

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 1:03 PM and presided over the meeting with the following board members present: Lorinda Hale, Ruby Baker, Bryan Pettus, William Johnson, Rick Cowan, and Carolyn Baldwin Tucker. Board member Dan Dwyer was not in attendance. Others who attended the meeting included: Mark Lynam & Larry Law (ECD Admin), Patrice Coleman, Kristin Mullen, Dwayne Vance, Tim Watkins, Erin Williams, Marty Boyce, Leah Quarles, & Jimmy Matthews (Metro DEC), Russell Freeman (Legal Counsel), Tracey Drennon (Finn Partners), and Will Denami (Governmental Lobbyist).

Minutes

Ms. Hale made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 22, 2026 ECD board meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously by voice vote.

Financial Report

Mr. Lynam went over the January financial report with board members. Cash available for operations as of January 31st totaled \$40,661,338. This consisted of \$211,915 in the ECD's checking account and \$40,449,423 in its LGIP account.

Mr. Lynam went over the various financial transactions that took place during the month. He reported that income for December totaled \$127,060 while expenses amounted to \$165,539. This resulted in a net loss of \$38,479 for the month.

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

Public Awareness Update

Ms. Tracey Drennon went over the Rescue Rex report. She provided a schedule of upcoming shows which will be taking place at various schools during the month of February. She noted that school administrators have already started booking shows for the Fall 26 season. She communicated that efforts are underway to revamp the program's scripts and materials.

Ms. Drennon also went over the advertising report highlighting the various metric points that are being used to track customer involvement with our ads. She reported that our ads continue to perform well. She noted that the completion rate of both the video and audio ads indicate strong audience engagement and message retention.

Legislative Update

Mr. Will Denami updated board members on the various bills currently before the Tennessee General Assembly that he is tracking which could have a direct impact on Emergency Communications Districts across the state.

He communicated that bill SJR 48, which would raise the 911 surcharge fee from \$1.50 to \$1.86, is the most critical. Currently there is an educational campaign underway to inform legislators of what is included in the funding bill. Not only is there money that would ease the financial crisis of some rural emergency communications districts, but there is also money that would encourage

consolidation of PSAP's and money for technology that would bring about enterprise solutions to PSAP's across Tennessee.

DEC Directors Report

Acting Director Patrice Coleman reviewed January statistical data with board members. Her overview included number of calls, vacancies, training hours, and call compliance numbers. She pointed out that on January 25th, the day of the ice storm, 8,007 (911) calls were received. This was a 715% increase from the prior day in which 982 (911) calls were received. Ms. Coleman also communicated that a training academy will be starting in March and will include 14 new hires.

Ms. Erin Williams went over the January performance statistics for HubNashville. Her report included number of calls and average answer times. The report also included number and type of call brought about by the winter ice storm and widespread power outage. Included in this list were calls taken for power lines down, water outages, traffic light issues, tree maintenance requests on rights-of-way, welfare checks, and various other types of calls relevant to the ice storm and extensive power outage.

Board members commended DEC and its employees for their dedication and exceptional work during, and the days following, the January 25th ice storm.

Adjournment

Upon proper motion by Mr. Johnson and second by Ms. Hale, the meeting adjourned at 1:59 PM.

Minutes submitted by Mark Lynam