

**CENCAL Fire and EMS Authority
Board of Directors**

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 13, 2026

1. MEETING COMMENCEMENT

- 1.1.** The Board of Directors convened in Open Session at 4:06 P.M. on July 13, 2026 in-person at Stockton City Hall – Council Chambers, 501 W. Weber Ave., Building 1, First Floor – Stockton, CA 95203.
- 1.2.** Roll Call found Mikey Hothi (Vice-Chairperson), Michelle Padilla (Alternate for Christina Fugazi), and Dotty Nygard (Alternate for Chairman Jeff Ramsey) present.
- 1.3.** Pledge of Allegiance

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairperson Hothi opened the floor for Public Comment. There was no comment from the public.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1. MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 8, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

There were no questions or comments from the public, Board or staff.

ACTION: Motion was made by Director Padilla and seconded by Director Nygard to approve Item 3.1. Said motion carried a unanimous 3 – 0 vote in favor; passed and so ordered.

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1. RECEIVE AND FILE THE MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT

Lenard Gutierrez, Director of Zone X, presented the staff report and provided an overview of the monthly data reviewed in the performance report. He reviewed the details of the data for May and June, and discussed volumes by Zone.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board and staff regarding tracking patients, Patient Care Reports (PCR), and positive feedback received from the community.

There were no questions or comments from the public or staff.

ACTION: Motion was made by Director Padilla and seconded by Director Nygard to accept the monthly performance report. Said motion carried a unanimous 3 – 0 vote (Ayes: Hothi, Padilla, and Nygard) in favor; passed and so ordered.

4.2. AMBULANCE PATIENT OFFLOAD TIMES (APOT) UPDATE

Ken Johnson, Fire Chief of the Lodi Fire Department, presented the staff report and provided an update regarding APOT times.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board and staff to clarify the start of the 20-minute clock, average time for county, and process to report trends.

There were no questions or comments from the public or staff.

ACTION: Motion was made by Director Padilla and seconded by Director Nygard to accept the update on Ambulance Patient Offload Times (APOT). Said motion carried a unanimous 3 – 0 (Ayes: Hothi, Padilla, and Nygard) vote in favor; passed and so ordered.

4.3. IMPLEMENTATION OF SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY EMS AGENCY POLICY NO. 5201 – MEDICAL PATIENT DESTINATION

Chief Johnson presented the staff report, provided an overview of the item and reviewed the difference of implied vs. expressed consent, caveats, and hospital specialties.

Representatives from Dameron Hospital were in attendance and provided public comment. They introduced themselves and discussed the ways that Dameron is committed to continuing to improve partnerships for EMS, wait times and offload times.

Director Hothi advised he had the opportunity to tour Dameron a few weeks prior and wanted to give them an opportunity to introduce themselves and collaborate with the Board. Chief Johnson added that he also toured the facility and is impressed with their collaboration efforts.

There were no questions or comments from the public or staff.

ACTION: Motion was made by Director Padilla and seconded by Director Nygard to approve the implementation of San Joaquin County EMS Agency Policy No 5201 – Medical Patient Destination. Said motion carried a unanimous 3 – 0 (Ayes: Hothi, Padilla, and Nygard) vote in favor; passed and so ordered.

4.4. ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2025 – 2026 SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT – SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY EMS: A SYSTEM RE-IMAGINED: THE FUTURE OF EMS IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

Chief Bradley presented the staff report, and provided history on the Grand Jury Presentation and subsequent report. He advised the Board that it overall was a positive experience to explain CENCAL's mission and gained support from the Grand Jury. He further advised that although no response is required, staff recommends the Board adopt a Resolution acknowledging the report has been reviewed and that the Board agrees with the findings of the report.

There were no questions or comments from the public or staff.

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ACTION: Motion was made by Director Padilla and seconded by Director Nygard to adopt a resolution accepting the 2025 – 2026 San Joaquin County Civil Grand Jury Report – San Joaquin County EMS: A system re-imagined: The Future of EMS in San Joaquin County. Said motion carried a unanimous 3 – 0 (Ayes: Hothi, Padilla, and Nygard) vote in favor; passed and so ordered.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

5.1. Fire Chief Comments

Chief Johnson provided an update to the Board on the data for EMS system enhancements. He reviewed the collaboration and working groups with the County, EMS, Dispatch and fire agencies.

Chief Bradley thanked the Board for their support.

5.2. Future Agenda Items

There were no additional future agenda items requested.

5.3. Board of Directors Comments

There were no comments from the Board of Directors.

6. ADJOURNMENT: 4:46 P.M.

ACTION: Motion was made by Director Padilla and seconded by Director Nygard to adjourn. Said motion carried a unanimous 3 – 0 vote (Ayes: Hothi, Padilla, and Nygard) in favor; passed and so ordered.

The above agenda for the Regular Meeting was posted on July 10, 2026 at the South San Joaquin County Fire Authority's Administration Building, Lodi Fire Department Administration Offices, Stockton Fire Administration Offices, Stockton City Hall, and online at www.cencalfire.org.

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Clerk of the Board

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Vice-Chairperson of the Board