

The Board of Directors of the Emergency Communications District (ECD) of Nashville and Davidson County met in regular session at the Metro Emergency Communications Center, 2060 15th Avenue South. Chair Cleo Duckworth called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM and presided over the meeting with the following board members present: Lorinda Hale, Ruby Baker, Dan Dwyer, Rick Cowan, and William Johnson. Board members Carolyn Baldwin Tucker and Bryan Pettus were not in attendance. Others who attended the meeting included: Mark Lynam & Larry Law (ECD Admin), Stephen Martini, Patrice Coleman, Paul McCallister, Erin Williams, & Jimmy Matthews (Metro DEC), Tiffany Childress, Arielle Schrader, & Tracey Drennon (Finn Partners), Julie Evans & Haleigh Johnson (Baker Tilly), and Harrison White (Channel 4 News).

Minutes

Ms. Hale made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 18, 2025 ECD board meeting. Ms. Baker seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously by voice vote.

Annual Audit Report

Ms. Julie Evans from Baker Tilly, presented the independent audit report that was completed for the period ending June 30, 2025 and 2024. She went over various elements of the report that must be communicated between auditors and those charged with governance.

Ms. Evans provided reports showing revenue and expense trends over the last five years. She communicated to board members that the district's net position at end of year 2025 was \$39.1 million, an increase of approximately \$6.7 million from the previous fiscal year. She confirmed that the financial health of the district is good.

Ms. Evans conveyed that Mr. Lynam and Mr. Law had provided all GAAP basis accrual entries for the year. She stated that there were no deficiency findings to report.

In summary, Ms. Evans reported that the audit found everything to be in order and the financial statements presented in the audit fairly represented the financial position of the Davidson County ECD as of June 30, 2025 and 2024. She stated that the report will now be filed with the State Comptroller's Office and with Metro's Finance Department.

After discussion ended, Ms. Hale made a motion to accept the audit report as presented. Ms. Baker seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously by voice vote.

Financial Report

Mr. Lynam went over the September financial report with board members. Cash available for operations as of September 30th totaled \$37,729,621. This consisted of \$191,976 in the ECD's checking account and \$37,537,645 in its LGIP account.

Mr. Lynam went over the various financial transactions that took place during the month. He reported that income for September totaled \$129,359 while expenses amounted to \$259,636. This resulted in a net loss of \$130,277 for the month.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the financial statement as presented. Ms. Hale seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously by voice vote.

Public Awareness Update

Ms. Arielle Schrader was introduced as our new account representative with Finn Partners.

Ms. Tiffany Childress went over the Rescue Rex report. She provided a schedule of upcoming shows which will be taking place at various schools. She communicated that the Rescue Rex program now has an Instagram account. Stickers are being placed on handout materials encouraging schools to follow them on Instagram.

Ms. Tracey Drennon went over the advertising report putting emphasis on the various metric points that are being used to track customer involvement with our ads. She reported that all ads are performing well.

DEC Directors Report

Director Stephen Martini reviewed the monthly Director's Report with board members. His overview included vacancies, answer times, dispatch times, text messages, partnership with Hub, seasonal impact on call volume, and efforts to intensify in-service training during the winter months.

Director Martini conveyed that a new radio position will be coming online November 7th. The new Southeast Police Precinct radio line will lower the talk traffic on both the Hermitage and South radios. This will be a big help to the call-takers.

Additional discussion took place regarding design plans for the new 911 facility. Keeping employee safety in mind, board members stressed their desire for an overhead ramp between the parking garage and the new building.

Director Martini pointed out that Metro is looking at replacing the Bridgestone Arena radio tower with a new tower on Huntington Ridge, located in the southeast portion of Davidson County. Moving forward with this project will require a lease agreement, various code changes, and Council approval. A final decision on this venture is months down the road.

It was announced that employee recognition ceremonies will now be held quarterly instead of annually. The first of these ceremonials will be held October 29th at the Sevier Park Community Center from 6:00-8:00 PM. Family, friends, and members of the public are invited to recognize and celebrate Telecommunicator of the Month, Trainer of the Month, Supervisor of the Quarter, and Administrative Team Member of the Quarter. Stork pins (baby deliveries) and life saver pins (CPR saves) will also be distributed at these celebrations.

Renewal of Will Denami's Contract

Mr. Lynam informed board members that the district's contract with Denami Government Affairs will expire at the end of October. To continue its relationship with Mr. Denami, the board must decide whether his contract should be renewed for another one-year term.

It was decided that Mr. Denami's services are still needed to advance the interests of our emergency communications district before the Tennessee General Assembly. Ms. Hale made a motion to renew Mr. Denami's contract for another year. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously by voice vote.

Adjournment

Upon proper motion by Mr. Cowan and second by Ms. Hale, the meeting adjourned at 1:52 PM.

The next meeting of the ECD Board of Directors will be held on November 20, 2025 at 1:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Mark Lynam