

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

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 12, 2026**

1. MEETING COMMENCEMENT

- 1.1. The Board of Directors convened in Open Session at 4:00 P.M. on January 12, 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), Mike Hothi (Vice-Chairperson) and 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 DECEMBER 8, 2025 REGULAR MEETING

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

ACTION: Motion was made by Director Fugazi and seconded by Director Hothi to accept Item 3.1. Said motion carried a unanimous 3 – 0 vote (Ayes: Ramsey, Hothi, and Fugazi) in favor; passed and so ordered.

4. REGULAR AGENDA

4.1. ADOPT A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND DIRECTOR – ZONE Y POSITIONS; AND CLARIFICATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND SYSTEM GOVERNANCE RULES

South San Joaquin County Fire Authority Fire Chief, Randall Bradley presented the staff report and provided an overview of the item. He reviewed the roles of the Administrator, and the proposed day-to-day operations of the Director and Director of Zone Y.

Direction ensued amongst the Board and staff and the Board sought clarification on whether this is a new position for the City of Stockton, the two year rotation schedule of the Administrator, and the term for the Directors.

There were no questions or comments from the public.

ACTION: Motion was made by Director Hothi and seconded by Director Fugazi to adopt a resolution establishing the Executive Director and Director – Zone Y positions; and clarification of administrative and system governance rules. Said motion carried a unanimous 3 – 0 vote (Ayes: Ramsey, Hothi, and Fugazi) in favor; passed and so ordered.

4.2. APPROVE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE EXCLUSIVE AMBULANCE SERVICES SUBCONTRACTOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CENCAL FIRE AND EMS AUTHORITY AND AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE WEST (AMR)

Chief Bradley presented the staff report and provided an overview of the item. He advised the Board that amendment eliminates the 18 month out clause to the subcontractor agreement between CENCAL and AMR.

Director Hothi sought further clarification on the need for the removal of the out clause. Chief Bradley responded.

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

ACTION: Motion was made by Director Fugazi and seconded by Director Hothi to approve the first amendment to the Exclusive Ambulance Services Subcontractor Agreement between the CENCAL Fire and EMS Authority and American Medical Response West (AMR). Said motion carried a unanimous 3 – 0 vote (Ayes: Ramsey, Hothi, and Fugazi) in favor; passed and so ordered.

4.3. APPROVAL OF EMERGENCY AMBULANCE AND DISPATCH SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY EMS AGENCY (EOA ZONES X AND Y)

Chief Bradley presented the staff report and provided an overview of the item. He advised the Board that this is the contract with the San Joaquin County EMS Agency outlining the terms and conditions for CENCAL to provide ambulance services for EOA Zones X and Y). Chief Bradley reviewed the negotiations process and advised the Board that all parties have agreed to the terms of the agreement, including approval from the attorneys as to form. He also advised the Board that once this agreement is approved by the CENCAL Board, that it will then be forwarded to the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors for consideration at their in February of 2026.

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

ACTION: Motion was made by Director Fugazi and seconded by Director Hothi to approve the Emergency Ambulance and Dispatch Services Agreement with San Joaquin County EMS Agency for EOA Zones X and Y. Said motion carried a unanimous 3 – 0 vote (Ayes: Ramsey, Hothi, and Fugazi) in favor; passed and so ordered.

4.4. ADOPT A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS THE CENCAL FIRE AND EMS AUTHORITY'S ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING; AND SETTING THE TERM DATE FOR BOARD MEMBERS TO COINCIDE WITH THE ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Clerk of the Board, Nicole Boswell, presented the staff report and provided an overview of the item. She advised the Board that the current JPA Agreement and Bylaws reference the Annual Organizational Meeting, but does not designate or specify when that meeting shall occur. She explained the purpose of establishing a set date for the Organizational Meeting and what actions the Board shall take during that meeting.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board and staff regarding their availability to attend the Regular Meeting in the Month of February due to an observed holiday for the City of Stockton. The Board also discussed holding this meeting in February to confirm it will work for election years. The acting counsel did not require that the Board vote to move the Regular Meeting date for the month of February and the Board Clerk advised that she would poll the Board for availability to attend a Special Meeting in February, being that Stockton is closed on February 9th.

ACTION: Motion was made by Director Fugazi and seconded by Chairperson Hothi to adopt a resolution establishing the first Regular Meeting in the month of February as the CENCAL Fire and EMS Authority's Annual Organizational Meeting; and setting the term date for Board members to coincide with the Annual Organizational Meeting. Said motion carried a unanimous 3 – 0 vote (Ayes: Ramsey, Hothi, and Fugazi) in favor; passed and so ordered.

4.5. AUTHORIZE BY RESOLUTION THE ADOPTION OF THE CENCAL FIRE AND EMS AUTHORITY PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING POLICY

Stockton Fire Administrative Manager, John Driscoll presented the staff report and provided an overview of the item. He advised the Board that this policy will allow CENCAL to execute Professional Services Agreements consistent with public sector best practices. He advised it is model after the City of Stockton's policy, which is tried and true. He reviewed the different purchasing tiers and associated approval authority.

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

ACTION: Motion was made by Director Fugazi and seconded by Director Hothi to authorize, by resolution, the adoption of the CENCAL Fire and EMS Authority Procurement and Contracting Policy. Said motion carried a unanimous 3 – 0 vote (Ayes: Ramsey, Hothi, and Fugazi) in favor; passed and so ordered.

4.6 AUTHORIZE BY RESOLUTION THE EXECUTION OF BANKING AND TREASURY SERVICES AGREEMENTS WITH BMO BANK N.A.

John Driscoll presented the staff report and provided an overview of the item, advising the Board this will grant Stockton the authority to execute the banking agreements. He reviewed the timing and next steps once the agreements are in place to start the banking services with BMO. He further reviewed the two agreements and the purpose

of each, including reviewing the return on investment and fees.

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

ACTION: Motion was made by Director Hothi and seconded by Director Fugazi to authorize, by resolution, the execution of Banking and Treasury Services Agreements with BMO Bank N.A. Said motion carried a unanimous 3 – 0 vote (Ayes: Ramsey, Hothi, and Fugazi) in favor; passed and so ordered.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

5.1. Fire Chief Comments

Chief Johnson (Lodi) reflected on where we are today – that four years of work came to fruition at this meeting. He stated they all believe that this new model of public-private partnership will be a new model for California and possibly the nation.

Chief Carr (Stockton) provided an update on where they are with the dispatch transition. He advised the Board that Stockton will be dispatching for all ambulances in the County, provided an update on the technology and organizational updates and are on track for the May 1, 2026 start date. He also advised that on Sunday, they transitioned dispatchers from working 24 hour shifts to the 12 hour shift model.

Chief Bradley expressed his excitement and thanked the supporting agencies – truly believes this will change lives.

5.2. Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items requested from the Board or staff.

5.3. Board of Directors Comments

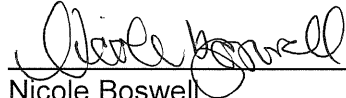
There were no comments from the Board of Directors.

6. ADJOURNMENT: 4:26 PM

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

The above agenda for the Regular Meeting was posted on January 9, 2026 at the South San Joaquin County Fire Authority's Administration Building, Lodi Fire Department Administration Offices, Stockton Fire Administration Offices, and online at ww.cencalfire.org.

ATTEST:



Nicole Boswell
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED:



Jeff Ramsey
Chairperson of the Board