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**CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 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, September 17, 2025.

Present:

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

Non-Voting Member: Valentin Ramirez (Absent)

Board Members Absent: Gabriel Garza

Executive Directors: J. Davila, A. Chavez

Corporate Counsel: Juan M. Pequeno

Others: R. Cruz, A. Castillo, J. Garcia, and J. Barrientos (CCECD Staff)

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. At 10:58, during item 7, Board Member Thomas Hushen left the meeting and did not return.
- 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 13.
- Item 4. Approval of August (20, 2025) Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Mr. Aston to approve the said Regular Board Meeting Minutes as written. Seconded by Mr. De La Rosa. The motion carried unanimously. Signature was obtained from Mr.

Prado, President, and Mr. Bill Aston, Vice President.

Item 5. Approval of Bills (& Cash Flow)

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

Item 6. Financial & Banking Reports

Mr. Davila provided an update on the financial and banking reports. Motion made by Mr. De La Rosa to acknowledge the financial reports as presented. Seconded by Mr. Hushen. 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 Operations and Directors meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 2nd and 3rd, 2025 held in Houston, Texas.

Some of the items discussed were a Mental Wellness Study for telecommunicators commissioned by Bexar Metro District for their telecommunicators. Confidential results were shared with us. We also had a presentation by Raptor Technologies who is a Panic Button/school alerting Vendor. After their presentation we made contact with one of their representatives to discuss how we can integrate their system installed at the La Feria ISD campus and the La Feria PD PSAP. We had visited with Chief Romero from the La Feria ISD PD during the summer months and are still trying to facilitate a meeting between Raptor Technologies and the PD's for both the school District and local PD. Rerouting of 9-1-1 calls to another 9-1-1 authority was also discussed. We need to keep in mind that the reroutes have to be discussed in advance to make sure any calls that need to be sent back to original PSAP's can get transferred back with confirmation from original PSAP that they received it. Also staffing of 9-1-1 authority where calls are rerouted too also has to be taken into account plus numerous other factors have to also be considered. The subject of 9-1-1 Call Handling Equipment (CHE) being on premise vs on the Cloud was discussed. The general consensus is that it is too early to go to the Cloud on CHE but some applications like Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) or Maps might be placed in the Cloud as a step in seeing how dependable the Cloud is and what challenges are faced putting apps in the Cloud.

During the Director's meeting HB 1522, the meeting notices and budget posting legislation, was discussed. We will be posting our monthly agenda's on the Thursday before the following week's meeting on Wednesday to adhere to the three business days before scheduled meeting legislation. Also HB 1522 requires that you include a taxpayer impact statement in any meeting notice in which you discuss or consider adoption of a proposed budget. Although it was probably never meant to apply to Emergency Communication Districts (ECD's) since we don't have ad valorem taxing authority, here is the proposed language we should include in our meeting notice per our 9-1-1 Alliance Attorneys.

"Taxpayer Impact Statement: Because the District has no ad valorem taxing authority, any action taken regarding adoption of the proposed budget for the District will have no impact on the property tax bill for any person within the

geographic jurisdiction of the District.”

HB 13 regarding the formation of the Texas Interoperability Council was not passed. Aimed at improving the interoperability of emergency communication systems across the state. The council’s core responsibility was to develop and coordinate a statewide strategic plan for ensuring that emergency communication equipment and infrastructure used by first responders can effectively operate together during crises. This new governmental body was proposed to be under the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM).

Our District is also looking at implementing a FirstNet Wireless backup to our 2 fiber networks (AT&T & Smartcomm) for additional redundancy to the 9-1-1 network. I am getting AT&T to do a preliminary site survey the week of October 6, 2025 at each PSAP to get the final quote on this Wireless Backup network. The only equipment needed to add the wireless network is an external roof mounted antenna and Category 6 cable run to our existing 9-1-1 routers in place already at each PSAP. This concludes my report.

The GIS report was presented by Rafael Cruz, the Public Education report was presented by April Castillo, and the Training report was presented by Joe Garcia. Motion was made by Mr. De La Rosa to acknowledge the Director’s, GIS, Public Education, and Training reports. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

- Item 8. AT&T Report
Mr. Ramirez was absent. A motion to table was made by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. De La Rosa. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 9. Board Committee
No report. No action required. Thereafter, the Board went to item 10.
- Item 10. Legal Counsel Report
No report. No action required.
- Item 11. Consideration and Acknowledgement of Presentation by Ronnie Tavarez, Wealth Advisor Investment Management with Frost Brokerage Services. After a discussion by the Board, a motion to acknowledge was made by Mr. Hushen. Seconded by Mr. De La Rosa. The motion carried unanimously. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 4.
- Item 12. Consideration and possible action on the Annual Review of the Investment Policy for the CCECD District. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. De La Rosa. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 13. Consideration and possible action to approve renewal of a Depository Agreement between Cameron County Emergency Communication District and Frost Bank to comply with the collateralization of funds in deposit, which expires October 1, 2025. A presentation for collateralization services was held by Mickey Boland and Melissa Salmeron from Frost Bank. This presentation outlined how the districts funds are protected under the agreement. After addressing questions from the Board, a motion


to approve was made by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. De La Rosa. The motion carried unanimously. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 11.

- Item 14. Consideration and Approval of the 2026 Holiday Schedule for the CCECD Office. A motion to approve was made by Mr. De La Rosa. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 15. Consideration and possible action on the Annual Review of the Surplus and Salvage Property Policies and Procedures (Disposal of Property) for the CCECD District. After a brief discussion about items that had been in auction and how certain items are disposed of, a motion to approve was made by Mr. Aston. Seconded by Mr. De La Rosa. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 16. Consideration and possible action on CCECD to obtain Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunication Systems (TLETS) Certification, and Resolution 2025-03, to designate Cameron County Emergency Communication District as a Back-up PSAP, in the event of an emergency, to adhere with Federal and State compliance in the Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunication (TLET) Network System requirements. Legal counsel explained the need to designate CCECD as the primary backup for purposes of TLETS certification, and the purpose of the resolution. A motion was then made to approve the resolution and backup designation by Mr. De La Rosa. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 17. Adjournment. At 11:17 A.M., a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. De La Rosa. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

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Approved this 15th day of October, 2025

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

Approved: 
Valentin Ramirez, Secretary of the Board of Managers

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