Harris County Emergency Services District #20

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MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2026, REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS' PRESENT: JODY PHAM-TRUONG, JANE GUEVARA, JOHNNIE PHOENIX ALDRIDGE, CARMON SMITH, KENNETH WRIGHT

MEMBERS ABSENT:

GUESTS: See attached Sign-In Sheet

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE POSTED AT:

Harris County Clerk's office, Houston, TX 77251
Station 41, 2950 Washington, Houston, TX 77038
Station 42, 12711 Kleinmeadow Dr., Houston, TX 77066
Station 43, 7706 Fallbrook Dr., Houston, TX 77086
Station 44, 12820 TC Jester BLVD., Houston, TX 77038

AGENDA ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Carmon Smith at 6:36 pm.

AGENDA ITEM 2 – COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

No comments from the public.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION.

Jane Guevara made a motion to approve the August meeting minutes; seconded by Carmon Smith, passed 4-0.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – TO CONSIDER APPOINTING KENNETH EDWIN WRIGHT TO FILL THE OPEN AND VACANT COMMISSIONER'S POSITION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT TERM OF OFFICE.

Carmon Smith made a motion to appoint Kenneth Edwin Wright to fill the vacant Commissioner position for the remainder of the current term of office: seconded by Jane Guevara; passed 4-0.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – TREASURER'S REPORT:

Reviewed checks presented. (See attached) Jane Guevara made a motion to accept the financial report and to ratify and pay expenses and approve investments; seconded by Johnny Phoenix-Aldridge; passed 5-0.

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AGENDA ITEM 6 – FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Fire department report presented by Chief Wesley Cole. This report (please see attached) included information from August 2026. Motion made to accept the report by Jane Guevara; seconded by Carmon Smith; passed 5-0.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION CONCERNING DISTRICT'S PROPERTY:

Carmon Smith made a motion to declare 55 sets of bunker gear as surplus and disposed of by donating them to Texas Forest Service Helping Hands Program, Jane Guevara seconded, 5-0

AGENDA ITEM 8 – TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION CONCERNING THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S 2027 BUDGET.

Deferred.

AGENDA ITEM 9 – PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.043 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, THE ESD 20 COMMISSIONERS WILL DISCUSS THE DISTRICT'S 2027 BUDGET. NO ACTION WILL BE TAKEN TO ADOPT ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE DISTRICT'S 2026 BUDGET AT THIS MEETING. THE DISTRICT'S CURRENT FISCAL BUDGET HAS BEEN POSTED ON AND IS CLEARLY ACCESSIBLE ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE. TAXPAYER IMPACT STATEMENT: THERE WILL BE NO TAXPAYER IMPACT ASSOCIATED WITH THE 2026 BUDGET AT THIS TIME. THE TAXPAYER IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 2027 BUDGET IS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME AND CANNOT BE KNOWN UNTIL 2027 BUDGET IS ADOPTED.

None.

AGENDA ITEM 10 – TO DISCUSS THE DISTRICT'S 2026/27 TAX LEVY.

Counsel for the District reviewed the statutorily required Truth in Taxation (TNT) calculations and notices with the Commissioners, noting that because the District's 2027 budget was approved at the District's August 2026 meeting, and because all required notices and calculations were completed, the District could set its tax rate at this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 11 – TO REVIEW STATUTORY 2026 TAX RATE CALCULATIONS AND TRUTH IN TAXATION NOTICES, AND ADOPT 2026 TAX RATE FOR TO BE COLLECTED IN 2027.

Jody Pham Truong made this motion: *I move that the proposed property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of $0.100000 per $100 valuation which is effectively a 1.29% percent increase in the tax rate*, as described in the written resolution prepared by counsel for the District and attached hereto. The motion was seconded by Carmon Smith. In a record vote the Commissioners voted as follows; Carmon Smith - For, Johnnie Phoenix Aldridge - For, Jody Pham Truon - For, Jane Geuvara - For, Kenneth Wright - For; so the motion and resolution was approved by a vote of 5-0.

AGENDA ITEM 12 – ATTORNEY'S REPORT: OTHER ISSUES AND MATTERS:

Deferred.

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AGENDA ITEM 13 – TO DISCUSS THE DISTRICT'S NOVEMBER 3, 2026 COMMISSIONER'S ELECTION INCLUDING CANCELING THE ELECTION AND RELATED MATTERS DETAILED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.

Carmon Smith made a motion to cancel the November 3, 2026, Commissioners' election and declare the two unopposed candidates elected to their respective positions; seconded by Jody Phan-Truong; passed 5-0.

AGENDA ITEM 14 – EXECUTIVE SESSION: TO DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION ON PERSONNEL ISSUES PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.074, GOVERNMENT CODE TO DISCUSS DISTRICT'S POSSIBLE REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION:

None.

AGENDA ITEM 15 – TO TAKE ANY NECESSARY ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION.

No session

AGENDA ITEM 16 – TO SCHEDULE OCTOBER 2026 DISTRICT MEETING

Meeting scheduled for October 22, 2026.

AGENDA ITEM 17– ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to be considered, the meeting was adjourned by Carmon Smith; seconded by Jane Guevara; passed 5-0 at 7:25 PM.

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED BY:

Johnnie Phoenix Aldridge, Secretary