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**CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 17, 2026**

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, June 17, 2026.

Present:

Board Members: Thomas Hushen, Daniel Marchan, Alfredo Alvear, and Valentin Ramirez.
Board Members Absent: Gabriel Garza and Albert De La Rosa
Executive Directors: J. Davila and A. Chavez
Corporate Counsel: Juan M. Pequeno, Jr.
Others: J. Garcia, M. Torres, and A. Castillo (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. Hushen at 10:04 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, the Board went to Item 3.
- Item 3. Public Comment.
 Mr. Hushen, 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. Hushen closed the public comment section and no action was needed. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 4.
- Item 4. Approval of May (20, 2026) Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Mr. Alvear to approve the said Regular Board Meeting Minutes as written. Seconded by Mr. Marchan. The motion carried unanimously. Signature will be obtained from Thomas Hushen, President of the Board of Managers, and Valentin Ramirez, Secretary.

- Item 5. Approval of Bills (& Cash Flow)
Mr. Davila presented the June Expense Report pertaining to regular monthly bills, after discussion by the Board; a motion was made by Mr. Marchan to approve the said bills (& cash flow). Seconded by Mr. Alvear. The motion carried unanimously.
- Item 6. Financial Report (& Banking Report)
Mr. Davila provided an update on the financial banking reports. Motion made by Mr. Alvear to acknowledge the financial reports as presented. Seconded by Mr. Marchan. 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 Alliance Monthly meeting in Fort Worth, Texas on June 2nd and 3rd, 2026, held at the Tarrant County Emergency Communication District's new office building. All attendees were given a guided tour of their brand-new three-story complex. During the Operations Meeting (OPS) we had a presentation by Motorola on their new product acquisitions that are intended to off load non-emergency calls for Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP's). We requested that upper-level management (decision makers) at Motorola meet with us at the National Emergency Number Association (NENA), to be held in Columbus, Ohio from June 28 through July 2, 2026, so we could air our grievances and complaints about Motorola products directly to the Executive level. Motorola keeps acquiring different companies to react to the ever-changing competitive environment of 9-1-1 but fails to make sure their products are compatible with each other as they acquire them. Consequently, you buy a newly acquired 9-1-1 product from them and it does not work seamlessly with their Motorola Vesta Call Handling Equipment (CHE) or other solutions they have sold to you previously. We were also made aware of Jamming which is defined as a disruption or failure of wireless communications by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). We were given several Federal government telephone numbers to call if jamming was suspected. I have attached a copy of the double-sided handout we were given at the meeting for our Board members to review and take with them. There was also discussion of experiences of some Districts that are looking at Cloud based solutions instead of having Call Handling Equipment (CHE) on premise. The Cloud refers to software and data that run on the internet instead of your own computer's hard drive. It lets you access your files and apps from any device, anywhere, as long as you have an internet connection. Companies like Amazon Web Services and Microsoft Azure provide Cloud services. The consensus at this time is that no District is willing to put the CHE and associated 9-1-1 functions in the Cloud. However, there was an indication by the El Paso County 9-1-1 District that they intend to go to the Cloud by the end of 2027. There was also a report by one of the District's Director's that attended an International Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Conference. Only four companies were represented at this conference. Motorola, Tyler Technologies, Central Square, and Hexagon. At this point in time none of these companies are able to electronically exchange information between their systems nor are there any indications of them looking at this exchange of information. However, please note that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) states that new advances in technology have transformed challenges into opportunities and the Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Directorate (S&T)

recognizes the national need for interoperability and is providing leadership to develop a viable solution. The objective is to achieve a resilient public safety CAD-to-CAD ecosystem that is efficient, interoperable, and supports multi-discipline response to regional, multistate, and national events. We also revisited the School Panic Button issue and found that the Texas Education Agency (TEA) is putting out all these rules that school districts are supposed to follow and the rules don't state specifically to dial 9-1-1 direct so every school district does their own thing when it comes to Panic Button programming and whatever the Panic Button vendor suggests they do. FIFA was also discussed but that mainly affects the World Cup cities and surrounding PSAP areas. Last Wednesday, I was invited to attend a Cameron County meeting at the San Benito Annex to discuss what I was told was a geographical boundary issue on a property to determine if it was in San Benito City limits or in Cameron County rural area. It turns out that was not the case. The claim was that the District's GIS Department had issued an address that was incorrect. The District did issue the correct address for the parcel of land based on NENA 9-1-1 addressing standards and that the property owner chose to add A, B, C to the address that was issued to him, it was not the District's doing. The District only requires any owner of a property to present the property deed and Cameron County Appraisal District's Geographic ID number to issue a 9-1-1 address. The District is not involved in what is built on the property nor has any property inspection requirements nor jurisdiction. One of the items that we were reminded to fill out and return to the Texas Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) was the annual FCC 9-1-1 Fee Collection and Use Questionnaire for 2025. This FCC Questionnaire includes Description of uses of Collected 9-1-1 Fees. It also specifically asks how Grant Programs and SB8 Coronavirus funds were spent and the specific breakdown. The allowed list for 9-1-1 funds are Implementation of Next Generation Core Services (NGCS) ESINET Services, 9-1-1 Call Handling Equipment (CHE), systems and applications, Geographical Information Systems, Cybersecurity, and one-time setup fees. During the 2020-2021 timeframe the FCC commissioned a study on 9-1-1 Fee Diversion. 9-1-1 Fees were being diverted for Radios, Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), Recorders, etc. in some states that the FCC did not consider appropriate use of 9-1-1 fees. In Texas, the three different 9-1-1 entities consisting of Emergency Communications Districts, Municipal Communications Districts, and the Regional Planning Commissions (RPC) that run Texas 9-1-1 programs under the direct supervision of CSEC do not divert 9-1-1 funds for Radios nor CAD. Consequently, the FCC does not consider the State of Texas as one of the states that diverts 9-1-1 funds and keeps all 9-1-1 entities in Texas eligible for all Grant money. The District with the help of our Attorney, Juan Pequeno, completed and sent to CSEC a required Desk Review on CSEC Grant Funds with supporting documentation by the June 10, 2026 deadline. We received an email request for 9-1-1 Public Education materials from an Insurance company stating that they are having a Hurricane Preparedness Meeting. The District does not hand out 9-1-1 Public Education material to any private companies and the District's criteria has always been to do 9-1-1 presentations / 9-1-1 Public Education materials to School Districts, 9-1-1 Public Safety entities (Law Enforcement, Fire Departments, and Emergency Medical Companies), governmental agencies (health clinics, etc.), and non-profits (Boy's Club, etc.) We will provide 9-1-1 Code Red Sign-up Cards for this event. As a point of reference, the Employee Handbook was prepared by Ivan Perez and Juan Pequeno, our current attorneys,

under the offices of Jones, Galligan, Key & Lozano, L.L.P. in August, 2022. Input and approval was voted on by the then current Board Members. As a reminder, the District is inviting two Telecommunicators from each PSAP to attend the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO) National Conference to be held in San Antonio, Texas. The dates are from August 1-5, 2026. The District will pay the per diem, round trip travel mileage for one vehicle per PSAP, and Hotel room for each Telecommunicator attending this National Conference. This concludes my report.

The GIS Report was presented by Michael Torres, the Public Education Report was presented by April Castillo, and Jose Garcia presented the Training report. Motion was made by Mr. Marchan to acknowledge the said Director's Report as presented by Mr. Davila, GIS, Public Education, and the Training Report. Seconded by Mr. Alvear. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. AT&T Report

Mr. Ramirez reported two issues; one added two new users for the Harlingen Police Department and install FirstNet wireless throughout the PSAPs has been completed. La Feria has SmartCom Fiber with as a primary with FirstNet wireless as a secondary. All the other PSAPS have AT&T Fiber, SmartCom Fiber, and FirstNet wireless. This will be a big advantage to all PSAPs. This was test and it worked perfectly at all sites. Motion was made by Mr. Marchan to acknowledge the AT&T Report. Seconded by Mr. Alvear. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. Board Committee

Mr. Hushen suggested to look into partnering with Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication District 911 and LRGVDC Homeland Security Division to participate in the RGV Public Safety & Emergency Communication Conference (PSECC) scheduled in October 14th through 16th in South Padre Island Convention Center. Mr. Pequeno was asked to look at sponsoring the event for the dispatchers, since it is a great training opportunity for them. A motion to acknowledge the board committee report was made by Mr. Marchan. Seconded by Mr. Alvear. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 10. Consideration and Approval to reschedule the July Board of Manager's meeting from July 15, 2026 to July 22, 2026. After a brief board member discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Alvear to approve of the rescheduling of the July Board of Manager's meeting, to be held on Monday, July 6, 2026. Seconded by Mr. Marchan. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 11. Consideration and Approval of the Rules of Governance, Resolution 2025-02, for the Cameron County Emergency Communication District Board, and any amendments thereto. A motion to move this item to executive session was made by Tom Hushen approved by Mr. Alvear. Seconded by Marchan. The motion carried unanimously.

Closed Meeting for Discussion of any item on the agenda as may be permitted by Subchapter D of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

a. Consultation with legal counsel and board of Managers regarding Item 11 Rules

of Governance, Resolution 2025-02 (TX. GOV'T CODE 551.071, 551.074). Action to be taken, if any, in Open meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Marchan to go into executive session. Seconded by Mr. Alvear. The motion carried unanimously. At 11:14 a.m., the Board went into closed session. The Board reconvened at 11:45 a.m. No action was taken in closed session.

Open Meeting:

b. Possible action on Closed Meeting Items.

The Board went back to Item 11. A motion was made by Mr. Marchan to approve the Amended Rules of Governance being proposed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Alvear. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 12. Adjournment. At 11:45 a.m., a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Marchan to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Alvear. The motion carried unanimously.

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Approved this 6th day of July 2026.

Approved:



Thomas Hushen, President of the Board of Managers

Approved:



Valentin Ramirez, Secretary of the Board of Managers

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