



A G E N D A
GULF COAST REGIONAL 9-1-1 EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
Board of Managers July 21, 2026
11:00 a.m. or upon adjournment of the H-GAC
Board of Directors
3555 Timmons Lane, 2nd Floor
Houston, TX 77027

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Roll Call of Board Members (Staff Contact: Kim Ward)
- b. Public Comments

ACTION ITEMS

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Minutes of the May 19, 2026, Board of Managers Meeting
Request approval of Minutes of May 19, 2026, Board of Managers meeting.
(Staff Contact: Kim Ward)

3. Financial Report

Request approval of the June 2026 Financial Report.
(Staff Contact: Shaun Downie)

4. Discuss and Consider Approval of a Resolution Supporting a 9-1-1 Wireless Fee Adjustment

Discuss and approve a Resolution supporting a 9-1-1 wireless fee adjustment.
(Staff Contact: Kim Ward)

5. Discuss and Approve Resolution Honoring Chuck Wemple

Discuss and approve a Resolution honoring Chuck Wemple for dedicated service as the Executive Director of the Gulf Coast Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District.
(Staff Contact: Kim Ward)

6. Appointment of Executive Director

Take action to appoint Ron Papsdorf Executive Director of the Gulf Coast Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District effective July 13, 2026. (Staff Contact: Kim Ward)

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. Update on ARPA Grant. (Staff Contact: Kim Ward)

8. Geo-spatial Database Report. (Staff Contact: Kim Ward)

9. Adjourn. (Board Chair)

**Gulf Coast Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District
Board of Managers Meeting
May 19, 2026**

ATTENDANCE ROSTER

The following members of the Board of Managers of the Gulf Coast Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District attended all or a portion of May 19, 2026, Board meeting:

Walker County Commissioner Brandon Decker (Chair)
Waller County Judge Trey Duhon (Vice-Chair)
Brazoria County Commissioner Stacy Adams
Colorado County Judge Ty Prause
Liberty County Judge Jay Knight
Wharton County Judge Phillip Spenrath

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Decker called the meeting of the Gulf Coast Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District Board of Managers to order at 11:48 a.m. on Tuesday, May 19, 2026. The meeting was held in person at 3555 Timmons Lane, 2nd floor, Conference Room D.

a. **Roll Call of Board Members**

Chairman Decker certified there was a quorum.

b. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM 2. Consent Agenda

Chairman Decker asked if there was any discussion for the Minutes of the January 20, 2026, meeting to correct or discuss. There were none. Judge Duhon made a Motion to approve. Judge Knight seconded the Motion. The Board of Managers voted and approved the Consent Agenda.

ITEM 3. Financial Report

Mr. Shaun Downie presented the March 31, 2026, Financial Report. On the Balance Sheet, Mr. Downie reported that total assets which include cash, investment, and accounts receivable, for a total fund balance of \$16,964,992.

Mr. Downie then presented the Income Statement, through March 31, 2026. Total expenses amounted to \$915,448; \$153,953 for AT&T network expenses and \$100,271 in Other AT&T expenses. Total net income of \$683,535.

Chairman Decker asked for a Motion to approve the March 31, 2026, Financial Report. Judge Duhon made a Motion to approve. Judge Knight seconded the Motion. The Board of Managers voted and approved the March 31, 2026, Financial Report.

ITEM 4. Ratification of the Geo-Spatial Error Analysis Contract Michael Baker International, Inc.

Ms. Kim Ward presented ratification of the geospatial error analysis contract. She reminded the Board of Managers that during the regular meeting on March 18, 2025, she reported that District staff executed a contract with Michael Baker International, Inc. January 1, 2025, for one year in the amount of \$37,503. The contract was renewed for one year on February 28, 2026, in the amount of \$22,670.02 bringing the total contract value to \$60,173. Ms. Ward requested authorization to ratify extension of the contract term effective February 28, 2026, with the understanding that future services will go through a procurement process.

Chairman Decker asked for a Motion to approve. Judge Prause made a Motion to approve. Judge Duhon seconded the Motion. The Board of Managers voted and approved ratification of the Geo-Spatial Error Analysis Contract Michael Baker International, Inc. in the amount of \$60,174.00.

INFORMATION ITEMS

ITEM 5: Presentation: Text Applications. (Staff Contact: Lera Vaughns-Taitt)

This was an information presentation only. No action taken.

ITEM 6: Roundtable Discussion on 90th Legislature Priorities. (Staff Contact: Kim Ward)

Discussion only. No action taken.

ITEM 7: Geo-spatial Database Report. (Staff Contact: Kim Ward)

This was an information report only. No action taken.

ITEM 8: Adjourn. (Board Chair)

Chairman Decker adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

**GULF COAST REGIONAL 9-1-1
BALANCE SHEET AS OF 06/30/2026**

ASSETS

Cash	\$	10,591,983
Investment		5,563,810
Accounts Receivable		297,435
Total Assets	\$	16,453,228

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

Liabilities:

Accounts Payable-H-GAC	\$	431,812
Deferred Liability		1,234,316
Total Liabilities	\$	1,666,128

Equity:

Unrestricted Retained Earnings	\$	13,430,757
Net Income		1,356,343
Total Fund Balance	\$	14,787,100

Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	16,453,228
---	-----------	-------------------

GULF COAST REGIONAL 9-1-1
INCOME STATEMENT 1/1/2026 through 06/30/2026

REVENUE

State Comptroller Payments	\$	1,922,612
Telephone Company Fees		209,681
Grant Revenue		1,639,647
CD Interest		139,989
Bank Interest		46,972
Total Revenue	\$	3,958,902

EXPENSE

Personnel	\$	462,919
Indirect		142,301
Travel		13,004
Consumable Supplies		147
Rent		13,356
Communications		18,806
Network (AT&T)		307,981
Consultants/Other		414,151
Equipment		964,697
Other		265,196
Total Expenses	\$	2,602,559

NET INCOME	\$	1,356,343
-------------------	-----------	------------------



RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ADJUSTMENT OF THE STATEWIDE WIRELESS 9-1-1 SERVICE FEE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A SUSTAINABLE FUNDING MODEL FOR 9-1-1 SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Gulf Coast Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District (GCRECD) operates pursuant to Texas Health & Safety Code Chapter 772 to provide regional 9-1-1 emergency communications services for residents and visitors within its service area of Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Liberty, Matagorda, Walker, Waller, and Wharton Counties; and

WHEREAS, the statewide wireless 9-1-1 service fee has remained at \$0.50 per device per month since 1997, nearly thirty years without adjustment, resulting in an outdated and increasingly unsustainable funding model; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Communication Districts do not have authority to levy property taxes and rely solely on state-authorized service fees to fund essential emergency communications infrastructure, network operations, cybersecurity protections, and system modernization; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature in 2021 mandated implementation of Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) statewide by September 2025, requiring the transition from legacy analog systems to secure, IP-based networks capable of routing voice, text, data, and other multimedia communications; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf Coast Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District successfully met the Next Generation 9-1-1 mandated implementation requirement, however, a long-term, sustainable funding mechanism to support its ongoing operation, cybersecurity requirements, redundancy, and lifecycle replacement costs has not yet been established; and

WHEREAS, underfunding the 9-1-1 system jeopardizes public safety by threatening the reliability, resiliency, and timeliness of emergency response services for all residents and visitors in the Gulf Coast Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District service area; and

WHEREAS, ensuring that Texas 9-1-1 systems remain reliable, secure, modern, and capable of handling voice, text, and multimedia emergency communications is essential to protecting lives and property in all communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Gulf Coast Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District Board of Managers:

1. Expresses its support for legislative action to adjust the statewide wireless 9-1-1 service fee to a level that reflects the true and ongoing cost of providing resilient, 9-1-1 service; and
2. Supports establishment of a sustainable, long-term funding model to ensure continued operation, cybersecurity protection, redundancy, and modernization of Texas 9-1-1 systems.

APPROVED:

Board Chair, Gulf Coast Regional 9-1-1
Emergency Communications District

ATTEST:



RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING THE SERVICE OF CHUCK WEMPLE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
GULF COAST REGIONAL 9-1-1 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Chuck Wemple was instrumental in the creation of the Gulf Coast Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District in 2016; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Wemple has served as Executive Director of the Gulf Coast Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District (GCRECD) since May 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, his dedication and public service to the 9-1-1 District region, has undoubtedly benefited the eight counties of which the Gulf Coast Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District is comprised.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 9-1-1 Board of Managers of the Gulf Coast Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District does hereby recognize and honor the service of Chuck Wemple and the benefit his service has brought to the citizens of the Gulf Coast Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District's eight-county region encompassing Brazoria, Chambers, Colorado, Liberty, Matagorda, Walker, Waller, and Wharton and the municipalities therein.

APPROVED and ADOPTED on this 21st Day of July 2026.

Chair, Gulf Coast Regional 9-1-1 Emergency
Communications District

Attest:

APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Background

The Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 772, Sub-Chapter H (772.510), designates the executive director of the regional planning commission to serve as the executive director of the 9-1-1 District.

Current Situation

On June 16, 2026, the Houston-Galveston Area Council Board of Directors appointed Ron Papsdorf Executive Director effective July 13, 2026.

Action Requested: In accordance with Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 772, Sub-Chapter H (772.510), take action to appoint Ron Papsdorf Executive Director of the Gulf Coast Regional 9-1-1 Emergency Communications District effective July 13, 2026.

ALI to RCL Match Statistics July 2026

	BRAZORIA COUNTY	CHAMBERS COUNTY	COLORADO COUNTY	LIBERTY COUNTY	MATAGORDA COUNTY	WALKER COUNTY	WALLER COUNTY	WHARTON COUNTY	Grand Total
M	35303	9991	2789	4478	5001	18033	5875	4617	86087
T	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
U	672	691	2	128	1	455	223	0	2172
Grand Total	35975	10682	2791	4606	5002	18488	6098	4617	88259
Percent Match	98%	94%	100%	97%	100%	98%	96%	100%	98%