

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE TRINIDAD AMBULANCE DISTRICT
CONCERNING ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS
2026**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Trinidad Ambulance District (the “District”) is to perform certain tasks on a recurring basis in the operation of the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Trinidad Ambulance District within Las Animas County, Colorado, as follows:

1. Contact Person. The Board directs Legal Counsel to notify the Board of County Commissioners, the County Assessor, the County Treasurer, the County Clerk and Recorder, the governing body of the municipality in which the District is located, if applicable, and the Division of Local Government of the name of the Chairman of the Board, the contact person located within the District, if available, telephone number and business address of the District on or before January 15, as required by Section 32-1-104(2), C.R.S. The Board hereby names Gabriel Moreno as the contact person within the District. The contact person is authorized, under C.R.S. 24-10-109(3)(b) to accept notices of claims against the District and, if any such claim is received must promptly notify the President of the Board and the attorney for the District of such receipt.

2. Map. The Board directs Legal Counsel to prepare an accurate map as specified by the Division of Local Government for filing with the Division, the County Assessor, and the County Clerk and Recorder on or before January 1, as required by Section 32-1-306, C.R.S.

3. Budget. The Board directs its Accountant, existing Executive Director and the Budget Committee to submit a proposed budget to the Board by October 15; to schedule a public hearing on the proposed budget; to prepare a final budget, budget resolution and budget message, the certification of mill levies, and any budget amendment(s) needed; to certify the mill levies on or before December 15; and to file the approved budget and amendment(s) with the proper governmental entities in accordance with the Local Government Budget Law of Colorado, Sections 29-1-101 to 29-1-115, C.R.S. If no mill levy is to be certified, such actions may be completed by December 31.

4. Intergovernmental Agreements. If the District receives a written request from the Division of Local Government, the Board directs Legal Counsel to prepare and file within thirty days of such request, an informational listing of all contracts in effect with other political subdivisions, in compliance with Section 29-1-205, C.R.S.

5. Annual Securities Report. If required, the Board directs the District’s Legal Counsel to prepare and file the annual public securities report for nonrated public securities issued by the District (if any), with the Department of Local Affairs on or before March 1, in accordance with Section 11-58-101 to 11-58-107, C.R.S.

6. Audit/Audit Exemption. The Board directs that an audit of the financial statements be prepared and submitted to the Board before June 30 and further directs that the Audit be filed

with the State Auditor by July 31, as required by Section 29-1-603, C.R.S. In the event that the timetable will not be met, the auditor and Executive Director are directed to request extensions of time to file the audit as needed. If neither the revenues nor the expenditures for the past year exceed \$100,000 then the Board directs that a short form application for exemption from audit shall be prepared. If either revenues or expenditures are greater than \$100,000 but are less than or equal to \$750,000, then the Board directs that a long form application for exemption from audit shall be prepared. The short form or long form application shall be submitted to the Board and then filed with the State Auditor by March 31, as required by Section 29-1-604, C.R.S.

7. Unclaimed Property. The Board directs Legal Counsel to prepare the Unclaimed Property Act report and forward it to the State Treasurer by November 1 if there is District property presumed abandoned and subject to custody as unclaimed property, in accordance with Section 38-13-110, C.R.S.

8. Public Records. The Board designates the Board Secretary as the official custodian of public records as such term is used in Section 24-72-202, C.R.S., with the functions thereof hereby delegated to the Executive Director as the custodian as defined in 24-72-202(1), C.R.S. The custodian is authorized to develop such procedures as may be reasonably required for the protection and retention of such records. On behalf of the District, the custodian may charge the maximum fees allowed by law for copies, research and retrieval, development of privilege log, and such other services as are authorized by law.

9. CORA Policy. Pursuant to Section 24-72-205, C.R.S., the Board has adopted a policy concerning research and retrieval fees for public records. The Board directs Legal Counsel to update the District's Notice to Electors (Transparency Notice) with the District's CORA policy information as required by the statute.

10. E-mail Policy. Pursuant to Section 24-72-204.5, C.R.S., the Board hereby adopts a written policy that District management may monitor electronic mail communications at any time, with or without cause, and further states that correspondence of any employee in the form of electronic mail may be a public record under the public records law and may be subject to public inspection under C.R.S. Section 24-72-203.

11. Fair Campaign Practices Act – Gifts and Honoraria. The Board is reminded that in accordance with the Fair Campaign Practices Act, each Board member is required to report to, and in a manner prescribed by, the Secretary of State certain items received in connection with their service, such report to be filed on or before January 15 of the year following receipt of the items, as required by Sections 1-45-109 and 24-6-203, C.R.S. No report needs to be filed unless a director receives \$25 or more in cash or loans, or real or personal property having a value of \$50 or more. Further, the Board is reminded that in accordance with C.R.S. Section 24-6-203, if a Board member receives annual compensation from the District of more than \$1,600, then the Board member is required to file a quarterly report in the prescribed manner with the Secretary of State.

12. Newspaper. The Board designates *The Chronicle News* as the newspaper of general circulation within the boundaries of the District, or in the vicinity of the District if none is circulated within the District, and directs that all legal notices shall be published in the afore named newspaper, in accordance with Section 32-1-103(15), C.R.S. If publication in such newspaper is

impossible or impracticable, then any legal newspaper published in the county may be used as an alternative.

13. Director Compensation/FICA. The Board of Directors of the District determines that each director shall receive compensation for services as directors, at the maximum rate allowed by law, in accordance with 32-1-902(3)(a)(I) & (II), C.R.S. The Board recognizes that the Internal Revenue Service has determined that directors of special districts are considered employees of the district and as such will pay federal employment taxes on the compensation they receive for services performed as a director. The Board, therefore, directs the District's accountant to withhold federal employment taxes from the amount that the directors receive in compensation and to furnish each director with an annual IRS W-2 form.

14. Director Qualification. Pursuant to Section 32-1-901 C.R.S., the District determines that each present and future member of the Board shall have in the District files, with annual confirmation thereof by the District's custodian of public records, a complete and executed Certificate of Appointment (if Board member is appointed), current Oath of Office and applicable Surety Bond, and that copies of each be submitted to the Division of Local Government and the District Court as necessary and as may be requested.

15. Officers. The District has elected, in accordance with Section 32-1-902, C.R.S., the following officers for the District:

President:	Zachary Shapiro
Vice-President:	Audra Garrett
Secretary/Treasurer:	Joe Richards
Director	Tom Murphy
Director:	Lynette Bates

Unless the District acts to elect new officers, or an officer resigns his office, such officers shall serve indefinitely.

16. Director Indemnification. The Board of Directors of the District extends the current indemnification resolution to allow the resolution to continue in effect as written. In the event an indemnification resolution is not in effect, then the approval of this administrative matters resolution shall be deemed to authorize indemnification of the Directors of the District when acting in good faith within the scope of their duties and in the best interests of the District, to the fullest extent allowed by law.

17. Designated Posting Location. Pursuant to Sections 24-6-402(2)(c)(I) and 32-1-903 C.R.S., the Board of Directors of the District has adopted a Resolution Concerning Online Notice of Public Meetings, which authorizes the Board to post notices of its public meetings, including specific agenda information, on the following public website: tadems.com no less than twenty-four hours prior to the holding of the meeting. In the event the District is unable to post a notice online in exigent or emergency circumstances, such as a power outage or an interruption of internet service that prevents the public from accessing the notice online, in accordance with Section 24-6-402(2)(c)(III), C.R.S. the Board designates the following location within the District's

boundaries as the official designated posting place for the posting of meeting agendas no less than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting: 13840 US Hwy 350, Trinidad, Colorado.

18. Meetings. The Board determines to hold regular meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 4:30p.m. The location of the meetings will be at 13840 US Hwy 350, Trinidad, Colorado. In addition, regular and special meeting notices shall be posted at: the designated posting location as identified above; all in accordance with Section 32-1-903, C.R.S. The Board directs the Recording Secretary to prepare notices for posting at three public locations within the boundaries of the District, one of which is the designated posting location, and at the Clerk and Recorder's office. Legal Counsel shall revise the notices when the Board intends to make a final determination to issue or refund general obligation indebtedness, to consolidate the District, to dissolve the District, to file a plan for adjustment of debt under federal bankruptcy law, or to enter into a private contract with a director, or not to make a scheduled bond payment.

19. Elections. Becky Johnson of Spencer-Fane is hereby appointed as the "Designated Election Official" of the Board for any elections to be held by the District. In accordance with C.R.S. Section 1-1-111(2), 13.5 of Title 1, C.R.S., or applicable law, the Board hereby grants all powers and authority for the proper conduct of the election to the Designated Election Official and that the election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the Local Government Election Code, applicable portions of the Uniform Election Code of 1992, as amended and supplemented by Const. Colo. Art. X, Sec 20, the Current Rules and Regulations Governing Election Procedures of the Secretary of State of the state of Colorado, and Title 32, Article 1, Part 8, Colorado Revised Statutes, and other relevant Colorado and federal law. Further, the Board directs the Designated Election Official to notify the Division of Local Government of the results of any election held by the District, including business address, telephone number and the contact person; and to certify the results of any election to incur general obligation indebtedness to the Board of County Commissioners or the governing body of a municipality, in accordance with Sections 1-11-103, 32-1-104(1), and 32-1-1101.5, C.R.S.

20. Independent Mail Ballot Elections. The Board deems it expedient for the convenience of the electors that all regular and special elections of the District shall be conducted as an independent mail ballot election in accordance with Section 1-13.5-1101, C.R.S., unless a polling place election is deemed necessary and expressed in a separate election resolution.

21. Notice of Indebtedness. In accordance with C.R.S. Sections 32-1-1604 and 1101.5(1), the Board directs Legal Counsel to issue notice of indebtedness to the Board of County Commissioners and to record such notice with the County Clerk and Recorder within 30 days of incurring or authorizing of any indebtedness.

22. Quinquennial Findings. If requested, the Board directs Legal Counsel to prepare and file with the Board of County Commissioners, the quinquennial finding of reasonable diligence, in accordance with Section 32-1-1101.5(1.5)&(2), C.R.S.

23. Annual Report. If requested or required, the Board directs Legal Counsel to prepare and file the special district annual report, in accordance with Sections 32-1-207(3)(c), C.R.S.

24. Disclosure of Potential Conflict of Interest. The Board has determined that Legal Counsel may file general conflict of interest disclosure forms, if any, provided by board members with the Secretary of State each year, which forms may be updated on an annual basis through information given to Legal Counsel by board members. If a specific conflict arises regarding a certain transaction of the Board, the Board member is required to notify Legal Counsel at least five days prior to the date of the meeting so that the transactional disclosure form may be filed in a timely manner, in accordance with Sections 32-1-902(3) and 18-8-308, C.R.S. Additionally, at the beginning of every term, Legal Counsel may request that each board member submit information regarding actual or potential conflicts of interest.

25. Special District Association. If the District is currently a member of the Special District Association (“SDA”) and the Board directs its Accountant to pay the annual SDA membership dues in a timely manner.

26. Insurance. The Board directs the Executive Director to at least biannually review all insurance policies and coverage in effect to determine appropriate insurance coverage is maintained.

27. Promissory Notes. The District has no outstanding promissory note(s).

28. Outstanding General Obligation Indebtedness. The District has the following outstanding general obligation bonds or multiple fiscal year financial obligations: 35 year USDA Loan.

29. Continuing Disclosure. The District Accountant shall provide continuing disclosure service if and as applicable to the bonds and other financial obligations of the District.

30. Workers’ Compensation. Pursuant to Section 8-40-202(1)(a)(I)(B), C.R.S., the elected and appointed officials of the District shall not be deemed to be an employee within the meaning of Section 8-40-202(1)(a), C.R.S. Such exclusion shall apply for all policy years until such time as the exclusion may be repealed by the Board of Directors of the District or unless Legal Counsel at the direction of the Board acquires coverage.

31. PDPA. Pursuant to the provisions of the Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act §11-10.5-101, et seq., C.R.S., the Board appoints Executive Director as the official custodian of public deposits.

32. Public Disclosure Statement. Pursuant to C.R.S. Section 32-1-104.8, the Board directs Legal Counsel to prepare and record a special district public disclosure document, including a map showing the boundaries of the District, with the County Clerk and Recorder. Such recording shall have been made annually on or before December 31st, or as soon as practical after the approval of this Resolution, and at the same time as any subsequent order or decree approving an inclusion of property into the District is recorded with the County Clerk and Recorder.

33. Undocumented Worker Certification. In compliance with C.R.S. Section 8-17.5-101 *et seq.*, the Board directs that each existing and prospective service contract entered into by

the District must contain specific language regarding the prohibition of the use of illegal aliens to perform work under a public contract for services.

34. Inclusions/Exclusions of Property. The Board directs Legal Counsel to handle all procedures required under the Colorado state statutes regarding the inclusion and exclusion of property into and out of the District's boundaries.

35. Recording of Conveyances of Real Property to the District. Pursuant to C.R.S 38-35-109.5(2), Executive Director and Legal Counsel are designated as appropriate officials to record conveyances of real property to the District within 30 days of such conveyance.

36. Ratification of Past Actions. The Board members have reviewed the minutes of every meeting of the Board conducted in 2025, and the Board, being fully advised of the premises, hereby ratifies and affirms each and every action of the Board taken in 2025.

37. Emergency Liaison Officer. The Board designates the President of the District, in his/her capacity as elected official for the District, as the Emergency Liaison Officer responsible for facilitating the cooperation and protection of the District in the work of disaster prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery with the Colorado Office of Emergency Management and any local disaster agencies. The Emergency Liaison Officer shall have the authority to designate such agents as (s)he shall determine appropriate to perform any and all acts necessary to facilitate the responsibilities of the Emergency Liaison Officer.

38.. Dates Herein. All dates set forth in this Resolution shall be in 2026 unless otherwise specified.

39. This Resolution shall be deemed renewed each year until terminated or a new resolution is adopted.

Adopted and approved this 25th day of February, 2026.

TRINIDAD AMBULANCE DISTRICT

By: 
Audra Garrett, Vice President

ATTEST:

By:


Joe Richards, Secretary