, 2025.

**Present:**

Board Members: Mario Prado (President), Bill Aston (Vice-President), Albert De La Rosa, and Thomas Hushen

Non-Voting Member: Valentin Ramirez

Board Members Absent: Gabriel Garza

Executive Directors: J. Davila (A. Chavez Absent)

Corporate Counsel: Ivan Perez

Others: J. Barrientos (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 (4 of 5 quorum) by Mr. Davila, the Board went to Item 3.
- Item 3.       Public Comment.  
              Mr. Prado, President of the Board Members, 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. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 4.
- Item 4.       Approval of July (16, 2025) Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Mr. Aston to approve the said Regular Board Meeting Minutes as written. Seconded by Mr. Hushen. The motion carried unanimously. Signature was obtained from Mr. Prado, President, and Mr. Ramirez, Secretary.

Item 5. Approval of Bills (& Cash Flow)

Mr. Davila presented the August Expense Report pertaining to regular monthly bills. After a discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Mr. De La Rosa to approve the said bills (& cash flow). Seconded by Mr. Hushen. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 6. Financial & Banking Reports

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

Alma Linda Chavez and myself attended the Texas 9-1-1 Alliance Directors meeting on Wednesday, August 6, 2025 in Dallas, Texas. Discussed was the possibility of the FCC getting involved with a National Alerting System of some kind. Our President for the Texas 9-1-1 Alliance, Patrick Corley, attended the Texas Special Districts Coalition meeting. He stated that the meeting was a meet and greet type event so they could explain what the organization was doing at the national level. He said that at this time as far as he was concerned it would be a "wait and see" how many Special Districts in Texas would join and not something that we need to join at this time. We also attended a meeting on Wednesday, August 13, 2025 held by the Cameron County Sheriff's Office to get everyone's agreement in regards to Fire Department coverage for the City of Primera. EMS information was also discussed in this meeting. Attendee's for this meeting included Primera City Manager, Celina Gonzales, Police Chief, James Harris and other representatives from the City of Primera, Harlingen Fire Department Chief Balderas and two Assistant Fire Chiefs, Bill Aston and his personnel from STEC, myself and Alma Linda Chavez, and Sheriff Trevino and Chief of Communications, Jorge Martinez, and staff member Aurora Vera. An agreement was reached that the City of Harlingen Fire Department would honor their contract until September 30, 2025 when their contract with the City of Primera expires. Fire Department dispatch for the City of Primera would be worked out with the Cameron County Sheriff's Department. Our District's involvement would be to update the Cameron County Sheriff's Department dispatch map when we are provided that information by the Cameron County Sheriff's Department. Also brought up by City of Primera was their request for a PSAP and City Manager stated she could not find information that was provided to Chief Harris concerning the minimum 85 calls per day dialed direct to 9-1-1 guidelines for establishing a new PSAP. She had been copied on the email to Chief Harris and also on the response from CSEC stating that our Board was who they had to contact as the Board is the only one that has the authority to take any action in regards to PSAPs in Cameron County. After our meeting, I did directly email Primera City Manager, Celina Gonzales, with the CSEC guidelines from the CSEC website and asked her to contact me directly if she had any questions regarding information I sent her. So far she has not contacted me. This concludes my report.

The GIS, Public Education, and Training reports were distributed to the board members for review. Motion was made by Mr. Aston to acknowledge the Director's, GIS, Public Education, and Training reports. Seconded by Mr. De La Rosa. The motion

carried unanimously.

Item 8. AT&T Report

Mr. Ramirez reported that La Feria Police Department experienced issues with Verizon, regarding addressing. When receiving calls, the address was not appearing. However, this issue was resolved. Mr. Ramirez also reported that UPS maintenance routines have been completed for hurricane season. A motion was made by Mr. De La Rosa to acknowledge the AT&T report. Seconded by Mr. Hushen. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. Board Committee

The Board had questions for Mr. Perez regarding public access, and it was made clear that the CCECD staff will direct the public to the meeting if anyone wished to attend. A motion to acknowledge was made by Mr. De La Rosa. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 10. Legal Counsel Report

Mr. Perez informed the board that Mr. Pequeno will have updates on legislative changes to the Texas Open Meeting Act. It was proposed under House Bill 1522, that notices must be posted three business days before the meeting, instead of 72 hours. A motion to acknowledge was made by Mr. De La Rosa. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 11. Adjournment. At 10:28 A.M., a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. De La Rosa. Seconded by Mr. Hushen. The motion carried unanimously.

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Approved this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 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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