

BASTROP-TRAVIS COUNTIES EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1

MINUTES

June 18, 2026

The Board of Commissioners of Bastrop-Travis Counties Emergency Services District No. 1 held a regular meeting on **Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.**, at the Elgin Fire Station, 111 N. Avenue C, Elgin, Texas, for the following purposes:

Attending the meeting were Commissioners Larry Moseley, Nick Teague, Ramiro Garza, Brian Henson and Zack Voelker. A quorum was present at the meeting. Also present were ESD staff members, representatives of the Fire Department, and representatives of the First Responder Unit.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance;** Led by Commissioner Garza.
2. **Call meeting to order;** Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items:** President Kaden Eckhart of Union 5586 spoke on dispatching to the stations; uniforms for personnel; mental health coverage for personnel with no copay; PTO buyback program; and he gave a summary detailing their concerns and entered the summary into the meeting minutes record.

PRESENTATION AND REPORTS

5. **Receive monthly report from the Treasurer and consider:**
 - (a) **approval of payment of monthly bills and invoices;**
 - (b) **approval of monthly financial report; and**
 - (c) **approval of transfers among District accounts;**

CPA Pam Oakes presented the monthly bills and invoices, financial report and transfers among District accounts. Motion made by Commissioner Garza to accept the report, pay the monthly bills and invoices, and accept transfers suggested. Seconded by Commissioner Teague. All in favor, motion carried.

6. **Receive monthly report regarding District emergency operations, apparatus, response times, call volume, training, budget, management activities, personnel issues, membership, and repairs needed at stations or to equipment or apparatus and take any related action;** Fire Chief Chris Botello presented his monthly report for May 2026. Total EMS & Fire incidents were 358 reported. Station 1301 had 267 calls, station 1302 had 19 calls and Station 1306 had 37 calls. No action taken.
7. **Receive monthly Commissioner activity reports;** Commissioner Voelker rode out with the firefighters and visited all 3 stations; met with the Elgin school district to see about partnering with them for property; and went to the TCESD 13 meeting also. He recognized several firefighters for jobs well done. Commissioner Teague attended the promotion ceremony last month and visited with TCESD 12 new station. He also attended the SAFE-D legislative session.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

8. **Discuss and consider approval of minutes for May 19, 2026, regular meeting;** Motion made by Commissioner Voelker to approve the minutes for May 19, 2026. Seconded by Commissioner Henson. All in favor, motion carried.
9. **Discuss and take action to adopt the tax and budget planning calendar for 2026 and authorize payment for tax process publications;** Motion made by Commissioner Henson to adopt the tax and budget planning calendar for 2026 and authorize payment for tax process publications. Commissioner Garza seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
10. **Schedule budget meetings/workshops;** First scheduled budget meeting/workshop is July 2nd at 2pm.
11. **Receive update from Joint Committee with the City of Elgin addressing the proposal for the District's handling of fire prevention and inspection responsibilities in the City;** No action taken.
12. **Review and discuss initial draft of an Interlocal Agreement regarding fire prevention and inspection responsibilities with City of Elgin and authorize associated action;** No action taken.
13. **Discuss and take action to authorize opening a separate bank account for sales tax revenue;** Motion made by Commissioner Voelker to open a money market account with Prosperity Bank to deposit Sales Tax and proceeds from sale of equipment. Motion seconded by Commissioner Teague. All in favor, motion carried.
14. **Discuss and take action to form a Budget Committee and assign participants;** Motion made by Commissioner Teague to form a Budget Committee of one union member, one Fire Chief and Commissioners Voelker and Garza. Seconded by Commissioner Voelker. All in favor, motion carried.
15. **Discuss and take action to adopt a conflict-of-interest policy and a resolution for same;** Motion by Commissioner Voelker to adopt a conflict-of-interest policy and a resolution for same. Motion seconded by Commissioner Henson. All in favor, motion carried.
16. **Discuss and take action to increase retirement funding through TCDRS (Texas County & District Retirement System);** Motion made by Commissioner Teague to increase the district matching amount to 2.5 to 1 matching, rule of 75 years of age or 20 years' service with a five-year vesting period and 7% employee contribution with a notification requirement of this change to TCDRS no later than December 15, 2026. Motion seconded by Commissioner Voelker. All in favor, motion carried.
17. **Discuss and take action to address station remodeling needs and plans and consider issuing a request for proposals for same;** Motion made by Commissioner Voelker to get a quote for station 1301 roof repair and present the quote or quotes to the Budget Committee for review. Seconded by Commissioner Henson. All in favor, motion carried.
18. **Discuss and take action to acquire land adjacent to Station 2 on FM 1704;** No action taken.
19. **Discuss and take action to address PPE (personal protective equipment) supplies and any updates to same;** No action taken.

20. **Discuss and take action to adopt a Resolution Authorizing Sale of Surplus Property;** Motion made by Commissioner Teague to adopt the resolution as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Voelker. All in favor, motion carried.
21. **Discuss and take action on the proceeds from the recent sale of trucks;** No action taken.
22. **Discuss and take action to address certification pay, promotions, and rate of pay for District employees;** No action taken.
23. **Discuss and take action to authorize hiring additional staff;**
The Commissioners went into executive session at 10:00 pm to discuss agenda Item #23 pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code. Executive session ended at 10:10 pm, at which point the regular meeting was reconvened. No action was taken in executive session.
In open session the Commissioners tabled agenda item #23.
24. **Discuss agenda items, time, and date for next meeting;** Next meeting date is July 16th at Elgin Fire Station, 6:30 pm.
25. **Adjourn.** Meeting adjourned at 10:11 pm.

Approved July 16, 2026.



Brian Henson, Secretary
Board of Commissioners