

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE
JEFFERSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Jefferson County Emergency Services District No. 1 (“District”) was called at 6:00 p.m. on the 27th day of July 2026, at 13550 River Oaks Blvd., Beaumont, Texas 77713, pursuant to notice duly posted according to law.

The roll was called of the Commissioners on the Board, to-wit:

Commissioners	Position
Mark Zambardino	President
Robert “Lee” Barnett	Vice President
Wade Witt	Treasurer
Ryan Rosson	Secretary
John Johnson	Commissioner

All said Commissioners were present. In addition to the above-named Commissioners, the following persons were also present:

Attendee	Position
Chief Chris Gonzales	Fire Chief
Hubert Oxford, IV	General Counsel

President Zambardino announced that a quorum was established, and the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance followed. He then asked Chief Chris Gonzales to say the prayer.

Agenda Item No. 4 – Public Comment.

President Zambardino called for public comment. There were none.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Review, discuss, and approve minutes of the June 22, 2026 Regular Meeting.

President Zambardino asked the Commissioners and staff to review the minutes from June 22, 2026. The Commissioners and staff responded that the

minutes, as presented, were correct and ready to be signed.

There being no changes, a motion was made by Commissioner Robert Barnett to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2026 Regular Meeting. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Ryan Rosson and unanimously approved by all the Commissioners present.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Review and approve and take action, if necessary, on approving financial statement; authorize payment of invoices; and amending the budget.

President Zambardino called on Hubert Oxford, IV, General Counsel to present and discuss the financials for June 2026, which Mr. Oxford had prepared. Mr. Oxford reported that the District's beginning balance in its checking account at Stellar Bank was \$26,714.72. During the month, the account received property tax deposits of \$5,457.25, a sales tax deposit of \$8,163.77, and miscellaneous deposits of \$46,000.00 (including a \$35,000.00 transfer from TexSTAR and a \$11,000.00 transfer from the savings account). The account was reduced by \$59,849.21 for checks and payments, resulting in an ending balance of \$26,486.53 (*See Exhibit "A-1"*).

Mr. Oxford then addressed the District's savings account at Stellar Bank. The beginning balance was \$11,185.08. The account earned \$0.53 in interest and had a net withdrawal of \$11,000.00, resulting in an ending balance of \$185.61 (*See Exhibit "A-1"*).

Next, Mr. Oxford reviewed the District's TexSTAR account. The beginning balance was \$397,022.73. During June 2026, the account earned \$1,108.83 in interest and \$35,000.00 was withdrawn, resulting in an ending balance of \$363,131.56 (*See Exhibit "A-1"*).

Combined, the District's available funds totaled \$389,803.70. After considering the \$123,000.00 reserved for land and equipment acquisition, the District's unrestricted funds totaled \$266,803.70, a decrease of \$45,118.83 from May 2026 (*See Exhibit "A-1"*).

Mr. Oxford then presented the Department's account balance at Stellar Bank for June 2026. No deposits or withdrawals were made during the month, and the account balance remained \$15,417.84 (*See Exhibit "A-2"*).

The Commissioners reviewed the District's financial statements and reconciliations for June 2026. Mr. Oxford advised that the accounts were reconciled and ready for approval (*See Exhibit "A-3"*).

Mr. Oxford also reviewed the invoices and expenses to be paid in connection with the meeting. The total amount presented for payment was \$16,926.17 (*See Exhibit "A-4"*).

Lastly, Mr. Oxford presented the proposed amendment to the District's 2025-2026 budget. The amendment increased budgeted income from \$314,486.39 to \$317,211.39, an increase of \$2,725.00, primarily by increasing projected sales tax revenue from \$12,000.00 to \$32,000.00, partially offset by eliminating \$17,000.00 in budgeted savings. Budgeted expenses decreased from \$314,371.94 to \$304,933.33, a reduction of \$9,438.61. The principal expense reductions included paid salaries from \$112,112.00 to \$87,500.00, hydrants from \$6,000.00 to \$1,000.00, and equipment maintenance, repair, and purchases from \$10,000.00 to \$6,000.00. The principal increases included legal expenses from \$15,000.00 to \$25,500.00, office and operational expenses from \$2,000.00 to \$5,500.00, staff expenses from \$17,130.00 to \$19,440.00, SCBA testing and maintenance from \$2,000.00 to \$4,500.00, fuel reimbursements from \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00, and vehicle maintenance and repairs from \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00. As a result, projected net income increased from \$114.45 to \$12,278.06. (*See Exhibit "A-5"*).

Following discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Robert Barnett to approve the: (i) June 2026 District and Department Account Summaries; (ii) June 2026 financial statements and account reconciliations; (iii) payment of invoices and expenses in the amount of \$16,926.17; and (iv) amended 2025-2026 District budget, as presented. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Wade Witt and unanimously approved by all the Commissioners present.

Agenda Item No. 7 – Discuss and take action, if necessary, on matters involving: 1) staffing; 2) purchase and/or 3) repair requests submitted by the Volunteer Fire Department; 4) grant request; and 5) regulatory matters with the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

President Zambardino called for a report on staffing matters, equipment purchases, repair requests, grant requests, and regulatory matters involving the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. The Commissioners discussed the matters presented. Chief Gonzales reported that there were five (5) staffing openings remaining in August.

No action was taken on this agenda item.

Agenda Item No. 8 – Discuss and take action, if necessary, to appoint a Head of the Department for the Emergency Services District.

Next, Commissioner Zambardino' turned to Chief Chris Gonzales for an update regarding his proposed appointment as Head of the Department. Chief Gonzales advised the Board that he has been working with the Texas Commission on Fire Protection concerning the requirements for appointment and certification as Head of the Department; however, based upon his discussions with Commission personnel and the applicable requirements, he does not presently satisfy the criteria for appointment. The Board discussed whether a waiver, exemption, or other available alternative could allow Chief Gonzales to qualify. Chief Gonzales advised that he was continuing to work with the Commission regarding any available options and that, if a waiver or exemption could not be obtained, he was also considering alternative means of addressing the Head of Department requirement.

No action was taken by the Board at this time.

Agenda Item No. 9 – Chief's Report.

The Commissioners reviewed the June 2026 run report. The report reflected sixteen (16) responses, as summarized below:

Date / Time	Response Address	Nature of Call	Disposition
*6/4/26 – 12:50	Tram Rd.	MVC	No injuries
*6/5/26 – 20:43	Alaskan Dr.	Infant locked in vehicle	Vehicle unlocked
*6/8/26 – 12:23	Hwy. 105	MVA – three patients	AEMS transported two patients
*6/11/26 – 07:46	Leaning Oaks Dr.	Fall with injuries	AEMS transported to St. Elizabeth
*6/14/26 – 06:36	Moore Rd.	Breathing difficulties	AEMS obtained refusal
*6/15/26 – 12:16	Hwy. 105	Cardiac arrest	DOS – unable to resuscitate
*6/17/26 – 11:37	Michael Rd.	Arcing power line	Unable to locate
*6/18/26 – 08:28	Moore Rd.	Breathing difficulties	AEMS transported to St. Elizabeth

Date / Time	Response Address	Nature of Call	Disposition
*6/18/26 – 15:47	Sequoia Ln.	Cardiac arrest	AEMS transported to St. Elizabeth
6/23/26 – 04:07	Reins Rd.	MVA	AEMS obtained refusal
6/23/26 – 18:47	Reins Rd.	Infant choking	Cancelled en route
6/24/26 – 00:18	Leaning Oaks Dr.	Breathing difficulties	AEMS transported to St. Elizabeth
6/27/26 – 11:32	Hwy. 105	Bicycle accident	AEMS transported to St. Elizabeth
*6/30/26 – 09:29	Tolivar Canal Rd.	Fall with injuries	Assisted patient from the floor
*6/30/26 – 10:44	Williams Rd.	Electrocution	Set landing zone for HCESD No. 5
*6/30/26 – 22:15	Sweetgum Rd.	Grass fire	Extinguished smoldering fire

* indicates paid firefighter

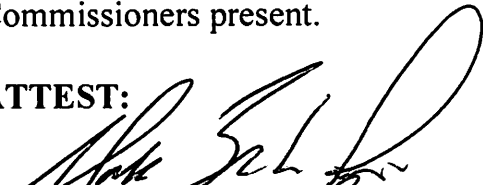
Agenda Item No. 10 – Such other matters that may come before the Board.

No other matters were presented to the Commissioners.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Adjourn.

There being no other matters to discuss, President Zambardino thanked the Commissioners for attending and announced that the next Regular Meeting of the District will be held on August 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Thereafter, Commissioner Robert Barnett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Wade Witt and unanimously approved by all the Commissioners present.

ATTEST:


 Position: Commissioner
 Date: 8/24/26


 Position: Vice President
 Date: 8/24/26