

## TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**MAY 8, 2025**

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The Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 2 held a meeting on Thursday May 08, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Travis County Emergency Services District No. 2 Headquarters located at 201 East Pecan Street, Pflugerville, Texas, for the following purposes.

Commissioners who attended: Randy Reese Mike Howe Robert Turner

Commissioner who attended by videoconference: Rico Reyes

The following persons were also in attendance:

Nick Perkins	John Carlton	Dan Berger	AJ Stacer	Jessica Frazier
Sequina Allen	Mark Moellenberg	David Randazzo	Victoria Gonzales	Terrel Scruggs
Casey Villaneuva				

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. CALL REGULAR MEETING TO ORDER. *The meeting was called to order by Board Commissioner Turner at 6:00 p.m. and the minutes were recorded by mechanical means.* The meeting was held pursuant to a formal Notice of Meeting, which had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act at the Travis County Clerk's Office, in the offices of the Travis County Emergency Services District No. 2 Headquarters, and on the District's website at <https://www.pflugervillefire.org/board-of-commissioners-agenda/>.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT: *None.*

### SPECIAL RECOGNITION

3. CELEBRATE SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF PERSONNEL FOR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE;
  - RECOGNIZING DAVID RANDAZZO FOR RETIREMENT FROM THE DISTRICT
  - RECOGNIZE FF CHANTELL HERRERA FOR INTERMEDIATE STRUCTURE FIREFIGHTER CERTIFICATION
  - RECOGNIZE FF/PARAMEDIC JORDAN SESSIONS FOR HER PARAMEDIC CREDENTIAL
  - RECOGNIZE AS/PARAMEDIC VICTORIA GONZALES FOR HER PARAMEDIC CREDENTIAL
  - RECOGNIZE FF/PARAMEDIC TERRELL SCRUGGS FOR HIS PARAMEDIC CREDENTIAL
  - RECOGNITION OF CHIEF BERGER AND CASEY VILLANUEVA FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENT IN HAVING THE PFLUGERVILLE CRR PLAN PUBLISHED IN THE ANNEX OF THE NFPA 1300 GUIDELINES

*Commissioner Turner recognized the named individuals for their exceptional performance.*

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

4. APPROVE FEBRUARY 18, 2025, AND MARCH 13, 2025, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES;
5. APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR THE DISPOSITION OF SALVAGE AND SURPLUS PROPERTY ITEMS;

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Howe moved and Commissioner Reese seconded to approve the consent items. The motion passed unanimously.*

### **REPORTS**

6. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, RESPONSES TO INQUIRIES, INCLUDING;
  - COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE CITY COUNCIL OF PFLUGERVILLE, PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE;
  - DISTRICT PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE;
  - TRAVIS COUNTY ESD COMMISSIONERS' COUNCIL REPORT;

*No reports.*

7. RECEIVE REPORT FROM TREASURER AND CONSIDER TAKING RELATED ACTION, INCLUDING:
  - a. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS AND INVOICES;
  - b. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT, INCLUDING PROCESSING OF PAYROLL;
  - c. RECEIVE MONTHLY SALES TAX ANALYSIS REPORT;
  - d. APPROVAL OF PURCHASES FOR ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE DISTRICT'S APPROVED BUDGET;
  - e. APPROVAL OF THE QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT

*Commissioner Howe discussed the payroll report for May and noted sales tax is down 2.6%. He added that he wanted to point out in the Quarterly Investment Report that they earned \$1.8 million and this money saved them from their sales tax decline.*

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Howe moved and Commissioner Reese seconded to approve the financial report. The motion passed unanimously.*

At this time, the Board changed the order of the agenda items and took up Item #13, next, per the request of Ms. Frazier:

13. PRESENTATION FROM CHRIS DAVENPORT FROM EDWARD JONES ON CASH RESERVE INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION;

*Ms. Frazier discussed how they look at their cash reserves and noted they rebalanced everything in April. Mr. Davenport discussed the investment strategy with the Board. He added that the interest rates are likely to fall slowly over the next couple of years. Ms. Frazier discussed CDs (Certificates of Deposit) and treasury bonds. She mentioned the TexPool rate of return was 4.47% as of March 31<sup>st</sup>.*

*Commissioner Turner asked if the Board should be looking at or thinking about certain things given future long-term investments and falling rates. Mr. Davenport suggested they try and keep enhancing their reserve funds.*

*No action was taken at this time.*

8. RECEIVE MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE FIRE CHIEF REGARDING EMERGENCY OPERATIONS RELATED TO FIRE SUPPRESSION AND EMS, RESPONSE TIMES, CALL VOLUME, PERSONNEL STAFFING AND TRAINING, MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES, COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING:
  - AN UPDATE ON THE DISTRICT'S EMS BILLING POLICY;
  - AN UPDATE ON THE DISTRICT'S PLANNING DEVELOPMENT;
  - AND CONSIDER TAKING ANY RELATED ACTION;

*Chief Perkins discussed the report and the stress tests results. He explained this stress test was a study from the University of Texas, LBJ School of Public Affairs about ESD reserves. The university research team looked at ESD financial constraints and did stress tests, such as what would happen to an ESD's budget in emergency or unexpected situations, like weather events, political volatility, or economic downturns.*

*Commissioner Howe wanted to note that this study and the Perryman report have argued that ESDs are a financial benefit to the areas they serve and that Travis County ESD No. 2, specifically, has a positive impact. Commissioner Reyes discussed the government differences towards ESDs versus other government services. He noted this independent study will help them with their business model.*

*Chief Perkins noted they are operating their fifth ambulance now and discussed planning development. Their press conference in regard to firefighting was well received. On May 14<sup>th</sup> they are hosting their "home-hardening" event, which involves home-improvement renovations meant to prevent fires, such as composite roofs and mesh screens.*

*Commissioner Howe asked about FEMA grants being defunded. Chief Perkins replied there was no new information at this time.*

At this time, the Board changed the order of the agenda items and took up Item #14, next:

14. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF GENASYS PROTECT SOFTWARE AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION;

*John Abbruzzese presented the Genasys Protective Solution Suite for Evac solutions. Mr. Abbruzzese explained the suite is a tool that turns hours into minutes, meaning that when a wildfire incident is identified the notification is sent within minutes rather than hours. He noted this system was used in the Palisades and Eaton fires in California with notifications being sent out within three minutes. He added that for the public, there is a mobile app for shelters and zones. He also noted there is a partner ecosystem, as well.*

*Commissioner Reyes asked about the zones and how they are decided. Mr. Abbruzzese explained that they can discuss zones, but typically they aim for smaller zones since they are more manageable than larger*

*ones. They further discussed the benefits of smaller zones and tools available for creating zones using GIS and GPS services. Mr. Abbruzzese clarified that the ESD can change the zoned areas that the suite recommends, but explains the suite chooses zones for specific reasons.*

*Chief Perkins added there are tools available to educate the public about this suite platform. Mr. Abbruzzese clarified that the suite does use AI, but it is minimal since AI is still subject to error and human oversight is still more accurate.*

*Chief Perkins added they don't have any clients in Central Texas yet, but there are a few in the Texas Panhandle. They would be the first Central Texas client.*

*Commissioner Turner asked how the company keeps the information current. Mr. Abbruzzese answered that the suite program integrates with their current systems and is reviewed yearly but can also be reviewed whenever the ESD would like. Commissioner Turner then asked about possible malicious or false alerts to cause public panic. Mr. Abbruzzese answered that he would have to contact the engineering team in terms of security.*

***MOTION:*** *Commissioner Turner moved and Commissioner Howe seconded to approve the purchase of Genasys software as presented. The motion passed unanimously.*

At this time, the Board changed the order of the agenda items and took up Item #15, next:

15. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE EVALUATION AND APPLICATION OF EMERGING TRENDS, TECHNOLOGIES, DRONES, AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND TAKE RELEVANT ACTIONS;

*No report and no action.*

9. RECEIVE MONTHLY REPORT FROM ASSISTANT CHIEF OF COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION REGARDING STATUS OF FIRE CODE VIOLATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT AND AUTHORIZE ACTION AS NECESSARY, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING PROPERTIES AND OWNERS:
  - A. GLENN WILLIAMS, 6511 BRATTON LANE, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78728 ("PERFECT 10");
  - B. JOHN MELFI, 13800 DRAGLINE DR., AUSTIN, TEXAS 78728 ("COLETTE AUSTIN");
  - C. SHAWN THAI, 13422 DESSAU RD, AUSTIN, TEXAS 78754 ("FOOD TRUCK PARK")
  - D. NINA MORRISON, 2213 E HOWARD LANE, MANOR, TEXAS 78653 ("BROOKSIDE MANOR GROUP HOME")
  - E. AUGUSTINE TAMBE, 17118 SIMSBROOK, PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS 78660 ("MAOFU GROUP HOME")
  - F. KENMAR RESIDENTIAL SERVICES, 16821 CONSTANTINOPLE LANE, PFLUGERVILLE, TEXAS 78660 ("KENMAR GROUP HOME")

*Assistant Chief Berger added that there has been stabilization in most cases. He noted that Sub-item B will be filed on and they anticipate filing an affidavit. He also noted that most of these are a litmus test for the future.*

*Commissioner Turner asked if the businesses are willing to cooperate, and Assistant Chief Berger replied that, in most cases, the companies are cooperating.*

10. RECEIVE REPORT REGARDING STATION #7 AND TRAINING FIELD CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS, AND DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTION REGARDING AGREEMENT WITH CORE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES OF TEXAS, INC., INCLUDING ANY CHANGE ORDERS OR REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT;

*This Item will be discussed in the Executive Session.*

11. RECEIVE MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT'S LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION MATTERS, CONTRACT ISSUES, AND LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS AND CONSIDER TAKING RELATED ACTION;

*Mr. Carlton discussed the current legislative session. He stated there is not much that has been filed but is keeping an eye on some. No special session will likely take place because of the votes on vouchers.*

12. RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE PFLUGERVILLE PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION, LOCAL NO. 4137 AND CONSIDER TAKING RELATED ACTION;

*No report and no action.*

#### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

15. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE EVALUATION AND APPLICATION OF EMERGING TRENDS, TECHNOLOGIES, DRONES, AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND TAKE RELEVANT ACTIONS;

*No report and no action.*

16. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE DISTRICT RELATED TO FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL PROJECTIONS, INCLUDING:
  - REVIEW OF PROJECTED GROWTH IN REVENUE, POPULATION, SERVICE DEMAND, AND IMPACT ON RESPONSE TIMES AND PROVISION OF SERVICE;
  - PRESENTING REPORTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS CONCERNING COMMUNITY INTERACTIONS AND RELATIONS,
  - AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION;

*This Item is a placeholder. Chief Perkins stated that the conference is on July 11<sup>th</sup>.*

17. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE PROPOSED PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES, COST ALLOCATION, AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION;

*No report and no action.*

*The Board went into Executive Session to receive legal advice from counsel pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071. The Executive Session convened at 7:29 p.m. and ended at 8:23 p.m. No action was taken.*

18. ADJOURN THE MEETING.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.  
Board adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Sequina Allen  
Board Recorder