

ESD 12 Henderson County

Minutes – February 16, 2026

Meeting was called to order by President Cody Seale who welcomed visitors.

Commissioner Bersano would be late but a quorum was established. Commissioners Bertholf, Delaney, Lyon and Seale were present.

Commissioners Delaney and Lyon moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report (Item 4), Investment opportunities (Item 5; Reimbursement policy (Item 6) were moved to Item 8, 9, 10.

Commissioners, Chief York and CV Fireman Brandon Smith discussed take-aways from the Safe-D conference. Comments were positive but it was noted that some of the sessions were crowded and often it was difficult to see/hear presenters.

Commissioners Delaney and Lyon reported on Strategic Plan updates. Members agreed to have a workshop following the March scheduled meeting. Chief York and volunteers were invited to attend. The workshop will be open to the public for comments.

Commissioner (Treasurer) Bersano reported a balance of \$801,627.48 as of January 31. She noted that Quick Books has changed pricing and formats offered. She has also found an interest discrepancy in the U-Bank statement and is following up on that as well as some questions about the Marriott bills from the Safe-D Conference.

Members discussed a policy amendment to include reimbursement for travel as allowed by the state and to include a \$50 per diem allowance for meals and a standard parking allowance. A motion to amend the existing policy was made by Commissioner Bersano, seconded by Commissioner Delaney and passed. Commissioner Bertholf will present the policy at next month's meeting for final approval.

Commissioner Bersano presented information about TexPool and investment opportunities. It was noted that their current interest rate was almost what we are getting from U-Bank if current discrepancies are resolved.

No action was taken on the City of Chandler's presentation for a fire bay located at the proposed new city office complex. Commissioners agreed that the ESD is not ready to commit at this time and that this will be included in the strategic plan for future consideration. Commissioners Seale and Bersano did have a conversation with the ESD's lawyer in San Antonio and he advised not to enter into any agreement with the city until he has researched precedents for city/ESD agreements.

The CVFD incident report for January will be posted on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10.

Submitted by:

Nancy Bertholf