

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 4, 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**, on **August 4, 2026** which was held at **16005 Bellaire Blvd., Houston, Texas 77083**.

The District considered and acted upon the following matters:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Those Commissioners present were: **DALE TERRY, JEFF JERNBERG, STEVE FOWLER**, and **KEN ARRINGTON**. **MARY BLONDELL** was unable to attend. Also, in attendance were Josh Taylor (Assistant Fire Chief), Samantha Smith (PIO), Kirk Henderson (Deputy Chief Logistics), Bobby Opperman, 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.

Harris County ESD No. 47 Commissioner Brian Havran addressed the Board regarding the 2026 Lonestar Safety Festival, requesting the Board consider a \$15,000 donation to the Festival. The Board agreed to discuss the donation in September. No other public comments were forthcoming.

3. 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.

The Board next reviewed the District's financial report and bills for payment. After review, Mr. **JERNBERG** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **ARRINGTON**, to approve the report and pay District bills as presented. Thereafter, the Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

4. To review, discuss and approve collection and appraisal value information as provided by the Fort Bend County and Harris County Tax Offices.

Mr. Manley next presented estimated appraisal values and collection estimates for the District's territories from both Harris and Fort Bend Central Appraisal Districts in the following amounts:

Harris County:	\$10,604,833,732 Taxable Value 2026
	97.82% Anticipated Collections 2026

Fort Bend County:	\$5,192,245,414 Taxable Value 2026
	100% Anticipated Collections 2026

After discussion, Mr. **ARRINGTON** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **JERNBERG**, to approve the appraisal information as presented. Thereafter, the Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

5. To review, discuss and propose the District's 2026 Tax Rate.

The Board then reviewed tax rate scenarios for tax year 2026. After review, Mr. **TERRY** made a Motion, seconded by Mr. **ARRINGTON**, to propose the District's 2026 tax rate at the Voter Approval Rate of \$0.092102 per \$100 property valuation. This rate would not require a tax rate election. Thereafter, the Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 0.

6. To schedule a public hearing regarding the District's 2026 tax rate and the date of the meeting to adopt.

The Board agreed to hold the District's 2026 public hearing and adoption meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at 21728 Beechnut, Richmond, Texas 77407.

7. To review and take action on matters relating to an election to be held on November 3, 2026

The Board did not call for a tax rate election.

8. 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.

The Board next reviewed the monthly summary of responses and activities. A Motion was made by Mr. **ARRINGTON**, seconded by Mr. **FOWLER**, to accept the reports as presented. The Motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

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

No action was taken by the Board.

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

Captain Smith presented the Public Information Officer and Community Programs Report. The Board received an update regarding the 2026 Bravo Academy, which now includes thirty-eight (38) cadets. Forty-nine (49) applications have already been received for the 2027 Alpha class.

Captain Smith advised the Drone program continues to grow with six (6) current pilots, and five (5) more in training. Drones were used in six (6) recent calls with the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office including five (5) missing persons calls, and a call related to a suspicious individual.

The District's Junior Firefighter Program currently includes thirty-three (33) participants with eight (8) instructors. The next meeting would take place on Tuesday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Captain Smith advised the District's Peer Support Team currently included eleven (11) members trained in various support areas including 1-1 peer support, group crisis support, and suicide prevention.

Captain Smith then advised the website for STORM Ranch was live and being updated. Ground breaking on the site would be coordinated for media coverage in the fall. Meetings with Fort Bend County Commissioners Morales and McCoy were held on June 10th, and July 14th, and another meeting was scheduled with the River Oaks Women's Club on September 1st related to the facility.

Mr. **JERNBERG** made a motion, seconded by Mr. **ARRINGTON**, to accept the report. The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0.

- 11. To receive an update regarding District Government Affairs and take any necessary action related to same.**

No action was taken by the Board.

- 12. To review and act on disposal of surplus equipment.**

No action was taken by the Board.

- 13. To review, discuss and act on acquisitions or needed repairs of District supplies, equipment, vehicles or apparatus, including funding.**

No action was taken by the Board.

- 14. To review, discuss and act on needed improvements or repairs to the District's facilities, including funding.**

No action was taken by the Board.

- 15. To review, discuss and take action on matters related to construction (current and proposed) projects, including funding.**

No action was taken by the Board.

- 16. To review, discuss and take action on matters related to real estate matters.**

No action was taken by the Board.

- 17. To review, discuss and take action on matters related to personnel, including compensation, benefits, retention and recruiting.**

No action was taken by the Board.

- 18. To review, discuss and take action regarding conference attendance and participation.**

No action was taken by the Board.

19. **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.**

The Board did not convene in Closed Session.

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

The Board did not convene in Closed Session.

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

The Board did not convene in Closed Session.

22. **To take action on matters discussed in closed session.**

No action was taken by the Board.

23. **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.**

The next regular meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2026. A special meeting related to the Swiftwater facility was scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

24. **Adjournment.**

There being no further business brought before the Board, and no objection made to concluding the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were passed and approved by the District Board of Commissioners on September 8, 2026.

HARRIS-FORT BEND EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 100

By:



KEN ARRINGTON

Secretary of the Board