HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 50

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Commissioners July 7, 2025

The Board of Commissioners ("Board") of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 50 ("District") met on July 7, 2025 at 1210 Dell Dale, Channelview, Texas, in accordance with the duly posted notice of the meeting, with a quorum present, as follows:

Jim Owens, President Michael Burr, Vice President Brenda Biggers, Secretary Robert Ballew, Treasurer Alma Cedillo, Asst. Secretary/Asst. Treasurer

And the following absent:

None.

Also present were Mr. Bob Ideus, Mr. Jimmy Sumbera, Assistant Chief Ernest Watson, and Mr. Wm. Scott Smith.

The meeting was called to order and declared open for such business as might regularly come before it.

- 1. The Board opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was presented.
- 2. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the June 2 and June 16, 2025 meetings.
- 3. The Board reviewed the tax assessor-collector's report indicating that 2024 property taxes were 97.7% collected. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the tax assessor-collector's report and the checks drawn on the tax fund.
- 4. The Board unanimously approved authorizing the Harris County Tax Assessor Collector to prepare the annual Truth-in-Taxation notices for the District.
- 5. Mr. Ideus presented the bookkeeper's report. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the bookkeeper's report and the checks listed thereon.
 - 6. Mr. Sumbera presented the administrator's report, noting that two new

firefighters were hired. The current cost report for reimbursement of uncompensated care expenses is under review from Texas HHSC. Mr. Smith updated the Board with respect to the ongoing issues with respect to prior year uncompensated care. Mr. Smith reported that the attorneys from Norton Rose Fulbright have provided an update on their findings and are in discussions with the state in order to come to an amicable resolution of the matter.

- 7. The Board then considered an adjustment to the pay scale. Mr. Sumbera noted that a budget amendment would be required for the new rates as of the remainder of the year. The objective is to match City of Houston entry-level positions and provide a pay increase for all other positions. There would be a split with respect to salary adjustments for those District chiefs hired prior to and after 2020. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the pay scale adjustment for the remainder of 2025 and 2026.
- 8. Commissioner Owens presented the dispatch center report and noted that NFPA compliance was 99.3% for the month.
- 9. Chief Watson presented the fire chief's report noting that there were 352 calls for EMS service and 121 fire suppression calls. Chief Watson updated the Board with respect to public relations and training events.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Brenda (Buzzeig Secretary