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**CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 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 Conference Room, located at 501 Camelot Drive, Harlingen, Texas, at 10:00 A.M., for a Meeting of the Board of Managers, on Wednesday, November 19, 2025.

Present:

Board Members: Mario Prado (President), Bill Aston (Vice-President), Albert De La Rosa, Thomas Hushen and Gabriel Garza
Non-Voting Member: Valentin Ramirez
Board Members Absent: None
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 (5 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. Juan Rodriguez, Assistant Police Chief of Los Fresnos, expressed the agency's interest in joining the district's Board of Managers. Assistant Chief Rodriguez hoped it was not too late to be considered and to participate in the selection process. With no other comments made, Mr. Prado closed the public comment section.
- Item 4. Approval of October (15, 2025) Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Mr. Hushen to approve the said Regular Board Meeting Minutes as written. Seconded by

Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously. Signature was obtained from Mr. Prado, President, and Valentin Ramirez, Secretary.

Item 5. Approval of Bills (& Cash Flow)

Mr. Davila presented the November Expense Report pertaining to regular monthly bills. After a discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Aston 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, banking reports. Motion made by Mr. De La Rosa to acknowledge the financial reports as presented. Seconded by Mr. Garza. 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 meetings on Wednesday, November 5, 2025 in Austin, Texas. The Alliance met in Austin so we could attend the retirement party for our Texas Alliance 9-1-1 Attorney, Mike Tomsu, from the law firm of Vinson and Elkins. We will sorely miss Mr. Tomsu's legal expertise but fortunately for us he has been grooming Winston Skinner, an attorney from his law firm, who has attended our regular monthly Alliance meetings for a year already. Alma, Jenny, and myself attended the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) Public Funds Investment Conference held in Houston. This Conference covers the Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA) requirements and reviews the required investment reports that meet the compliance standards under the PFIA. As a District, we have to adhere to these standard and reports. We had great speakers like Dr. Ray Perryman, President/CEO, The Perryman Group and Dr. William Chittenden, Ph.D, CTP, President & CEO, Southwestern Graduate School of Banking. Dr. Perryman offered a session on the current state of the Texas economy and factors influencing future growth. Dr. Chittenden's session explained how interest rates shape the economy, how Federal Reserve sets interest rates, and the direct impact they have on borrowing, saving, and the broader economy. One thing that both all speakers that presented at the conference emphasized was that any Tariff is a tax paid by the importer of goods into the United States. It is passed on to the American consumer in the form of higher prices. AT&T has shipped all the FirstNet Wireless equipment to our office for the additional redundancy to the 9-1-1 network. AT&T will schedule installation in the coming weeks. We are also waiting for Frontier's installation of their new 9-1-1 circuits at the La Feria Police Department. The La Feria PD has asked to move our 9-1-1 equipment to a new IT room within their existing building. 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. Garza. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. AT&T Report

Mr. Ramirez reported two incidents to the board, neither of which affected any 9-1-1 calls. First, Cameron County experienced a fiber cut, however SmartCom was activated. Secondly, Brownsville PD encountered an issue with SmartCom, but this was resolved. In addition, maintenance to all the sites has been completed. A motion to acknowledge was made by Mr. De La Rosa. Seconded by Mr. Garza. 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. Thereafter, the Board went to item 11.

Item 11.

Consideration and possible action to appoint a board member to the CCECD Board position representing “other municipalities located in the district” for a two (2) year term, to commence on January 1, 2026, as provided in the Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. § 772.306(b)(4) & (e). Mr. Pequeno provided an explanation on the appointment of members of the board. The appointment is based on the current population, which consists of two appointments from the largest municipality, Brownsville, one appointment from the second largest municipality, Harlingen, and one member appointed by the County Commissioners Court. The fifth position is an “At Large” position that is made by the board. After some discussion on whether all municipalities within the district received notice, a motion was made by Mr. Hushen to table this item, in order to notify all cities. A second was made by Mr. De La Rosa. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 12.

Consideration and Approval to amend the 2026 Operational Budget. After a discussion of the amendment to the budget, a motion was made by Mr. Aston to approve of the amended 2026 Operational Budget. A second was made by Mr. Garza. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 13.

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

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Approved this 17th day of December, 2025

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

Approved: Valentin Ramirez, Secretary of the Board of Managers

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