

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF
ORANGE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2
AUGUST 4, 2026**

1. CALL TO ORDER – The regularly scheduled meeting of the Orange County Emergency Services District #2 was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM – Quorum present, Commissioners LeBlanc, Childers, Arnold, Landry, and Barnes.
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – The following guests were in attendance: Chief Bodin; Asst. Chief Taylor; Brennan Dobbs; Kevin from U.S. Fire Pump; and Becky M. Buffington, District Administrator.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING(S) – The minutes from the July 14, 2026, regular session were presented. Motion made by Commissioner Arnold, seconded by Commissioner Landry, to accept the minutes.

All voted AYE. Motion carried.

5. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR'S FINANCIAL REPORT – The financial report for July 2026 was not available and will be presented at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible action regarding purchase of fire engine from US Fire Apparatus – Chief Bodin introduced Kevin from US Fire Apparatus and stated that US Fire had 26' chassis available to build and, after meeting with them, we could get pretty much everything wanted/needed with a 180-240 day delivery because they have the chassis. In addition, he would like to purchase 4 SCBA for the truck to comply with new TCFP regs. Grand total would be \$1196581.00 + \$100,000.00 for loose equipment. After discussion, motion made by Commissioner Landry, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to approve the purchase and authorize Chief Bodin or District Administrator Buffington to sign all documents necessary to complete the purchase.

All voted AYE. Motion carried.

B. Discussion and possible action to accept and approve the 2026 certified value and corresponding reports from OCAD – Ms. Buffington presented the certified value and reports as prepared from OCAD. After review, motion made by Commissioner Arnold, seconded by Commissioner Childers, to accept and approve same.

All voted AYE. Motion carried.

C. Discussion and possible action to accept and approve the 2026 tax rate calculation worksheet from the County Tax A/C – Ms. Buffington presented the worksheet (same can be viewed on the District's website). After review, motion made by Commissioner Childers, seconded by Commissioner Arnold to accept and approve the 2026 tax rate calculation worksheet from the County Tax A/C.

All voted AYE. Motion carried.

D. Discussion and possible action regarding 2027 budget - may adopt budget at this meeting – Ms. Buffington presented a proposed budget based upon a \$0.10/\$100 of value tax rate that she and Chief Bodin had worked out previously. However, based upon the authorization to purchase the new fire engine, the numbers will need to be revised so she recommended no action be taken. After discussion, the matter was tabled and will be taken up at the next meeting.

E. Discussion and possible action regarding tax rate for 2026

a. Propose tax rate - After discussion, motion made by Commissioner Landry, seconded by Commissioner Arnold, to propose a tax rate for 2026 of \$0.10/\$100 of value.

All voted AYE. Motion carried.

b. Set date for public hearing;

c. Set date for meeting to adopt budget (if not adopted previously) and tax rate; and

d. Authorize publication/posting of required notices regarding 2026 property tax rate and authorizing District Administrator to take said actions.

Ms. Buffington stated that due to calendar restraints, the public hearing should be scheduled for 8/17/26 at 6 p.m., with the special called meeting to follow at 6:15 p.m. or as soon as the hearing is concluded. The budget could be adopted at the special called meeting. After discussion, motion made by Commissioner Arnold, seconded by Commissioner Childers, to schedule the public hearing for 8/17/26 at 6 p.m., with a special called meeting to follow at 6:15 p.m. or as soon as the hearing is concluded, with the budget to be adopted at said special called meeting. Additionally, the publication/posting of required notices regarding 2026 property tax rate shall be authorized and the District Administrator is authorized to take said actions on behalf of the District.

All voted AYE. Motion carried.

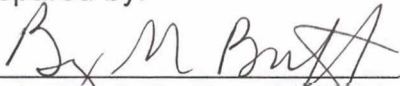
F. Discussion and possible action regarding issuing an order calling election to elect three at-large commissioner positions within the District for November 3, 2026 and giving notice of said election; authorizing the District Administrator to take all

actions regarding same, including entering into a contract with the County of Orange to host said election, sign all documents necessary regarding notice, and act as filing officer for said election – Ms. Buffington informed the Board that 8/17/26 is the last day to call the election and, should one be needed (*i.e.*, if more than 3 people run for the 3 open positions), the order and notice would need to be issued and filing officer appointed, and a contract with the County signed. After discussion, motion made by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Landry, to authorize issuing an order calling election to elect three at-large commissioner positions within the District for November 3, 2026 and giving notice of said election; authorizing the District Administrator to take all actions regarding same, including entering into a contract with the County of Orange to host said election, sign all documents necessary regarding notice, and act as filing officer for said election.

All voted AYE. Motion carried.

7. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CHIEF, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR, ETC. – Chief Bodin stated that he and Ms. Chatagnier had been interviewing for the open dispatcher position and that Natalie Davis had applied to get her job back after resigning previously. Mr. Dobbs discussed the A/C in dispatch and bids received for repair/replacement. He also discussed phones and internet at Station 2.
8. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

Prepared by:



Becky M. Buffington, District Administrator