

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 17

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 13, 2026

The Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 17 held a meeting on Thursday, August 13, 2026 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 Vicky Linsalata Angela Orth Mitchell Jones

The following persons were also in attendance:

Nick Perkins Jessica Frazier Brian Fairbanks Amanda Bartlett Howard Katz

1. 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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: *None*

CONSENT ITEMS

3. APPROVE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 09, 2026 REGULAR MEETING;
4. APPROVE INVOICE PAYMENT TO TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR September 2026;
Commissioner Jones moved and Commissioner Orth seconded to approve the consent items. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

5. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, RESPONSES TO INQUIRIES;
No Reports

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

Ms. Frazier discussed March and April's financials.

Commissioner Orth moved and Commissioner Turner seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.

7. 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 discussed the approval of the new ESD 2 ILA with the City of Pflugerville. He also and discussed the building permit for new Station 8. He mentioned discussions with the Curative Healthcare provider and discussed an in-network option for EMS services. The item will go before the ESD 2 board later in September. Chief Perkins discussed the myriad of ways Austin EMS is affecting the EMS relationship. The ESD 2 ILA for providing EMS to City of Pflugerville will begin Oct 1st. A meeting will be taking place with Allegiant later. Commissioner Howe asked about the telehealth issue, wondering if a telehealth visit may have actually needed an ambulance. Chief Perkins will have a copy of the study that analyzes the result of Austin EMS's layout.

Mr. Katz discussed the new insurance provider needing to be Medicare/Medicaid complaint. Mr. Katz proceeded to go over the executive report and asked for clarification on the levels of service with the implementation of the ILA with Pflugerville. Chief Perkins said the goal was no drop of service in ESD 17. Mr. Katz said he was glad the fight with the city may be over and said call response monitoring should be periodically reviewed under the ESD 17-ESD 2 service agreement which is coming up for renewal.

Mr. Katz said he thought the report titled Principles of Sound Financial Management was good. He said that some of the commentary was required. For example, the incorporation of grants into the ESD 17 budget and finances would not apply because ESD 17 is not an end-user. He also said that the comment that debt shall never exceed the useful life of an asset was misleading, because under the ESD statute typical debt cannot exceed 10 years for equipment and 20 years for land and buildings regardless of useful life.

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

Mr. Katz continued the report noting that the ESD 17-ESD 2 service agreement is coming up for renewal. He said he sent a draft of an amended service agreement to Mr. Carlton. No further action.

ACTION ITEMS

9. DISCUSS, REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET AND FEE

SCHEDULE; Ms. Frazier introduced the proposed FY 2027 budget document for property tax revenue, at 99% of the revenue collected. The document outlined three different rates: NNR: \$.0308/\$100; VAR: \$.0398/\$100; and a rate of \$.0320/\$100. She and the commissioners discussed the outlook of the three rates, with projections for the ensuing 4 years. The Board considered the tax rate of \$.0320/\$100 the appropriate budget. Mr. Katz said a tax rate of \$.0320/\$100 will require a public hearing, and the budget can be adopted at that time. He said no election or petition for election would apply.

10. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TAKING RELATED ACTION REGARDING THE 2026 TAX RATE INCLUDING:

- REVIEW 2026 TAX RATE CALCULATION WORKSHEET PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY THE COUNTY TAX OFFICE;
- CONFIRM/ FINALIZE WEBSITE POSTING OF THE 2026 TAX RATE CALCULATION WORKSHEET AND BACK-UP REPORTS HYPERLINK
- PROPOSE THE 2026 TAX RATE;
- SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING AND A MEETING TO VOTE TO ADOPT TAX RATE;
- AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF “NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE” IN THE NEWSPAPER; AND
- ACKNOWLEDGING AND APPROVING THE POSTING OF “NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX RATE” AND “NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE” TO THE HOMEPAGE OF THE DISTRICT WEBSITE;

Ms. Frazier discussed the different rates and noted taxable value has gone down. She and discussed the average homestead tax bills for the residents comparing last year's tax of \$109.52, and \$110.42 this year at a \$.032/\$100 tax rate. Commissioner Howe discussed the necessity to not raise the dollar amount of the taxpayers too high, which the .032/\$100 rate fits.

Commissioner Orth noted they ESD 17 currently pays 25 percent of the ESD 2 EMS budget and noted said they are planning ahead for the future and was not sure she had the information to make the decision. Commissioner Jones agreed that rate 1 was a good rate to keep the reserves.

Ms. Frazier discussed the budget item, noting the fee schedule and the financial policy document.

Commissioner Jones moved and Commissioner Orth seconded to approve the .032 proposed tax rate. Mr. Katz said that because the proposed rate exceeds NNR a roll call record vote was required.

The Board was polled:

Commissioner Linsalata Aye

Commissioner Howe: Aye

Commissioner Turner: Aye

Commissioner Orth: Aye

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Howe moved and Commissioner Jones seconded for scheduling the public hearing at 4 PM on Sept 17. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Katz confirmed that because this was a public hearing on a proposed tax rate the meeting must take place in the District. Mr. Howe suggested Wells Branch Community Center, 2103 Klattenhoff Dr.

Commissioner Howe moved and Commissioner Orth seconded to authorize the publication of the proposed tax rate on the district's website and newspaper. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Howe moved and Commissioner Linsalata seconded to approve the tax rate setting procedure resolutions. The motion passed unanimously.

President Howe adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2026

Respectfully Submitted By:

Sequina Allen

Board Recorder