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

Present:

Board Members: Mario Prado (President), Bill Aston (Vice-President), Albert De La Rosa, and Gabriel Garza
Non-Voting Member: Valentin Ramirez
Board Members Absent: Thomas Hushen
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, with board member Gabriel Garza joining the meeting at 10:12 a.m.) 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. With no other comments made, Mr. Prado closed the public comment section.

- Item 4. Approval of November (19, 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. 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 December Expense Report pertaining to regular monthly bills. After a discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Aston to approve 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. 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 Operations meeting and Directors meeting on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 2nd and 3rd, 2025 in Houston, Texas. We had a presentation by Peregrine Technologies, a firm that takes archived and current data from data systems like Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Record Management Systems (RMS) and converts it into one data system, that is accessible and usable and combines the different system passwords into one usable password for these combined systems. We also had presentations on a Regional Resiliency Assessment Program, Cyber Attacks Exercise, and PEN Testing on 9-1-1 Networks. PEN testing is a proactive cybersecurity technique used by ethical hackers to identify and mitigate vulnerabilities in systems, networks, or applications by simulating cyberattacks. PEN testing helps organizations manage Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) compliance and understand evolving threats. From a physical security stand point it was pointed out that even though you have backup generators, building security, and other security measures something as simple as putting padlocks on your building's outside electrical circuit breaker boxes is many times overlooked as are other common sense precautions to take regarding your facilities. Our building's outside main circuit breaker has a padlock on it and AEP has a lock on their main electrical junction box on our premise.
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 having dropped off requested handsets and cords to Brownsville PD. A motion to acknowledge 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. Thereafter, the Board went to item 11.

Item 11. Presentation of the Telecommunicator of the Year Awards, after the conclusion of this meeting (at which time, no action will be taken, other than completion of the meeting "minutes"). A motion was made at 10:38 A.M. by Mr. Aston to leave the meeting open until the conclusion of the Awards Banquet. The motion was seconded by Mr. De La Rosa. The presentation was made for the Telecommunicator of the Year and awards were handed out to the recipients. No action was taken by the Board. At 12:49 p.m., the Board reconvened and continued to item 12.

Item 12. Adjournment. At 12:50 P.M., 4 of the 5 board members reconvened and a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Garza. Seconded by Mr. Aston. The motion carried unanimously.

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Approved this 21st day of January, 2026.

Approved:



Member of the Board of Managers

Approved:



Secretary of the Board of Managers

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