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CAMERON COUNTY EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 21, 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, October 21, 2026.

Present:

Board Members: Thomas Hushen, Daniel Marchan, Alfredo Alvear, Albert De La Rosa, Ismael Gamboa, and Valentin Ramirez.
Board Members Absent:
Executive Directors: J. Davila and A. Chavez
Corporate Counsel: Juan M. Pequeno, Jr.
Others: M. Rodriguez, A. Castillo, J. Garcia, and M. Boswell (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. There were no public comments. With no public comments, Mr. Hushen closed the public comment section and thereafter the Board went to Item 10.

Item 4. Approval of September (16, 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 5. Approval of Bills (& Cash Flow)

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

Item 6. 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 7. Executive Director's Report

Our GIS Department has completed their online Map project and it is now on our Web Page. This online Map will allow the general public and any other entity that needs a copy of Cameron County 9-1-1 Map or related Map information to get it off the Web without having to request Map information via the Texas Public Information Act form as had been done before saving both the Public and our GIS employees time. Our GIS Department is also going to visit all the small cities and towns that we provide addresses to with a USB drive that the City can load on their computers to look at their city's map. The USB will contain instructions on how to access the map plus our staff will also print a leave behind guide with written instructions to ensure that they utilize our maps to their fullest. As always, our GIS personnel are available to help all 9-1-1 entities in Cameron County in issuing NENA Standards 9-1-1 addresses. Over and above this, we are printing QR Codes cards to leave at the Cameron County Appraisal District so any new property owner that needs a new 9-1-1 address or a re-issued 9-1-1 address can obtain it on-line. We are also targeting all small cities and the Cameron County Clerk's offices to display the QR Code for obtaining 9-1-1 addresses. We had **3,000** more CodeRed Register Today Cards printed and will inform PSAP supervisors of availability of these cards. We have received six of the CodeRed addendums signed back which allows all PSAP's to launch their own CodeRed Emergency message. We are still waiting for the other PSAP's to return their signed addendum. We are still in 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. Once one of their PSAP's volunteers to be our backup site, we will require an interlocal agreement to be drawn up by our Attorney. At our Texas 9-1-1 Alliance meeting in Dallas, we discussed the Alliance's response to the FCC NG911 Notice of Inquiry. This Notice of Inquiry asks for comments about the best ways to update 911 regulations in a manner that supports the modern communications ecosystem. To this end the Texas 9-1-1 Alliance and Joint Texas 9-1-1 Entities believe that a three-way video call via a Video Relay Service (VRS) operator represents a much more feasible and immediately deployable option that warrants further exploration. **Video Relay Service (VRS)** is a free telecommunications service that allows deaf, hard-of-hearing, or speech-impaired individuals who use American Sign Language (ASL) to communicate in real time with voice telephone users. The Commission's Second NPRM notes that a future version of NENA's i3 standard will support Device Video Calling (DVC)-to-911 calls, "including transfer of DVC calls to non-DVC PSAPs with Video Relay Service (VRS). This architecture would allow a PSAP to participate in DVC-to-911 call handling through VRS interpretation even without a local American Sign

Language (ASL)-fluent telecommunicator, while the long-term goal of expanding the ASL-fluent telecommunicator workforce is pursued in parallel. A DVC-to-911 Pilot Program Presents a Solid First Step Towards Potentially Broader Adoption. Some Texas 9-1-1 Alliance members have used video calling in an "over-the-top" (OTT) fashion. These OTT (an example is the Brownsville PD uses Prepared for sessions provide an important operational advantage in situations where visual information about a caller's emergency is critical). However, to the Joint Texas 9-1-1 Entities' knowledge, no Texas 911 Authority has yet deployed or operationally used DVC-to-911 capabilities as contemplated in this proceeding. The Commission itself acknowledges that it is "not aware of any 911 Authorities that are using DVC to answer calls". Another topic of interest was that AT&T is going to discontinue Plain Old Telephone Service (POTS), essentially not providing service through their old copper cables but instead using fiber to deliver IP services. The Alliance will also back the Fireman's request for a Find Them Now initiative which is an initiative for better Indoor Location of Firemen when they are in a building fighting a fire. This refers to both radio and wireless signals that help locate a fireman when he is inside a building and is not visible because of the thick smoke or fire. The next subject covered was an adjustment to the 50 cent per cell phone line 9-1-1 fee that has never ever been increased in the State of Texas, since cell phones were put into use in Texas. The Alliance members will lobby the legislature for a fee adjustment to keep up with inflation with a state-wide study indicating that the majority of the Texas residents would support a Statewide fee adjustment to help modernize the 9-1-1 system in Texas. The biggest opposition here have been the cellular wireless companies that don't want to change their billing systems. The Alliance also agreed to form subcommittees with Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) in regards to Interoperability and GIS Standards in the State of Texas. 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. De La Rosa to acknowledge the said Director's Report as presented by Mr. Davila, along with the GIS report, Public Education report, and the Training report. Seconded by Mr. Alvear. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 8. AT&T Report

Mr. Ramirez reported to the Board that the only work he performed was to change some monitors at the Harlingen PD. No other tickets have been issued and the network is doing very good. Motion was made by Mr. De La Rosa to acknowledge the AT&T Report. Seconded by Mr. Alvear. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 9. Board Committee Report

The board members had nothing to report so therefore no action or motion was necessary for this item.

Item 10. Consideration and Approval to change CCECD's elected rate for 2027, as presented by Erika Aguirre Vasquez with Texas County & District Retirement System. After a brief board member discussion, Mr. Alvear made a motion to acknowledge the presentation by Erika Aguirre Vasquez with the Texas County & District Retirement System and table item until the November Board Meeting pending a "Retirement

Eligibility" "At Any Age" recommendation change from 30 years of service to 20 years of service. Board of Managers will review and consider the change in cost for this specific requested change at the November Board Meeting. Seconded by Mr. De La Rosa. The motion carried unanimously. Thereafter, the Board went to the Item 4.

Item 11. Consideration, Review, and Approval for employee salaries for 2027. A motion was made by Mr. De La Rosa to table this item until the November Board Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Alvear. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 12. Consideration and Approval of the 2027 Operational Budget and Capital Budget. A motion was made by Mr. De La Rosa to table this item until the November Board Meeting. Second by Mr. Marchan. The motion carried unanimously.

Item 13. 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 Operational and Capital Budget, and Employee Salaries at CCECD, to the extent required to discuss the evaluation, reassignment, or duties of a particular employee (TX. GOV'T CODE 551.071, 551.074). Action to be taken, if any, in Open Meeting.

b. Consultation with legal counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation and on matters in which the duty of the Attorney under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct conflicts with Chapter 551 (Tex. Gov. Code §551.071)

A motion was made at 10:51 AM by Mr. De La Rosa to go into executive session. Seconded by Mr. Alvear. The motion carried unanimously and the Board went into closed session. The board reconvened at 11:46 P.M. No action was taken in closed session

Item 14. Open Meeting:

c. Possible action on Closed Meeting Item 13 a and b.
There was no action taken on the closed meeting items.

Item 15. Adjournment. At 11:46 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 18th day of November 2026.

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

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

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