

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY ESD 1  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS**

The Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County ESD 1, convened in open session on April 15, 2026 with the following Board Members to-wit:

Members Present:                               J. Steven Weisinger, President  
  Chuck Frank, Vice President  
  Sharene Carr, Treasurer  
  David Cooper, Assistant Treasurer

Members Absent:                               Tom Rozier, Secretary

Addressing item 1 of the agenda, the meeting of Montgomery County ESD 1 was called to order on April 15, 2026 at 6:05 PM by President J. Steven Weisinger. Four Board members were present at the meeting location, therefore constituting a quorum. Also present were Assistant Fire Chief Kirk Bailey, Office Administrator Crystal LaCaze, Administrative Assistants Yesenia Espinosa and Sherry Ramsel, Deputy Chief Michael Romagus, District Legal Counsel John Peeler and Certified Public Account Jon Watson with Brooks Watson & Co.

Addressing item 2 of the agenda, no public comments were made.

Addressing item 3 of the agenda, no action was taken.

Addressing item 4 of the agenda regarding minutes from the prior meeting, the Board took action on the following:

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Frank and seconded by Commissioner Carr, the Board voted unanimously to accept and approve meeting minutes as presented by staff for the following dates:  
Regular Board Meeting March 18, 2026  
Special Called Meeting – Grand Opening STA 96 March 27, 2026

Addressing item 5 of the agenda,  
Jon Watson, CPA with Brooks Watson & Co. presented the 2025 district audit to the Board and provided the board with an overview of the auditing process.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board voted unanimously to accept and approve the 2025 District Audit as presented.

Office Administrator, Crystal LaCaze presented the Board with the District monthly financial report. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board voted unanimously to accept the financial report as presented and approve payment of the district's monthly bills.

Office Administrator, Crystal LaCaze, informed the Board staff meeting with and looking at switching tax consulting companies in which she would be reporting back next month with more details.

Addressing item 6a of the agenda:

Assistant Fire Chief Kirk Bailey updated the Board that the Station 96/Training Facility hot water issue has been resolved. There are three remaining pending issues: water pressure to the building when hydrants are being used, the trench prop crushed granite issue, and the driveway around the back of the trench prop for the telehandler. Staff and the Building Committee are working with BRW on resolutions; however, they requested permission to proceed with repairs while negotiations with BRW are ongoing. The total cost for all three items will not exceed \$100,000.00. The Building Committee has a scheduled meeting with BRW on Friday, April 17, 2026, regarding resolutions to the pending issues.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the Building Committee to proceed with repairs for all three pending issues at Station 96, with costs not to exceed \$100,000.00.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Frank the board voted unanimously to authorize Building Committee to negotiate with BRW.

Office Administrator, Crystal LaCaze presented the Board with LaW Construction Pay App 021 for Station 96/Training Facility.

Upon a motion made by Commissioners Frank and seconded by Commissioner Carr the board voted unanimously to approve Pay App 021.

Office Administrator, Crystal LaCaze presented the Board with Durotech Construction Pay App No. 3 for the new Station 91/Admin. construction.

Upon a motion made by Commissioners Frank and seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the board voted unanimously to approve Pay App No. 3 for Durotech Construction.

Assistant Fire Chief Kirk Bailey also updated the Board on Station 92 and the recent walkthrough. Seven construction managers have submitted proposals for interviews related to the CMaR process on April 28th. The architect is currently vetting the submissions and will provide a final list of the top three construction managers for interviews. The Building Committee, along with the architect, will develop a recommendation to present at the May 20, 2026 Board meeting.

Addressing item 6b of the agenda,

Office Administrator Crystal LaCaze informed the Board about the status of the sale of the existing Station 91 and the inspection that took place on the morning of April 15, 2026.

Addressing item 6c-6f of the agenda, no action was taken.

Addressing item 6g of the agenda,

Office Administrator, Crystal LaCaze informed the Board that staff would be presenting a budget amendment at the May Board Meeting.

Addressing item 6h-i of the agenda, no action was taken.

Addressing item 7a of the agenda,

Office Administrator Crystal LaCaze presented the Board with the tax exemption options for the 2026 Montgomery Central Appraisal District tax exemptions.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Frank, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the 2026 tax exemptions reflecting the same exemptions as the 2025 tax year: Homestead - \$0, Over 65 - \$25,000, and Disability - \$25,000.

Addressing item 7b of the agenda, no action was taken.

It was discussed to remove this item from the agenda for future meetings.

Addressing items 8 -11 of the agenda, no closed session was held.

Addressing item 12 of the agenda, no action was taken.

Addressing item 13a of the agenda,

Assistant Fire Chief Kirk Bailey presented the Board with the March 2026 call volume report. He informed the Board that call volume has decreased over the last two months.

He also updated the Board on Fire Chief Jason Oliphant's conversation with Jeff regarding the ISO rating and stated that the District may receive a preliminary rating next month, which is expected to be close to a Class 1. In addition, he informed the Board that Crystal and Olson have been working together on the IT RFP.

Addressing item 13b-13c of the agenda, no action was taken.

Addressing item 14 of the agenda, no action was taken.

Addressing item 15 of the agenda,

There being no further business, upon a motion made by Commissioner Frank and seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:58 PM.

***Crystal LaCaze***

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District Office Manager and Administrative Secretary  
Montgomery County ESD 1