



**Bexar County Emergency Services District 7
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 12, 2026**



Bexar County Emergency Services District 7 conducted a meeting at the District 7 Fire & Rescue Station # 116, located at 18805 Bandera Road; Helotes, TX; 78023. The following was discussed:

1. President William Davidson called the meeting to order at 9:13 am.
2. A quorum was established with William Davidson, Gary Schott, Cindy Colston, and Rick Johnson present. Lonnie Stockton was absent.
3. There were no citizens to be heard. However Caleb Manifold w/ BCOEM was in attendance.
4. **Rick Johnson made the motion, seconded by Gary Schott to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2026 meeting. Motion carried 4/0.**
5. New Business (Updates/discussions provided/led by Chief Clarkson unless otherwise noted. Also in attendance Asst Chief Ivey, Division Chiefs Richardson, Marquez and Baring, and Administrative Assistant Iruegas.)
 - 5.1 Discussion on the following:
 - A. Station updates -
 - Station 115
 - Station 116
 - Station 117
 - Station 118
 - B. Department status - Updates provided by DC Marquez and Richardson
 - C. Training – Updates provided by DC Richardson.
 - D. Personnel – Updates provided by Chief Clarkson, AC Ivey, and DC Richardson.
Rick Johnson made the motion, seconded by Cindy Colston to amend the Personnel Policy with regards to PTO and Bilingual Incentive Pay. Motion carried 4/0.
 - E. Radios and Communications – No updates/discussion.
 - F. Tools and Equipment – No updates/discussion.
 - G. Uniforms – No updates/discussion.
 - H. Apparatus – Updates provided by DC Baring.
 - I. Deployment Data/Budget Updates – Updates provided by AC Ivey.
 - J. Bexar County ESD Association Updates/Discussion
 - K. Cyber Technology/AI
 - L. Other -
 - i. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Social Media Communication Agreement.
This item tabled for another meeting.

6. Financial Report

6.1 Discussion on the following:

- A. Review and approval of budget year to date.

Gary Schott made the motion, seconded by Rick Johnson to approve the budget year to date. Motion carried 4/0.

- B. Approval of financial registers, including TexPool.

Cindy Colston made the motion, seconded by Gary Schott to approve the financial register. Motion carried 4/0.

- C. Approval of payments due for the previous and current month.

Cindy Colston made the motion, seconded by Gary Schott to approve the payments due for the previous and current month. Motion carried 4/0.

- D. Discussion and Appropriate Action on Proposed FY27 BCEDSD7 Budget.

Rick Johnson made the motion, seconded by Gary Schott to approve the proposed FY27 BCEDSD7 Budget as presented. Motion carried 4/0.

- E. Discussion and Appropriate Action on 2026 Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet.

Rick Johnson made the motion, seconded by Gary Schott to approve the 2026 Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet. Motion carried 4/0.

- F. Discussion and Appropriate Action to Propose 2026 tax rate and set public hearing date.

Cindy Colston made the motion, seconded by Rick Johnson to propose a property tax rate of 0.10 per \$100 valuation and set the public hearing date for August 19, 2026, at 9:00am, at the ESD7 Station # 116. Motion carried 4/0.

- 7. The next meeting will be held August 19, 2026, at 9:00 am, at the ESD7 Station # 116.**

- 8. Rick Johnson made the motion, seconded by Gary Schott, to adjourn, at 11:54 am. Motion carried 4/0.**