

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 2026 MEETING OF THE
HARRIS-FORT BEND EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 100**

A Meeting was duly called of the Board of Commissioners of **HARRIS-FORT BEND EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 100**, which was held, **May 5, 2026**, at the offices of the District Training Center, 16005 Bellaire Blvd., Houston, Texas 77083.

The District considered and acted upon the following matters:

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. Those Commissioners present were: **DALE TERRY, JEFF JERNBERG, MARY BLONDELL, STEVE FOWLER**, and **KEN ARRINGTON**. Also, in attendance was Assistant Chief Josh Taylor, Samantha Smith, Steve Lee, and David Manley of Coveler & Peeler, P.C., the District's legal counsel.

The Board proceeded to address the following:

2. To receive public comment.

None.

3. To receive a presentation from Texas Class and take any necessary action.

Tom Sekely with Texas Class reviewed the new Texas Class II product. A Motion was made by Mr. **FOWLER**, seconded by Mr. **ARRINGTON** to transfer \$35mm to Texas Class II for 90 days. After discussion, the motion passed by a vote of 5 – 0.

4. To review, discuss and act on financial matters, payment of District operating bills, payment of budgeted capital expenses and payment of operations funding pursuant to the service agreement with the Department.

A Motion was made by Ms. **BLONDELL**, seconded by Mr. **FOWLER**, to approve \$1,500,000 to be transferred to Community Fire Department for May operational expenses. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

5. To review, discuss and act on bank matters, including opening and closing accounts.

A Motion was made by Ms. **BLONDELL**, seconded by Mr. **ARRINGTON**, to close the account with Sunflower Bank, and the Resolution regarding same, and to authorize Ms. **BLONDELL** to execute any related documents. After review and discussion, the Motion passed by a vote of 5 – 0.

6. **To receive an operations and financial report from Community Volunteer Fire Department, and to take any necessary action thereon, including to receive and approve the Department payroll and expense totals from the previous month and Department budget.**

Chief Taylor provided a summary of responses and activity. He reported that there were six (6) cardiac arrests and one (1) Life Flight call. There was a daily average of 4.60 Fire calls in April, compared to 4.16 average calls in March. There was a daily average of 32.37 EMS calls in April, compared to 31.32 average calls in March. There were 529 patients transported by ambulance, compared to 527 in March. The Training Department had forty-eight internal intern shifts, and seventy-eight outside clinical EMS shifts. March training was Pediatric Trauma and April training was altered mental status. The EMS Academy started on January 12th with twenty students. Graduation is on May 16th. The class continues with an above average National Registry passing rate of 89%.

A Motion was made by Ms. **BLONDELL**, seconded by Mr. **FOWLER**, to accept the reports and approve reimbursement of payroll expenses in the amount of \$858,562.01 and operational expenses in the amount of \$848,864.22. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

7. **To designate the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector's office to prepare the District's No New Revenue Tax Rate and related tax rate calculations for 2026 and to authorize District Counsel to publish the necessary 2026 Tax Rate setting notices.**

A Motion was made by Ms. **BLONDELL**, seconded by Mr. **JERNBERG** to designate the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector's office to prepare the District's No New Revenue Tax Rate and related tax rate calculations for 2026 and to authorize District Counsel to publish the necessary 2026 Tax Rate setting notices. After review and discussion, the Motion passed by a vote of 5 – 0.

8. **To review, discuss and act on matters related to operation of Westcom.**

No action.

9. **To review, discuss and act on matters related to District's website, social media and public education.**

Samantha Smith provided the following update:

1. **Recruiting Update:**

- a. 2026 Alpha: twenty-eight started Jan. 13th
- b. Currently down to eleven (11)
- c. Academy Hell Night May 23rd
- d. Fire Graduation May 30th
- e. EMS Graduation May 16th
- f. 2026 Bravo: sixty-seven scheduled for the PAT June 6th and 20th.

2. **Drone Program (6 Part 107 Pilots); seven in training; (10) Departments: a**
 - a. 4/3 @ 0044hrs: FBCSO-searching for missing individual, unfounded.
 - b. 4/19 @ 0053hrs: Disregarded right before making scene due to heavy rains and lightning, robbery suspects with LE.
 - c. 4/19 @ 2036hrs: FBCSO-missing 16 yr old autistic individual, searched with no findings.
 - d. 4/24 @ 0015hrs: Disregarded while enroute due helicopter making scene for person fleeing after running over LE.
 - e. 4/29 @ 0230hrs: 15 yr old runaway female, set up and about to launch when she walked back on scene.

3. **Community Outreach/Social Media/Website**
 - a. Social Media Outreach (posts across FB and Insta)
 - i. April: forty-nine (49) posts
 - ii. 104.4k views on FB (10k followers)
 - iii. 35.3k views on insta (2k followers)
 - b. Lone Star Career Fair: May 8th
 - c. Fort Bend Expo: May 9th
 - d. Past and Present Get Together June 6th @10am
 - e. SFFMA Conference in Waco June 13th presenting on Building a Stronger Pipeline: The Impact of a Delayed Entry Program (90 mins)

4. **JRFF Program**
 - a. Thirty-two current juniors in the program with eight (8) instructors

5. **Honor Guard**
 - a. New uniforms have been delivered, we will be getting a group photo and announcement out this month

6. **Peer Support Team**
 - a. 11 Members
 - i. Six (6) trained in 1-1 peer support
 - ii. Two (2) trained in group crisis support
 - iii. Two (2) ASIST Suicide Prevention Class
 - iv. One (1) Trained the Trainer for Suicide Prevention
 - v. Upcoming individual and group crisis training for entire team

7. **STORM Ranch**
 - a. Website is live and continues to be updated (www.thestormranch.org)
 - b. Will coordinate groundbreaking with media for Summer of 2026
 - c. Met with Moody Foundation-April 1st

8. **WestCom 911**
 - a. Website is live and updated

Mr. **JERNBERG** made a motion, seconded by Mr. **ARRINGTON**, to accept the report. The motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.

10. To review and act on disposal of surplus equipment.

No action.

11. To review, discuss and act on acquisitions or needed repairs to the District's supplies, equipment, vehicles or apparatus.

No action.

12. To review, discuss and act on needed improvements or repairs to the District's facilities.

No action.

13. To review, discuss and act on matters related to construction (current and proposed) projects.

No action.

14. To review, discuss and act on real estate matters.

No action.

15. To review, discuss and act on personnel matters.

No action

16. To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §551.071 to consult with legal counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers or on matters which require confidentiality under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas and Tax Code §323.3022 to discuss sales tax matters.

No action.

17. To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §551.072 to deliberate regarding real estate matters.

The Board went into closed session at 6:20 p.m. to discuss real estate matters. The Board came out of closed session at 6:30 p.m.

- 18. To meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel matters.**

No action.

- 19. To take action on matters discussed in closed session.**

No action.

- 20. To discuss and take action to confirm the next regular monthly meeting date as well as any items that need to be on the next meeting agenda.**

Next meeting was confirmed for Mat 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.


- 21. Adjournment.**

There being no further business brought before the Board, and no objection made to concluding the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were passed and approved by the District Board of Commissioners on May 12, 2026.

HARRIS-FORT BEND EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 100

By:



KEN ARRINGTON
Secretary of the Board