MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2026 MEETING
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 **July 20, 2026,** which was held at the **Atascocita Fire Department, Headquarters Building** located at **18425 Timber Forest Drive, Humble, Texas 77346**.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND ESTABLISH A QUORUM.

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

Also present at the meeting were Fire Chief Mike Mulligan, Assistant Fire Chief Terry Wygal, Director of ITC & Operations Support Mike Wassell, Director of Human Resources and Finance Mary Anne Sokol, Ira Coveler & Melissa Wiggins of Coveler & Peeler, P.C., District legal counsel, Ricardo Martinez of Martinez Architects, Alberta Balderas of ESD Tax Management Services, Josh Rambo of McCall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot Ellis, PLLC, and members of the Fire Department and public.

JOIN TOGETHER IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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

TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS.

No public comment was forthcoming.

RECOGNITION, PROMOTIONS, COMMENDATIONS AND AWARDS FOR DISTRICT MEMBERS.

Chief Mulligan, Chief Conley, Chief Wygal and the Board of Commissioners next presented distinguished service awards to District personnel for service to the District.

TO RECEIVE, DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION REGARDING THE DISTRICT'S 2025 AUDIT REPORT.

Mr. Josh Rambo of McCall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot Ellis, PLLC presented the District's 2025 audit report, stating an unmodified opinion was being issued to reflect a lack of material issues with District financial reports and processes. After discussion, Mr. **Clarke** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **Cone,** to approve the report as presented. Thereafter, President **Truver** called for a vote and the Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

The Board then moved to agenda item No. 7 regarding the District's tax rate proposal.

TO PROPOSE THE DISTRICT 2026 TAX RATE.

Mr. Coveler next advised that tax calculations were not yet available from the county tax office, but recommended proposing the full rate of $0.10 per $100. He reminded the Board that any rate equal to or lower than the proposed rate could be adopted, and noted that additional information would be provided for Board review once it became available. After discussion, Mr. **Cone** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **Clarke,** to propose the 2026 ad valorem tax rate of $0.10 per $100 of property valuation. Thereafter, President **Truver** called for a vote and the Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

The Board then returned to agenda item No. 6 related to the District's 2027 budget.

TO PROPOSE THE DISTRICT 2027 BUDGET.

Chief Mulligan provided a draft of the 2027 budget for Board review, based on the adoption of the anticipated de minimis rate. The adoption of that rate would avoid the need for a tax rate election, and would adequately provide for the coming fiscal year. After review, Mr. **Rice** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **Bollom,** to propose the draft 2027 budget as presented. Thereafter, President **Truver** called for a vote and the Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 1, with Mr. **Clarke** stating he was opposed due to having inadequate time to review the information presented.

TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE DISTRICT'S 2026 TAX RATE AND THE DATE OF THE MEETING TO ADOPT.

Mr. Coveler advised that the District's public hearing and tax adoption meeting would take place along with the regular meeting scheduled for August 17, 2026. After discussion, Mr. **Cone** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **Clarke,** to hold the public hearing and adoption meeting on Monday, August 17, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Thereafter, President **Truver** called for a vote and the Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

TO REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATING TO AN ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026

Mr. Coveler advised that no election was necessary for the District's tax rate adoption. After review, Mr. **Rice** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **Cone,** to decline holding an election related to the District's tax rate on November 3, 2026. Thereafter, President **Truver** called for a vote and the Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

TO REVIEW, DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON ANY MATTERS RELATED TO THE DISTRICT'S CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

Mr. Martinez advised that substantial completion had been provided to Mr. Wassell, and eleven (11) items remained on the project punch list. He anticipated completion of the project within the next two (2) weeks, and noted that $5,000 was being withheld on the project to cover the completion of remaining items.

Mr. Wassell informed the Board that after the completion of this project, the Department would recommend completing a feasibility study for the reconfiguration of Station 39, and attention to the training field as listed in the District's long-range plan.

TO REVIEW, DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON PAY APPLICATIONS PRESENTED.

Mr. Wassell advised that two (2) checks required approval related to the District's construction project, though one (1) payment would be held until remaining work was completed. Mr. Wassell presented a Pay Application in the amount of $139,108.62, and a second payment in the amount of $34,778.00 which would temporarily be withheld. After review, Mr. **Bollom** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **Cone,** to approve payment of the pay application as presented. Thereafter, President **Truver** called for a vote and the Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Mr. **Bollom** then made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **Clarke,** to approve release of the second payment, pending confirmation of completion by Mr. **Wassell.** Thereafter, President **Truver** called for a vote and the Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

TO RECEIVE A FINANCIAL REPORT AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION REGARDING THE REPORT.

Ms. Mary Anne Sokol next presented the District's financial report, stating available balances as of the end of June totaled $15,214,412.62. She noted the budget was within expected levels with no specific issues to report. After review, Mr. **Rice** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **Cone,** to approve the report as presented. Thereafter, President **Truver** called for a vote and the Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

TO PAY DISTRICT BILLS AND APPROVE COMMISSIONER SUBMITTALS PURSUANT TO TEXAS HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE §775.038(A-1).

Ms. Sokol presented District bills for payment and noted a submittal for compensation by Commissioner **Bollom** for five (5) monthly meetings. After review, Mr. **Rice** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **Bollom,** to approve payment of District bills and Commissioner submittals. Thereafter, President **Truver** called for a vote and the Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

TO RECEIVE A SALES TAX REPORT FROM ESD TAX MANAGEMENT SERVICES.

Ms. Alberta Balderas next provided the District's sales tax report, stating allocations for the month of July totaled $545,216.07, an increase of $60,926.24 over the same period in 2025. Eight (8) taxpayers allocated $246,453.14 during the month of June, an increase of $109,168.54 over June of 2025. Ms. Balderas then reviewed entity allocations being researched or under investigation with the Comptroller. After review, Mr. **Rice** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **Cone,** to approve the report as presented. Thereafter, President **Truver** called for a vote and the Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S).

The Board next reviewed minutes of the June 15, 2026 meeting. After review, Mr. **Bollom** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **Rice,** to approve the minutes as presented. Thereafter, President **Truver** called for a vote and the Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

TO REVIEW, DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON THE DEPARTMENT REPORTS.

Chief Mulligan presented the monthly Department report for Board discussion. After review, Mr. **Bollom** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **Cone,** to approve the report as presented. Thereafter, President **Truver** called for a vote and the Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS MATTERS RELATED TO THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE, AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY RELATED ACTION.

No action was taken by the Board.

TO REVIEW, DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON SUBMITTALS OF THIRTY (30) DAY ADVANCE REQUEST(S) FOR NECESSARY PURCHASES RELATED TO THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT DISTRICT BUDGET.

No action was taken by the Board.

TO REVIEW, DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION FOR THE SALE OR DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE SURPLUS AND/OR SALVAGE PROPERTY PURSUANT TO TEXAS HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE §775.0735.

Mr. Wassell then presented a list of old medical equipment as salvage property for disposal. After review, Mr. **Rice** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **Cone,** to approve the disposal of salvage equipment as presented. Thereafter, President **Truver** called for a vote and the Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

TO REVIEW, DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW AMBULANCE.

Mr. Wassell presented a quote for the purchase of a new Frazer ambulance in the amount of $474,000. He requested approval for the purchase to send a letter of intent to the manufacturer to confirm the pricing and secure the purchase with a nine (9) month lead time. Mr. Wassell advised that he would approach the Northwest Hospital Authority for a grant to help finance the purchase, but that the purchase was already part of the District's long-range plan. After discussion, Mr. **Bollom** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **Clarke,** to approve the purchase as discussed. Thereafter, President **Truver** called for a vote and the Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

TO REVIEW, DISCUSS AND ACT REGARDING PURCHASE REQUESTS AND REQUISITIONS, AND ACQUISITIONS, REPAIRS OR MAINTENANCE RELATED TO DEPARTMENT, FACILITIES, APPARATUS, VEHICLES, TECHNOLOGY, AND EQUIPMENT IN SERVICE TO THE DISTRICT.

No action was taken by the Board.

TO MEET IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §551.071 TO CONSULT WITH LEGAL COUNSEL OR TO DISCUSS SALES TAX MATTERS AS PERMITTED BY TAX CODE §323.3022.

The Board did not convene in Closed Session to consult with legal counsel.

TO MEET IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §551.074 TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS.

The Board did not convene in Closed Session to discuss personnel matters.

TO MEET IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE §551.072 TO DELIBERATE REGARDING REAL ESTATE MATTERS.

The Board did not convene in Closed Session to discuss real estate matters.

REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION ON DISTRICT REAL ESTATE MATTERS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS.

No action was taken by the Board.

DISCUSS ANY NEW ITEMS WHICH NEED TO BE ON THE AGENDA FOR THE SUBSEQUENT DISTRICT MEETINGS, INCLUDING THE REGULAR DISTRICT MEETING SET FOR AUGUST 17, 2026.

The Board confirmed the next regular meeting for Monday, August 17, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. The Public Hearing and adoption of the 2026 tax rate and 2027 budget would also take place on that date.

RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OR THE DEPARTMENT STAFF.

No announcements were forthcoming.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business brought before the Board, Mr. **Rice** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **Bollom,** to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were reviewed and approved by the Board of Commissioners on August 17, 2026.

By: ______________________________

Ron Clarke
District Secretary