



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
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Submitted By: Diana Boone, City Secretary

Council Meeting Date: January 20, 2026

Agenda Item Wording: **Approval of the appointment of Rich Lucas to the Emergency Management Committee for a two (2) year term ending on January 1, 2028.**

Agenda Item Requestor: Roman Baligad, Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security Director

Summary/Background: Ray Sanchez, an at-large member of the committee, has resigned his position, leaving a vacancy. We posted an announcement on the City website and received seven (7) applications. These applications were sent to the chair of the committee for review, and the following candidates were interviewed: Ana Grace Husted, Rich Lucas, and Toby Fariss.

Membership:

Members of the Emergency Management Committee are appointed by the City Council, where the Mayor shall appoint a member of the City Council as the Chair. Members are selected at-large (1 seat), and as representatives of the following organizations that are integral in the operation of the Emergency Management Program:

- 1 seat: Chamber of Commerce Representative
- 1 seat: Hays County CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) Representative
- 1 seat: Hays County Constable or designee
- 1 seat: Emergency Services District 1 Representative
- 1 seat: Emergency Services District 6 Representative
- 1 seat: Dripping Springs Independent School District Representative
- 1 seat: Hays County Fire Marshal or designee
- 1 seat: Hays County Emergency Services Representative
- 1 seat: At-Large, Hays County Resident

Current Committee Membership

<i>Member</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Seat Description</i>
Geoffrey Tahuahua	6/30/2026	EMC Chair
Bob Luddy	1/1/2027	ESD 1 Representative
Sirena Cumberland	1/1/2028	DSISD Representative
Mike Jones	1/1/2028	Hays Co. Emergency Services
Stephanie Moody	1/1/2028	Chamber of Commerce Rep
Dave Graham	1/1/2027	Precinct 4 Constable
Scott Collard	1/1/2027	ESD 6 Representative
Dillon Polk	1/1/2027	Fire Marshal Representative
Sandra Barber	1/1/2027	Hays County CERT Rep
Ray Sanchez	1/1/2026	At-Large Member

Commission Recommendations:

EMC Chair is recommending Rich Lucas.

Recommended Council Actions:

Appointment is at Council's discretion.

Attachments:

1. Applications

Next Steps/Schedule:

1. Notify new member
2. Update website and master roster
3. Notify committee members of new appointment
4. Send meeting calendar invite to new appointment