

FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 7
Minutes for the special Meeting of September 17, 2025

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER.** The meeting was called to order at 11:30 AM by Commissioner **Lopez** at the District Fire Station, 1834 W. Sycamore, Fresno, TX. The Commissioners in attendance were **Freddy Lopez, Janet McClain, Ferrel Bonner** and **Ruston Hughes**. Commissioner **Barbara Hamilton** was absent. Also, present were Fire Chief Anthony Bates and Esmeralda Mendez, and Jessica Adkins of Coveler & Peeler, P.C.
2. **TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT AND CONDUCT THE PUBLIC HEARING/OPEN FORUM TO ALLOW INTERESTED PARTIES TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND BE HEARD REGARDING THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE SETTING.** The Board opened the floor to public comment and for the tax hearing. No comments were offered.
3. **TO CONCLUDE THE PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE.** The public hearing was concluded at 11:36 AM.
4. **TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT THE DISTRICT 2026 BUDGET.** A motion was made by Commissioner **Bonner**, seconded by Commissioner **McClain**, to adopt the 2026 budget as presented by Staff. With a vote of 4 to 0, the motion carried.
5. **TO ADOPT THE DISTRICT 2025 AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS.** A motion was made by Commissioner **McClain**, seconded by Commissioner **Bonner**, to adopt a maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.084883 per \$100. With a vote of 4 to 0, the motion carried.
6. **TO ADOPT THE DISTRICT 2025 AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR DEBT SERVICE.** A motion was made by Commissioner **Bonner**, seconded by Commissioner **Hughes** to adopt a debt service tax rate of \$0.013596 per \$100. With a vote of 4 to 0, the motion carried.
7. **TO ADOPT THE DISTRICT 2025 AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS.** A motion was made by Commissioner **Hughes**, seconded by Commissioner **McClain**, that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.098479, which is effectively a 2.34 percent increase in the tax rate. With a vote of 4 to 0, the motion carried.
8. **TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.** There being no further business brought before the Board; the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 PM.



Janet McClain, Secretary