

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 PUBLIC HEARING
ON TAX INCREASE
HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 46**

A public meeting was duly called by the Board of Commissioners of **Harris County Emergency Services District No. 46** on **September 15, 2025**, which was held at the **Atascocita Fire Department Headquarters Building** located at **18425 Timber Forest Drive, Humble, Texas 77346**.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., by **Tom Truver**, President of the Board and Chairman of the meeting.

President **Truver** announced that a quorum was present. Those Commissioners present for the meeting were:

Tom Truver	President	Present
Buddy Rice	Vice President	Present
John Bollom	Treasurer	Absent
Ron Clarke	Secretary	Present
James Cone	Asst. Sec/Treas.	Present

Also present at the meeting were Chief of the Department, Mike Mulligan, Assistant Fire Chief Terry Wygal, Director of ITC & Operations Support Mike Wassell, Director of Human Resources and Finance Mary Anne Sokol, Ricardo Martinez of Martinez Architects, Ira Coveler and Melissa Wiggins of Coveler & Peeler, P.C., District legal counsel, and members of the Fire Department and public.

JOIN TOGETHER IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

The District Commissioners and other persons present at the meeting joined together to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas.

TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONDUCT THE PUBLIC HEARING/OPEN FORUM TO ALLOW INTERESTED PARTIES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BE HEARD REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE SETTING.

The Board opened the Public Hearing for comment regarding the proposed tax rate setting.

CONCLUDE PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE.

There being no public comment on the proposed tax increase, the Board closed the Public Hearing.

TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT THE DISTRICT'S 2026 BUDGET.

The Board next reviewed the District's 2026 budget. After review, Mr. **Clarke** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **Cone**, to adopt the budget as presented. Thereafter, the Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

TO ADOPT THE DISTRICT'S 2025 AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR DEBT SERVICE.

The Board then discussed the District's Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Debt Service. After discussion, Mr. **Rice** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **Cone**, to adopt a 2025 Debt Service Ad Valorem tax Rate of \$0.005725 per \$100 property valuation. Thereafter, the Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

TO ADOPT THE DISTRICT'S 2025 AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS.

Next, the Board discussed the Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operations. After discussion, Mr. **Rice** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **Cone**, to adopt a 2025 Maintenance and Operations Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$0.094275 per \$100 of property valuation. Thereafter, the Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

TO ADOPT THE DISTRICT'S 2025 TOTAL AD VALOREM TAX RATE.

The Board then discussed the total Ad Valorem Tax Rate for 2025. After review, Mr. **Clarke** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **Cone**, to adopt a total Ad Valorem Tax Rate of \$0.10 per \$100 property valuation, essentially raising the rate by 1.72%. Thereafter, the Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

TO CANCEL THE DISTRICT'S NOVEMBER 4, 2025 TAX RATE ELECTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH TEXAS ELECTION CODE §2.081.

Mr. Coveler next advised the Board that the District's 2025 tax rate election could be cancelled for mootness according to the Texas Election Code. After discussion, Mr. **Rice** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **Clarke**, to cancel the District's 2025 tax rate election accordingly. Thereafter, the Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

TO APPROVE PAYMENT FOR HOUSTON CHRONICLE INVOICE FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE

Ms. Wiggins next advised the Board that the approximate cost of publishing the District's Notice of Public Hearing with the Houston Chronicle totaled \$859.90, though the final invoice had not yet been received. After discussion, Mr. **Cone** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **Clarke**, to approve payment of the Chronicle invoice related to the District's tax publication. Thereafter, the Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business brought before the Board, Mr. **Clarke** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **Cone**, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Thereafter, the Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

By: 

Ron Clarke
Secretary