

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

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2026**

1. MEETING COMMENCEMENT

- 1.1. The Board of Directors convened in Open Session at 4:00 P.M. on March 9, 2026 in-person at Stockton City Hall – Council Chambers, 425 N. El Dorado Street, Stockton, CA 95202.
- 1.2. Roll Call found Jeff Ramsey (Chairperson), Mikey Hothi (Vice-Chairperson), and Michelle Padilla (Alternate for Christina Fugazi) present.
- 1.3. Pledge of Allegiance

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

3. CONSENT AGENDA

3.1. MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 9, 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 Hothi to accept Item 3.1. Said motion carried a unanimous 3 – 0 vote (Ayes: Ramsey, Hothi and Padilla) in favor; passed and so ordered.

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1. AUTHORIZE BY RESOLUTION THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF STOCKTON FOR EMERGENCY AMBULANCE DISPATCH SERVICES

Stockton Fire Chief, Bryan Carr introduced the staff report and provided an overview and history of the item. He reviewed improvements that were made regarding dispatch to provide services for the County. He pointed out that there has been an amendment to the agreement with the removal of Exhibit B that was initially published. Chief Carr reviewed the term of the contract and rate structure. He reviewed the purpose of Exhibit B and explained why it has been removed from the agreement for approval at this time.

Ramsey commented and thanked Stockton for the heavy lift and work involved with getting dispatch up and running.

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

ACTION: Motion was made by Director Padilla and seconded by Director Hothi to approve a resolution authorizing the execution of the agreement with the City of Stockton for

Emergency Ambulance Dispatch Services. Clerk of the Board conducted a Roll Call Vote: Ramsey: Aye, Hothi: Aye, Padilla: Aye. Said motion carried a unanimous 3 – 0 vote in favor; passed and so ordered.

4.2. AUTHORIZE BY RESOLUTION THE ADOPTION OF AMBULANCE BILLING POLICIES TO ESTABLISH COMPREHENSIVE FRAMEWORK FOR BILLING OPERATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICES

Deputy Chief of South San Joaquin County Fire Authority, Brian Bagley presented the staff report and provided history and an overview of the item. He advised the Board that the proposed policies are meant to provide direction to EMS | MC on how to apply billing practices on behalf of CENCAL to support cost recovery efforts. He advised the Board of an amendment to a sentence in Policy 108.

Director Hothi asked about our billing rates in comparison to neighboring agencies. Chief Bagley responded that LEMSA establishes rates. Discussion ensued amongst the Board and Chief Officers regarding rates and differences between counties.

Further discussion ensued amongst the Board and staff regarding billing practices for private pay vs insurance, rates, and the Board's ability to apply Compassionate Care (Policy 104).

There were no questions or comments from the public.

ACTION: Motion was made by Director Hothi and seconded by Director Padilla to adopt a resolution adopting ambulance billing policies to establish comprehensive framework for billing operations in connection with the provision of emergency ambulance services. Said motion carried a unanimous 3 – 0 vote (Ayes: Ramsey, Hothi, and Padilla) in favor; passed and so ordered.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

5.1. Fire Chief Comments

Lodi Fire Chief, Ken Johnson provided the Board with an update regarding the bond requirement and staffs efforts in acquiring the bond. South San Joaquin County Fire Authority Fire Chief, Randall Bradley added that staff is working and exploring all options. Discussion ensued.

Chief Johnson provided an update on ambulance branding and deployment of CENCAL-branded ambulances.

5.2. Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were requested by the Board or staff.

5.3. Board of Directors Comments

Director Hothi advised that he will be out of the country until May 5th. Discussion ensued amongst the Board and staff regarding the next meeting and alternate options if Director Hothi is unavailable.

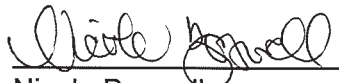
Chief Johnson introduced Kyle and Scott from AMR's leadership team.

6. ADJOURNMENT: 4:18 PM

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

The above agenda for the Regular Meeting was posted on April 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 ww.cencalfire.org.

ATTEST:



Nicole Boswell
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED:



Jeff Ramsey
Chairperson of the Board