

MEETING MINUTES
DENTON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1

DENTON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1 held a meeting on **Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.** at the following location in the District: **Denton County Emergency Services District No. 1 Station 511, located at 511 Gibbons South, Argyle, Texas 76226.**

The District considered and acted upon the following matters:

1. Commissioner Gilbert called the meeting to order at 5:30pm; Megan Reynolds conducted roll call and established quorum – Commissioner Harwell and Commissioner Mashburn absent. Commissioner Pape left the meeting at 6:40pm.
2. Invocation.
3. Pledge of Allegiance: US and Texas Flag.
4. Received the Fire Chief's Report from Chief Vaughan.
5. No public comment received.
6. Consent Agenda – The following items are considered routine by the Board and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion will occur on these items unless a commissioner so requests, in which event, the item will be removed and placed on the Non-Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approve minutes of prior meetings
 - i. Regular Meeting Minutes July 18, 2025
 - ii. Special Board Meeting Minutes February 3, 2025
 - iii. Regular Board Meeting Minutes February 20, 2025
 - b. Financial and bookkeeping matters, including financial reports and the following action items:
 - i. Payment of District bills
 - ii. Payroll disbursements

Commissioner Pape motioned to approve consent agenda as presented; 2nd by Commissioner Merrill.
Vote: Unanimous
7. Non-Consent Agenda:
 - a. Items removed from the Consent Agenda – no action taken.
8. Received President's Report for Denton County ESD No.1 from Commissioner Gilbert.
9. Received and discussed Vice President's Report for Denton County ESD No.1, including:
 - a. Denton County ESD No. 1 from Chief Miller
 - b. Roanoke FD - absent

- c. Justin Community Volunteer FD from Chief Cloud
10. Secretary's Report for Denton County ESD No. 1 – no action taken, Commissioner Harwell absent.
 11. To received and discussed Treasurer's Report for Denton County ESD No. 1.
 - a. Receive and discussed amending the annual budget to reclassify transfers between the Districts as Revenues and Expenditures rather than Other Financing Sources and Uses. No action taken – request to move to Special Meeting March 29, 2025.
 - b. Received and discussed the adoption of a schedule for inter-district transfers commencing March 2025 – no action taken.
 12. Received and discussed Annual Audit Report Draft from Joseph Ellis, McCall Gibson Swedlund Barfoot Ellis PLLC. No action taken – request to defer to April 24, 2025 meeting.
 13. Received and discussed update from the Finance Subcommittee regarding potential debt and tax rate compression strategies for ESD 1 and any necessary action related to obtaining financing proposals Government Capital. No action taken.
 14. Received and discussed investment options for investable funds. No action taken.
 15. Received and discussed approval of the FY26 Budget Calendar. Commissioner Gilbert motioned to add monthly meetings to Budget Calendar and amend as needed; 2nd by Commissioner Pape.
Vote: Unanimous
 16. Received and discussed grant exemptions relative to the District's property tax levy. Commissioner Merrill motioned to approve Homestead of \$0 and exemptions of \$50,000 for Disability and >65 years of age; 2nd by Commissioner Pape.
Vote: Unanimous
 17. Received a report from Martinez Architects and take action on District construction matters, including the approval of any pay applications or change orders for the District's modular fire station project with Crossland Construction Company and EMB.
 - a. Discussed EMB tariff.
 18. Reviewed and discussed draft 2024 Annual Report. No action taken – request to bring to Special Meeting March 29, 2025.
 19. Received the Community Outreach and Communications Report from Megan Reynolds.
 20. No closed session.

21. No Commissioner updates and announcements.
22. Discussed items which need to be on the agenda for subsequent District meetings including moving April Regular Meeting to 4th Thursday as well as a budget revision related to item 11A.
23. Commissioner Gilbert motioned to adjourn at 7:33pm; 2nd by Commissioner Merrill.
Vote: Unanimous

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THIS 24TH DAY OF APRIL, 2025.



PRESIDENT SHELDON GILBERT



SECRETARY JARED HARWELL