

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27, 2026, MEETING OF THE
HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO.17**

A meeting for **January 27, 2026**, was duly called of the **HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 17**, which was held at the District's Administration Building located at 10410 Airline Drive, Houston, Texas.

1. Call meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by **BILL BLASDELL**. Those commissioners present were **BILL BLASDELL, EVERETT GRIFFIN, KENNETH ADCOCK, and ROBIN HAYSLIP**. **DON GILKEY** was unable to attend. Also present were Members of the Chief's staff, District legal counsel David Manley of Coveler & Peeler, P.C., the District's Administrative Assistant Becky Cox, Amanda Coveler, James Roberts, and David Slattery from Slattery and Tackett.

2. To receive public comment.

The Board opened the meeting to public comment; there was no public in attendance.

3. To approve the Minutes of prior meetings.

No action required.

4. Review and take action on matters relating to calling an election to be held May 2, 2026

- a. To consider and take action on such other Orders, Resolutions and related matters as required or appropriate to call for the District election.**

A Motion was made by **MR. ADCOCK** and seconded by **MR. GRIFFIN** to call for an election to be held May 2, 2026. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0.

Note: No number 5 on agenda.

6. To review and act on financial matters, including financial report, investments, Investment Policy, accounts, depository security, resolutions for account access, and to pay bills.

A Motion was made by **MR. ADCOCK** and seconded by **MR. GRIFFIN** to accept the financial report as presented and approve payment of bills included therein. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0.

7. To review and act on amendments/revisions to District budgets.

No action required.

8. To conduct an annual review of the District Investment Policy, and take any necessary action.

After discussion a motion was made by Mr. **BLASDELL** to approve the Resolution as presented and keep the policy as it stands, seconded by **MR. GRIFFIN**. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0.

9. To receive a report from HDL companies regarding Special Purpose Districts and take any related action.

No action at this time.

10. To review and discuss and take action regarding adoption, amendment and explanation of District policies, procedures and standard operating guidelines.

No action at this time.

11. To review and take action to approve the purchase of capital assets, including apparatus/vehicles, equipment, tools, and communications equipment.

Chief Richardson presented the following quotes:

Station Garage Door replacements:

Station 81:	\$8,370
Station 82:	\$18,641.84
Station 83:	\$6,897.69
Station 84:	\$9,330.12

New Command Vehicles: \$105,220.12 plus \$15,793.37 (for upfittig)

Equipment for Brush Truck: \$16,446.38

A motion to approve these expenditures totalling 180,699.52) was made by **MR. BLASDELL** and seconded by **MR. GRIFFIN**. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0.

12. To review and act on disposition of surplus and/or salvage property.

No action required. Chief Richardson did give a recap of funds received from surplus for the last year.

13. To review and act on District obligations, including retiring obligations or incurring obligations for construction, real estate, vehicles, and equipment.

No action taken.

14. To review and discuss and act regarding an Interlocal Agreement with Harris County Toll Road Authority.

A motion to approve entering into the agreement was made by **MR. HAYSLIP** and seconded by **MR. BLASDELL**. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0.

15. To receive a report from Fire Chief on Fire Department activity.

Chief Richardson and members of the department made verbal and multi-media reports. No action required. He announced that Gary Morrison retired and John Molinari will become the new Fleet Manager.

16. To review, discuss and act on any issues related to the repairs, improvement, and construction of District facilities, including engaging construction services, change orders and construction payments.

Mr. Slattery provided an update on ongoing projects.

17. To review and act on personnel matters, including action on hiring, retention, policies, duties, and benefits.

Ms. Coveler provided the Board with information regarding the District's health and benefit plans and annual personnel reviews. She discussed the new law and possible insurance policy for critical illness for retired firefighters within 3 years of retirement. There is possible 7 firefighters that are eligible to retire within the year. This policy is \$4,173 annually per retiree, and covers the \$100,000 liability benefit. A motion to approve obtaining the this insurance with VFIS was made by **MR. GRIFFIN** and seconded by **MR. HAYSLIP**. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0.

18. To review and act on real estate, including to purchase, sale, platting, or permits.

No action taken.

19. To review and act on any matters regarding dispatch, communications, or mutual aid agreements with other agencies.

No action taken.

20. 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 went into executive session at 10:30 a.m. to confer with legal counsel, and came out of closed session at 12:17 p.m.

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

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

No action.

23. To review, discuss and take action regarding matters discussed in the Closed Session.

A motion to approve the District's revised handbook was made by **MR. GRIFFIN** and seconded by **MR. HAYSLIP**. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0.

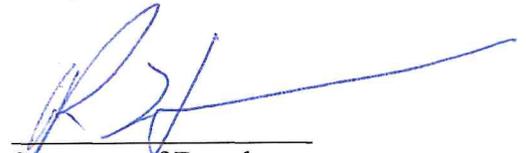
A motion to approve an increase in the Fire Chief's salary as discussed in closed session was made by **MR. GRIFFIN** and seconded by **MR. BLASDELL**. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0.

24. To set the date of the next regular meeting.

The February regular meeting will be held on February 24, 2026, at 9:30 AM. The mid-month bill paying meeting will be held on February 10, 2026.

25. Adjournment.

There being no further business brought before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by **MR. GRIFFIN**, seconded by **MR. BLASDELL**. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0 and the meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.


Secretary of Board