CENCAL Fire and EMS Authority
Board of Directors

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2026

1. **MEETING COMMENCEMENT**
   - **1.1.** The Board of Directors convened in Open Session at 4:00 P.M. on September 14, 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 Jeff Ramsey (Chairperson), Mikey Hothi (Vice-Chairperson), and Christina Fugaazi (Director) present.
   - **1.3.** Pledge of Allegiance

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

   Chairman Ramsey opened the floor for Public Comment.

   Representative Rex Dot from Dameron Hospial introduced himself to the Board of Directors and provided information and data points on improvements made at Dameron Hospital since it has been under new management.

   Discussion ensued amongst the Board and staff members regarding transportation factors to Dameron hospital based on patient's rights and protocols, public education campaigns for patients, and possibility of having AMR representatives attend a future meeting for further discussion.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
   - **3.1. MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 13, 2026 REGULAR MEETING**
   - **3.2. MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT – JULY/AUGUST 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 Items 3.1 and 3.2. Said motion carried a unanimous 3 – 0 vote (Ramsey, Hothi, and Fugazi) in favor; passed and so ordered.

4. **REGULAR AGENDA**
   - **4.1. AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NETWORK PROVIDERS, LLC FOR CALIFORNIA CORRECTIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES AMBULANCE TRANSPORT REIMBURSEMENT**

     Ken Johnson, Fire Chief from the City of Lodi's Fire Department, presented the staff report and provided background on the item. He advised the Board that this agreement is not expanding the response, but is cleaning up billing components for services provided to patients within the CDCR system. He further explained the function of Network Providers LLC and this agreement will make payments with other fees throughout the system.

Discussion ensued amongst the Board and staff regarding the range of reimbursement, potential revenues, and transport volume from the facility.

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

ACTION: Motion was made by Director Hothi and seconded by Director Fugazi to accept the monthly performance report. 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 Carr advised the Board that staff will provide a budget update for the fourth quarter and an update regarding the audit at the next meeting. He also asked if the Board would be okay with data being provided on a quarterly basis rather than a monthly basis due to staff constraints; the Board was in support.

Chief Johnson advised the Board that there has been significant improvements to response times, with Lodi being in the 95th percentile and the County being at 90.

5.2. Future Agenda Items

Director Hothi asked for an update from AMR regarding patient transport. Director Fugazi asked for an update on dispatch services.

5.3. Board of Directors Comments

There were no comments from the Board of Directors.

6. ADJOURNMENT: 4:28 P.M.

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

The above agenda for the Regular Meeting was posted on September 11, 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