

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 17

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

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The Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 17 held a meeting on Thursday September 11, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. at the Travis County Emergency Services District No. 17 Headquarters located at 201 East Pecan Street, Pflugerville, Texas, for the following purposes.

Commissioners who attended:

Mike Howe Mitchell Jones Charles Pleasant Vicky Linsalata Angela Orth

The following persons were also in attendance via Zoom: Howard Katz

The following persons were also in attendance:

Nick Perkins Jessica Frazier Brian Fairbanks Sequina Allen

THE MEETING was called to order by President Howe at 4:00 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 and in the offices of the Travis County Emergency Services District No. 17 Headquarters.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

CONSENT ITEMS

2. APPROVE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM THE August 11, 2025 REGULAR MEETING;

Commissioner Orth moved and Commissioner Jones seconded to approve the consent items. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

3. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, RESPONSES TO INQUIRIES;

No Reports

4. RECEIVE REPORT FROM TREASURER AND CONSIDER TAKING RELATED ACTION;

Ms. Frazier discussed the May financials and the cash balances as of August 31st. She noted they have low cash balances because the property taxes have not come in yet. She discussed meeting with their auditor and added the audit will begin after the engagement letter is approved. She noted it will likely take longer than normal due to the new accounting system.

Commissioner Orth moved and Commissioner Pleasant seconded to approve the financial report. The motion passed unanimously.

5. RECEIVE MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 FIRE CHIEF REGARDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATIONS, RESPONSE TIMES, CALL VOLUME, TRAINING, MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AND PERSONNEL;

Chief Perkins reported there was conditional approval with the firefighter union of a new collective bargaining agreement and gives 3 years of clarity on wages and benefits. He said approval by the union and the ESD 2 board is expected shortly. Station 7 training field is complete, and there will be a dedication ceremony later. The Chief said that Starflight is operating out of Station 9 off 973, which is no longer used by ESD 2. He said this was mutually very beneficial to the community and would operate during the daytime hours. He noted that Travis County approved funding from the City of Pflugerville ILA with ESD 2 for the difference between their for-profit ambulance provider and the ESD 2 proposal, worth \$600,000. The next step is for ESD 2 to approve the ILA. The funding would allow Travis County to bring on another ambulance.

6. RECEIVE MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT'S LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING CONTRACT ISSUES, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, AND OTHER DISTRICT LEGAL MATTERS;

Mr. Katz had no report but noted he was involved in the ILA-EMS with ESD 2 and ILA-Admin Services with ESD 2 and the tax rate discussions.

ACTION ITEMS

7. REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING COST INCREASE AMENDMENT TO ILA BETWEEN TRAVIS COUNTY ESD 2 AND TRAVIS COUNTY ESD 17 FOR ALS AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION;
Mr. Katz noted that this amends the existing contract, changing the annual compensation and dates. These amounts were included in the budget.

Commissioner Jones moved and Commissioner Orth seconded to approve the amendment to the ILA. The motion passed unanimously.

8. REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION ON APPROVING COST INCREASE AMENDMENT TO ILA BETWEEN ESD 2 AND ESD 17 FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION;

Commissioner Linsalata moved and Commissioner Orth seconded to approve the financial report. The motion passed unanimously.

9. DISCUSS REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION ON FINAL APPROVAL OF BUDGET (ACCESSIBLE ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE) FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2025 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 INCLUDING:

- DISTRICT FINANCIAL POLICIES
- OPERATING BUDGET

Mr. Katz said that this year's budget work is excellent, but he wanted the Board to be mindful of the fact that holding the line on taxes is very good, but costs are going up. He noted that we have increased the ILA for EMS and the ILA for administrative support and noted there will be shrinkage in savings and reserves, so just to be mindful for next year and future years.

Commissioner Howe noted that there will be a drop in a tax rate according to both budget plans. The difference in the budgets consists of about \$40,000 in reserves. Ms. Frazier noted that the budget must be adopted before the tax rate. She noted both rates will accomplish their needs for expenses.

Commissioner Linsalata thought the .0305 rate was a good idea. The other Commissioners agreed.

There were no comments on the financial policies.

Commissioner Jones moved and Commissioner Orth seconded to adopt the budget driven by the tax rate of .0305 and the financial policy. The motion passed unanimously.

10. TAKE A RECORD VOTE ON THE DISTRICT'S PROPOSED 2025 TAX RATE, ADOPT AN ORDER LEVYING TAXES, AND AUTHORIZE FILING THE ORDER WITH THE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR;

Commissioner Jones moved and Commissioner Orth seconded to take a record vote for the tax rate of .0305.

Commissioner Orth: Aye

Commissioner Jones: Aye

Commissioner Howe: Aye

Commissioner Linsalata: Aye

Commissioner Pleasant: Aye

The motion passed unanimously.

11. AUTHORIZE POSTING OF STATEMENT REGARDING ADOPTED TAX RATE TO HOME PAGE OF DISTRICT WEBSITE;

Commissioner Jones moved and Commissioner Orth seconded to authorize the posting of the tax rate on the district website. The motion passed unanimously.

President Howe adjourned the meeting at 4:24 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2025

Respectfully Submitted By:

Sequina Allen

Board Recorder