

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

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 8, 2026**

1. MEETING COMMENCEMENT

- 1.1. The Board of Directors convened in Open Session at 4:00 P.M. on June 8, 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), Michelle Padilla (Alternate for Christina Fugazi), and Lisa Craig-Hensley (Alternate for Mikey Hothi) 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 APRIL 13, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

3.2. MEETING MINUTES FOR APRIL 30, 2026 SPECIAL MEETING

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

ACTION: Motion was made by Director Craig-Hensley and seconded by Director Padilla to approve Items 3.1 and 3.2. Said motion carried a unanimous 3 – 0 vote in favor; passed and so ordered.

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1. FISCAL YEAR 2025 – 2026 THIRD QUARTER BUDGET STATUS UPDATE

John Driscoll, Fire Services Administrator presented the staff report, and provided an overview of the item and related PowerPoint presentation.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board and staff regarding JRUG, negotiations, impact on dispatch center with potential added agencies, and details of expenditures and revenues.

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

ACTION: Motion was made by Director Craig-Hensley and seconded by Director Padilla to accept the budget update for the third quarter of fiscal year 2025-2026. Said motion carried a unanimous 3 – 0 vote (Ayes: Ramsey, Craig-Hensley, and Padilla) in favor; passed and so ordered.

4.2. FEDERAL MEDICAID PROPOSED RULEMAKING AND PUBLIC PROVIDER GROUND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION (PP-GEMT) PROGRAM UPDATE

Randall Bradley, Fire Chief of the South San Joaquin County Fire Authority, presented the staff report. He reviewed the proposed rules with the Board, explained potential impacts and details and impacts surrounding the potential effective date. He reviewed PP-GEMT, SPA, and key points detailed in the staff report.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board and staff regarding SPA application terms, SPA details, timeline for PPGEMT rates in California, standard/historical rate increases, Medi-Cal and Medicaid payments and how rates vary throughout the state.

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

ACTION: Motion was made by Director Padilla and seconded by Director Craig-Hensley to accept the program update for the Federal Medicaid proposed rulemaking and Public Provider Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (PP-GEMT). Said motion carried a unanimous 3 – 0 (Ayes: Ramsey, Craig-Hensley, and Padilla) vote in favor; passed and so ordered.

4.3. AUTHORIZE BY RESOLUTION THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 – 2027 BUDGET

John Driscoll presented the staff report, provided an overview of the item and reviewed the PowerPoint presentation detailing the proposed fiscal year 2026 – 2027 budget.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board and staff regarding contingency, start up funding, interest bearing, excess revenues, and potential to build reserves in anticipation of the proposed rulemaking.

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

ACTION: Motion was made by Director Padilla and seconded by Director Craig-Hensley to adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027 budget. Clerk of the Board, Nicole Boswell conducted a Roll Call Vote (Jeff Ramsey: Aye, Lisa Craig-Hensley: Aye, Michelle Padilla: aye). Said motion carried a unanimous 3 – 0 (Ayes: Ramsey, Craig-Hensley, and Padilla) vote in favor; passed and so ordered.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

5.1. Fire Chief Comments

Executive Director, Lonnie Gutierrez advised the Board of the response data and system performance measures of CENCAL during it's first month in service.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board and staff and staff agreed to bring this information to the Board monthly.

5.2. Future Agenda Items

There were no additional future agenda items requested.

5.3. Board of Directors Comments

Chairperson Ramsey advised that he would not be available to attend the next Regular meeting scheduled for July 13, 2026.

6. ADJOURNMENT: 4:47 P.M.

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

The above agenda for the Regular Meeting was posted on June 4, 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](http://www.cencalfire.org).

ATTEST:

APPROVED:



Nicole Boswell
Clerk of the Board



Jeff Ramsey
Chairperson of the Board