

FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 7

Minutes for the special Meeting of October 31, 2025

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER.** The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM by Commissioner **Lopez** at the District Fire Station, 1834 W. Sycamore, Fresno, TX. The Commissioners in attendance were **Freddy Lopez, Janet McClain** and **Barbara Hamilton**. Commissioners **Ferrel Bonner** and **Ruston Hughes** were absent. Also, present were Fire Chief Anthony Bates, and other staff from Fresno Fire Department and Paul Hamilton, a member of the public.
2. **TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT.** The Board opened the floor to public comment. No public comment was received.
3. **TO REVIEW AND ACT ON MATTERS RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, REPAIR, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS TO DISTRICT FACILITIES AND REAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING ENGAGEMENT OF DESIGN PROFESSIONALS OR ENGINEERING SERVICES, SELECTION OF BUILDERS/CONTRACTORS AND COOPERATION WITH OTHER COUNTY ENTITIES REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATIONS, INCLUDING ACTION ON CONSTRUCTION FINANCING.** Chief Anthony Bates presented information on this agenda item noting that this project had been discussed previously and was initially intended to be incorporated into the Firehouse 52 project. However, due to timing and delays with that project, the Chief proposed including the parking lot expansion within the scope of work for the Administrative Building project prior to the bid process, which is scheduled to begin on November 11th. **Commissioner Lopez** noted that this topic has been discussed for some time and that the existing facility was designed with future expansion in mind, including both personnel growth and parking capacity. **Commissioner McClain** shared that she attended a recent Community Advisory Panel Meeting where limited parking was observed. Additional discussion confirmed that parking limitations are affecting day-to-day operations at the station. A motion was made by **Commissioner McClain**, seconded by **Commissioner Hamilton**, to approve adding the Firehouse 51 parking lot expansion to the scope of work with Martinez Architects and to authorize execution of engagement agreement with Martinez Architects. With a vote of 3 to 0, the motion carried.
4. **TO DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND SET FUTURE MEETING DATES.** The next regular meeting will be held on November 11, 2025.
5. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business brought before the Board; the meeting was adjourned at 10:17 AM.


Janet McClain, Secretary