EL PASO-TELLER COUNTY

9-1-1 AUTHORITY

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AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 24, 2026, 12:00

Authority Members Present	Devin Graham, Sunny Bryant, Andy James, Jeff Jensen, Michelle Wolff, Andrew York, John Koch, Tim DeLeon and Tina Young.
Authority Members Absent	None.
Vacancies	None.
Other Personnel Present	Renee Henshaw, Executive Director, Jody Wunschel, Office and Finance Manager, and Bart Miller, Legal Counsel.

1. Call to Order

A. The June 24, 2026, regular session El Paso – Teller County 9-1-1 Authority Board meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM by Chair, Jeff Jensen.

B. Jeff Jensen addressed the notification made earlier in the week that the City of Colorado Springs has filed an intention to leave the Authority in 2027. As a result, he stepped down from his position as the Board Chair.

He requested Devin Graham, as the Vice Chair, run the meeting and appoint a new board chair. Tina Young nominated Andy James and Sunny Bryant seconded the motion.

C. John Koch stepped down from the Secretary position and Andy James requested a nomination for a new secretary. Devin Graham nominated Michelle Wolff and Andrew York seconded the motion.

Both motions passed unanimously on a voice vote by the nine Authority Members present.

The meeting was a hybrid of in-person and remote.

2. Act on requests of Authority Members who have asked to be excused.
None.

3. Introductions.
Introductions were made.

4. Public to be Heard. (moved to after New Business)

A. Elizabeth Brown, retired 9-1-1 Communications Manager with the El Paso Sheriff's Office, spoke on behalf of the Authority and the importance of continuing the services the Authority provides to all PSAPs within El Paso and Teller counties. She questioned why there is a need to duplicate services and costs that the Authority is already providing to the community. She also questioned the quality of emergency services that will be provided to the community if CSPD chooses to leave the El Paso Teller County 911 Authority. "The citizens of El Paso and Teller Counties deserve transparency and clear answers before irreversible decisions are made. This decision affects far more than a budget. It affects the safety of every citizen who depends on hearing the words, "I'm sending help."

5. **Consent Calendar.**

A. Approve the minutes of May 27, 2026, Authority Meeting.

B. Approve the June 2026 Financial Statement and authorize payment of the monthly bills.

Devin Graham motioned to approve the May 27th, 2026, minutes; Andrew York seconded the motion.

Devin Graham motioned to approve the June 2026 financial statement and authorize payment of the bills; Michelle Wolff seconded the motion.

Both motions passed unanimously on a voice vote by the nine Authority Members present.

6. **Approve Authority Resolutions.**

A. Resolution 26-06, A RESOLUTION HONORING ALEX BATEMAN OF THE TELLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AS TELECOMMUNICATOR OF THE SECOND QUARTER 2026. (READ BY RENEE HENSHAW)

A motion was made by Devin Graham to approve the resolution; the motion was seconded by Tim DeLeon.

The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote by the nine Authority

Members present.

B. Resolution 26-07, A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2025 AUDIT OF THE EL PASO-TELLER COUNTY EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE AUTHORITY (AUTHORITY) AS SUBMITTED BY SORREN.

A motion was made by Devin Graham to approve the resolution; the motion was seconded by Sunny Bryant.

The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote by the nine Authority Members present.

7. Report by Management Staff

A. None.

8. Reports by Standing Committee

A. None

9. Old Business

A. None.

10. New Business

A. Devin Graham requested the board address the Notice of Withdrawal from the City of Colorado Springs. The notice requested the Authority designate a transition point of contact within 10 days and Devin suggested the board create a subcommittee for this purpose. Devin Graham and Andy James volunteered for the committee, and Renee Henshaw named herself and Matt Towell as the Authority representatives.

Andrew York motioned to create a subcommittee for the transition and discussions with the city, consisting of these members; Tina Young seconded the motion.

Jeff Jensen, John Koch, and Tim DeLeon, representing the city of Colorado Springs, abstained from the vote; The motion was passed on a roll call vote by the six remaining board members.

11. Director's Comments

A. Andy James acknowledged and appreciated the service of Tim DeLeon, Jeff Jensen, and John Koch to the Authority Board.

B. Jeff Jenson made a comment that the city would continue to work collaboratively and professionally with the Authority Board during this time of transition. He acknowledged there are likely questions on everyone's mind that simply there are not answers to at this time.

C. Andrew York expressed his opinion that he wished the City of Colorado Springs Police would have collaborated more with the Authority and given more than a two-hour notice before holding a press conference. He described it as unprofessional. He apologized to the Authority staff for this situation and the uncertainty of the future decisions to come. He thanked the Authority for their continued support to the community.

D. Tina Young expressed concerns that the City leaving the Authority will result in a reduction in services.

E. Renée Henshaw addressed concerns on behalf of the Authority stating that while she understood the City was within their right to withdraw, there was no communication with the Authority or any of the other agencies prior, and she does not believe the City Council is fully aware of everything that will be required to make that happen. She was also concerned by the lack of opportunity to discuss any alternatives prior to the City's decision to withdraw. Renée addressed the duplication of services mentioned in the press briefing and pointed out the work done by City GIS and 911 GIS is completely different and the City withdrawing from the Authority would be what creates a true duplication of services because they will have to recreate all the services already being provided by the Authority. She emphasized the purpose of an Authority is for cost sharing to provide robust, reliable 911 services for the two counties, and the services that are provided could be impacted by this decision.

F. Tina Young asked if there has been a date set for when the city council will make a decision. Jeff Jensen said there is no date set yet. Devin Graham suggested a special meeting or work session for the board to have more in-depth discussions. He did not appreciate not having a definitive date as the Authority is about to enter the budget cycle, and this will impact how effectively the Authority can plan. He recommended the board ask for a date that makes sense such as January 1 or July 1. Jeff Jensen explained it was the City's hope that the subcommittee and the City, with special work sessions, could reach a date that was appropriate for both entities.

12. Adjournment

Devin Graham motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tina Young. The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 PM.

Submitted for Approval by Michelle Wolff, Secretary