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CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 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, August 19, 2026.

Present:

Board Members: Thomas Hushen, Daniel Marchan, Alfredo Alvear, Albert De La Rosa, Ismael Gamboa and Valentin Ramirez.
Board Members Absent: None
Executive Directors: J. Davila and A. Chavez
Corporate Counsel: Juan M. Pequeno, Jr.
Others: J. Garcia, M. Rodriguez, 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 10:00 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. Hushen, President of the Board Members, opened public comment on any agenda item to anyone attending the meeting by approaching the podium. James Harris, Primera Police Department, presented an overview of their emergency services. Ric Godinez addressed the board members stating that he is the attorney for Joel Davila, Executive Director to address items related to his employment in executive session. After his conversation with the District's attorney, Item 14.b. would be tabled. Michael Torres, CCECD GIS staff addressed the board members in regards to a document entitled "Workplace Incident Harassment, dated August 19, 2026". After handing out a printed copy of the report to each board member, Mr. Torres continued to read the report. No additional comments were made, Mr.

Hushen closed the public comment section and no action was needed. Thereafter, the Board went to Item 4.

Item 4. Swearing-in of CCECD Board Member Ismael Gamboa, Jr., representing the City of Brownsville, pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code §772.306(b) (2) (members appointed by most populous municipality in the district), and administration of oath pursuant to Tex. Const. Art. XVI, § 1 (Vernon Supp. 2016) (Official Oath). No action or motion was necessary for this item. Thereafter, the Board went to the next Item.

Item 5. Approval of July (6, 2026) Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Mr. De La Rosa 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 6. Approval of Bills (& Cash Flow)
Mr. Davila presented the August Expense Report pertaining to regular monthly bills. After discussion by the Board, a motion was made by Mr. De La Rosa to approve said bills (& cash flow). Seconded by Mr. Marchan. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 7. Financial Report (& Banking Report)
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. Marchan. The motion carried unanimously. (The amounts of these reports were presented at the CCECD Board Meeting as with previous meetings.)

Item 8. Executive Director's Report
Alma Linda Chavez and myself attended the ESRI (Environmental Systems Research Institute) Conference in San Diego, California the week of July 12, 2026. There we attended ESRI sessions that pertained to our GIS Department. We also met one on one with ROK Technologies, who is our ESRI partner and customized a plan implementing a solution to include posting our GIS map online so the general public and other GIS requests for information will be available on our website. We also attended ESRI sessions that discussed Standardized Addressing with Next Generation 9-1-1. The recommendation is to conform to the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) NG9-1-1 GIS Data Model which is what we implemented when our District migrated to Next Generation Communication System and the ESINET a couple of years back. Per ESRI, "A 9-1-1 validated address is the highest quality address there is. It has to be right because lives depend on it." We also attended the APCO National Conference in San Antonio from August 1 through August 5, 2026. We had a total of 10 telecommunicators from the Brownsville Police Department, Cameron County Sheriff's Office, Harlingen Police Department and Harlingen Police Chief Alfredo Alvear attend the conference. Valentin Ramirez, Joe Garcia, Alma Chavez, and myself also attended the Conference. While at the Conference we met with RapidSOS representative, Mason McCrohan, and asked for him to conduct a refresher training session for our PSAP supervisors for the RapidSOS apps that are free to the PSAP plus any of the apps that a PSAP can purchase. RapidSOS's free app works with most Panic Button vendors that our District promoted for School Districts to partner with when they have a 9-1-1 call. We forwarded an email to Mason from

LRGVDC promoting their RGV Public Safety & Emergency Communication Conference (PSECC) at South Padre Island about RapidSOS possibly sponsoring or being an exhibitor at the PSECC. Another vendor at the Conference, GovWorx, also received the information in an email from Alma to their representatives, Priscilla Sarabia, and Kayla Butler about their company possibly sponsoring or being an exhibitor at the PSECC. GovWorx offers telecommunicator testing and training modules. We will be coordinating a demo of their product in the coming months. On Wednesday, August 5, 2026 Alma and I attended the Texas 9-1-1 Alliance meeting which was also held at the Conference site. On Thursday we picked up our 5 Command Post cases and transported them back to our office. We are also in the preliminary stages of discussion with Bexar Metro 9-1-1 about them being a backup site for receiving our District's 9-1-1 calls in case of a catastrophic failure of our 9-1-1 network and also a simultaneous failure of RGV 9-1-1's network. As of July 31, 2026 all our personnel completed the annual Cybersecurity training that the State of Texas DIR requires. This concludes my report.

The GIS Report was presented by Marissa Rodriguez, the Public Education Report was presented by April Castillo, and Jose Garcia presented the Training report. Motion was made by Mr. Alvear to acknowledge the said Director's Report as presented by Mr. Davila, GIS, Public Education, and the Training Reports. Seconded by Mr. De La Rosa. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. AT&T Report

Mr. Ramirez reported to the Board that the certificates to the ESINET and Texting expiring August 14th have been completed and installed. Motion was made by Mr. De La Rosa to acknowledge the AT&T Report. Seconded by Mr. Marchan. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 10. Board Committee by Mr. Hushen stated that he had used the 9-1-1 services in Brownsville, the dispatchers were excellent, and received a survey for the service he had received. No action or motion was necessary for this item. Thereafter, the Board went to the next Item.

Item 11. Consideration and possible action to approve the Master Use Agreement for the Cameron County Emergency Communication District (CCECD) Emergency Warning Notification System, allowing for all PSAPs to utilize and initiate warning notifications using the Early Warning Notification System (EWNS) (OnSolve CodeRED by Crisis 24) for a one-year contract emergency warning subscription service. After a brief board member discussion, Mr. De La Rosa made a motion to approve the Master Use Agreement for the period of September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027. Seconded by Mr. Marchan. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 12. Consideration and possible action to approve a one-time sponsorship to the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (LRGVDC) Homeland Security Division and Rio Grande Valley Emergency Communication Conference (PSECC) schedule on October 14th through 16th, which will be held in South Padre Island Convention Center. After a brief board member discussion of the memorandum prepared by legal counsel, and a discussion of the public purpose served and the benefit obtained by CCECD from a sponsorship, an agreed sponsorship in the amount of $2,500 was approved by board of managers, a motion was made by Mr. Alvear to approve the sponsorship to LRGVDC in the amount of $2,500.00. Seconded by Mr. De La Rosa. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 13. Consideration and possible action to approve the Revised Employee Handbook for the CCECD District. After returning from executive session and a brief board member discussion, a motion to table was made by Mr. De La Rosa. Seconded by Mr. Marchan. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 14. 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 13 the CCECD Employee Handbook (TX. GOV'T CODE 551.071, 551.074). Action to be taken, if any, in Open meeting. A motion at 10:52 AM was made by Mr. Marchan to go into executive session. Seconded by Mr. De La Rosa. The motion carried unanimously. At 10:52 A.M., the Board went into closed session. At 11:34 A.M. Mr. Alvear left the closed session and did not return for the conclusion of the meeting. The board reconvened at 12:09 P.M. No action was taken in closed session.

b. Consultation with legal counsel regarding the Executive Director (TX. GOV'T CODE 551.071). Action to be taken, if any, in Open Meeting. The district's attorney recommended to the Board of Managers that this item be tabled. As a result, this item was tabled, and no action was taken nor was there any discussion in closed session on this item.

Item 15. Open Meeting:

c. Possible action on Closed Meeting Items.
There was no action taken on the closed meeting items. After reconvening in open, the Board then went back to Item 13 and that item was tabled as noted in the minutes for Item 13.

Item 16. Adjournment. At 12:09 P.M., a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. De La Rosa to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Marchan. The motion carried unanimously.

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Approved this 16th day of September 2026.

Approved: ______________________________
Thomas Hushen, President of the Board of Managers

Approved: ______________________________
Valentin Ramirez, Secretary of the Board of Managers

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