

HAYS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 3
Regular BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 23, 2026
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1. **Call to Order:** Meeting held at Station 13, 3300 Hilliard Rd, San Marcos TX, called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Tom Richey.

Board Members Present: Lea Ann Kenworthy, Chase Stapp, Leighton Stallones

2. **Board Meeting Minutes:** Chase moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on January 21, and the Special Meeting on February 6, 2026. Leighton seconded; all in favor; motion passed.

3. **Citizen Comments:** None to consider.

4. **Lieutenant Hiring:** Chase moved to increase full-time firefighter staffing to 24 with the addition of three lieutenants. Leighton seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passed.

5. **Closed Session:** Board went into closed session at 5:19 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.071 to consult with an attorney.

6. **Open Session:** Board returned to open session at 5:32 p.m.

7. **Chief's Report:** Chief Ridenour presented his operations report.

8. **Treasurer's Report:** No report to consider.

9. **Schedule Next Regular Meeting:** Meeting to be held at 8301 Ranch Road 12, San Marcos TX. The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. March 23, 2026.

10. **Adjourn:** At 5:50 p.m. Leighton moved to adjourn the meeting. Chase seconded; all in favor; meeting adjourned.

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