



CAECD Board of Managers | Summary Minutes

10 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021

Austin Marriott South
4415 S IH 35 Frontage Road
Austin, Texas 78744

Present (23)

Judge Paul Pape, Bastrop County, **Chair**
Mayor Brandt Rydell, City of Taylor, **1st Vice Chair**
Mayor Lew White, City of Lockhart, **Secretary**
Judge Ron Cunningham, Llano County, **Parliamentarian**
Mayor Jane Hughson, City of San Marcos, **Immediate Past Chair**
Council Member Mackenzie Kelly, City of Austin
Mayor Pro Tem Lyle Nelson, City of Bastrop
Council Member Kevin Hight, City of Bee Cave
Commissioner Joe Don Dockery, Burnet County
Judge Hoppy Haden, Caldwell County
Judge Joe Weber, Fayette Count

Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Pitts, City of Georgetown
Commissioner Debbie Ingalsbe, Hays County
Ms. Sandy Cox, City of Lakeway
Mayor Christine Sederquist, City of Leander
Commissioner Steven Knobloch, Lee County
Council Member Mike Heath, City of Pflugerville
Council Member Matthew Baker, City of Round Rock
Council Member Janice Bruno, City of Smithville
Commissioner Ann Howard, Travis County
Commissioner Brigid Shea, Travis County
Commissioner Russ Boles, Williamson County
Commissioner Cynthia Long, Williamson County

Absent (6)

Judge James Oakley, Burnet County, **2nd Vice Chair**
Judge Brett Bray, Blanco County
Representative John Cyrier

Representative Celia Israel
Representative Terry Wilson
Representative Erin Zwiener

1. **Call to Order by the Chair**

Judge Pape called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

2. **Consider Approval of Minutes for the July 14, 2021 CAECD Board of Managers Meeting**

Judge Pape asked for approval of the minutes. A motion was made by Mayor Sederquist to approve the minutes. Commissioner Shea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Consider Renewal of Agreement with AT&T for a Fiber Based Backup Network**

Richard Morales Jr., Director of Emergency Communications

Mr. Morales explained that public safety answering points throughout the region have been using the backup network since 2017; however, the backup network is really operating simultaneously with the original network which increases resiliency by ensuring there is no downtime to switch fiber connections if one was to fail. He said the majority of the backup networks are provided through AT&T but some in the more rural areas have another provider. The maintenance cost of the AT&T lines is about \$18,000 which is down from about \$21,000 because of PSAP consolidations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Long to renew the agreement with AT&T to maintain the backup network. Commissioner Shea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Receive an Update on Regional ESINet, GIS, and NG 9-1-1 Deployment**

Richard Morales Jr., Director of Emergency Communications

Mr. Morales told the board of managers the region is technically already operating with capacity for Next Generation 9-1-1 (NextGen 9-1-1). He explained numerous infrastructure upgrades were completed to ensure the network quality and stability for NextGen 9-1-1 features can occur, and that those network upgrades have proven stable. However, the ability to transfer a variety of data such as multimedia messages to include videos and pictures across the network is still some months away. CAPCOG is now waiting on AT&T to provide a technical review and testing of software to handle NextGen 9-1-1's data transfer operations, which should be completed by December. It had originally anticipated this would be completed earlier this year. CAPCOG will follow with its own testing to ensure programs are operating to CAPCOG's safety and security standards. Mr. Morales said it is important that such data can safely be obtained by PSAPs while ensuring critical and private information can't be taken from the network. Morales also stated digital mapping requirements to operate NextGen 9-1-1 in all ten counties also should be completed by December.

Council Member Kelly asked when CAPCOG would be able to provide an additional update about transitioning to NextGen 9-1-1. Mr. Morales said he could provide another update at the next board of managers meeting. Mayor Hughson questioned whether the board should be concerned about AT&T's delay. Mr. Morales said there is no reason to worry at this time and thought the December timeline would be met. Ms. Voights reminded the board that CAPCOG is ahead in upgrading to NextGen 9-1-1 and no entity has fully implemented NextGen 9-1-1 yet.

No action was needed on this item.

**5. Consider Approving Appointments to CAECD Strategic Advisory Committee
Deborah Brea, Executive Assistant**

Ms. Brea announced two proposed appointments to the Capital Area Emergency Communications District Strategic Advisory Committee from the City of Austin — Kenneth Murphy and Mark McCollum.

A motion was made by Council Member Kelly to appoint the two members. Commissioner Shea seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

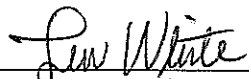
6. Staff Reports

Betty Voights, Executive Director

Mr. Ritchey gave an update about Warn Central Texas. There are about 1.2 million numbers in the system total. About 600,000 number from a vendor aggregated list, about 50,000 from self-registrations, and the rest from the CAPCOG 9-1-1 database — landlines to homes and business and VoIP phone numbers. Mr. Ritchey also said there are significant improvements coming to the national IPAWs system, a system separate from the Warn Central Texas which will increase its ability to reach more people. With such improvements, everyone should receive disaster alerts when they occur.

7. Adjourn

Judge Pape adjourned the meeting at 11:17 a.m.



Mayor Lew White, Secretary

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Date