

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, Bryan Pettus, Dan Dwyer, Rick Cowan, and Carolyn Baldwin Tucker. Board member William Johnson was not in attendance. Others who attended the meeting included: Mark Lynam & Larry Law (ECD Admin), Kristin Mullen, Dwayne Vance, Brian Crabtree, Erin Williams, & Jimmy Matthews (Metro DEC), Russell Freeman (Legal Counsel), Tiffany Childress (Finn Partners), and Will Denami (Governmental Lobbyist).

Minutes

Ms. Hale made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 19, 2026 ECD board meeting. Ms. Tucker seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously by voice vote.

Later during the board meeting, Ms. Tucker noticed that Mr. Will Denami's name had been excluded from the list of attendees at the February 19th board meeting. She made a motion that the minutes be amended to show that Mr. Denami had attended that meeting. Ms. Hale seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously by voice vote. Minutes were approved with the amendment to reflect Mr. Denami's presence at the February 19th meeting.

Financial Report

Mr. Lynam went over the February financial report with board members. Cash available for operations as of February 28th totaled \$42,453,574. This consisted of \$1,890,893 in the ECD's checking account and \$40,562,681 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 \$1,905,414 while expenses amounted to \$113,178. This resulted in a net gain of \$1,792,236 for the month.

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

Public Awareness Update

Ms. Tiffany Childress 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 March. Ms. Childress communicated that post-show surveys continue to reflect positive reviews.

Ms. Childress 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 the campaign continues to perform well with strong audience engagement from all segments of the campaign.

Legislative Update

Mr. Will Denami updated board members on the various bills currently before the Tennessee General Assembly that could impact Emergency Communications Districts across the state.

He reported that bills HB1702 / SB1898 (TACIR study of Tennessee's emergency communications system), HB1773 / SB1826 (allow emergency communications district boards to hold electronic meetings), and SJR48 (increase 911 surcharge fee from \$1.50 to \$1.86) are scheduled to go before the House State and Local Government Committee on March 24, 2026. Mr. Denami communicated that he believes there is enough support behind bill SJR48 for it to pass.

DEC Directors Report

Assistant Director Kristin Mullen reviewed the monthly Director's Report with board members. Her overview included call volume, answer times, vacancies, quality assurance compliance numbers, training hours, and C.O.R.E. events. Ms. Mullen reported 12 vacancies, which included a technology position and an executive position for an HR manager. She also communicated that a training academy began on March 16th with a class of twelve.

Mr. Dwayne Vance informed board members that DEC had met with Metro Finance officials about their FY 2027 operating budget. He reported that DEC had requested additional funding of approximately \$1 million to cover seven new requests in their budget. He communicated that very little of that new expense would be passed on to the District. He also reported that Metro continues to have ongoing talks with the Airport Authority and are trying to work out a new lease for the backup center.

HubNashville Report

Ms. Erin Williams went over the February performance statistics for HubNashville. Her report included number of calls and average answer times. She also provided three additional reports which included numbers and graphs ... Feb 2025-Top 10 Requests & Sub Requests, Feb 2026-Top 10 Requests & Sub Requests, and Feb 2026-Resolved on First Call Requests.

DEC Awards Gala

Mr. James Matthews reminded board members that the DEC Awards Gala will be taking place on Friday, April 17th, at 6:00PM in the Music City Center. He noted that a subcommittee, made up of employees from all divisions, has been involved with the planning, and there will be several new categories of recognition.

Adjournment

Upon proper motion by Ms. Hale and second by Ms. Baker, the meeting adjourned at 1:41 PM.

The next meeting of the ECD Board of Directors will be held on April 16, 2026 at 1:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Mark Lynam