

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, Bryan Pettus, Ruby Baker, and William Johnson. Board members Carolyn Baldwin Tucker, Dan Dwyer, and Rick Cowan were not in attendance. Others who attended the meeting included: Mark Lynam (ECD Admin), Patrice Coleman, Dwayne Vance, Michael Bateman, & Erin Williams (Metro DEC), Russell Freeman (Legal Counsel), and Liz Diekman (Finn Partners).

Minutes

Ms. Hale made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 18, 2026 ECD board meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously by voice vote.

Financial Report

Mr. Lynam went over the July 2026 financial report with board members. Cash available for operations as of July 31st totaled \$45,055,129. This consisted of \$27,477 in the ECD's checking account and \$45,027,652 in its LGIP account.

Mr. Lynam went over the various financial transactions that took place during the month. He reported that income for July totaled \$140,589 while expenses amounted to \$272,104. This resulted in a net loss of \$131,515 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.

Approval of Finn Partners Contract

The fiscal year 2027 contract with Finn Partners was brought before the board for approval. It consisted of two documents, the Master Service Agreement and Scope of Work. Mark Lynam and Russell Freeman reported that all issues had been resolved, and they were comfortable with the final product. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the contract. Ms. Baker seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously by voice.

TENA Board Election and Policy Amendments

Mr. Lynam explained that TENA is holding an election to fill board positions. As a member of TENA, our District is allowed one vote in the process. Mr. Lynam stated that he serves as our District's voting delegate and will cast our vote as directed by board members.

Mr. Lynam provided the ballot with the candidates listed. Our district had two positions to vote for, Secretary and 2nd Vice President. The Secretary position had one candidate, Shauna Heath. The 2nd Vice President position had two candidates running for that post, Kristy Borden and Terry Williams. There were also two Policy Amendments on the ballot.

Board members consulted with Director Coleman as to the candidates' qualifications. After discussion ended Mr. Johnson made a motion that we cast our vote for Shauna Heath for Secretary, Kristy Borden for 2nd Vice President, and that we vote to approve the Policy Amendments. Ms. Hale seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously by voice vote.

Public Awareness Update

Ms. Duckworth introduced Liz Diekman, our new account manager with Finn Partners. Ms. Diekman will oversee the Awareness Program. There was no media report to review due to the awareness media activity being paused while contract negotiations were taking place.

Ms. Childress was not in attendance at the board meeting. However, she provided a Rescue Rex report with program updates. The report did not include a list of schools scheduled for a Rescue Rex performance. Ms. Baker asked for that report to be emailed to board members.

Legislative Update

Mr. Will Denami was out of town and was not able to attend the board meeting. He did provide a Legislative Report for board members to review. He also provided copies of letters from various organizations that were read during the public comment period at the TECB meeting, which was held on August 12, 2026 to discuss a potential increase to the 911 surcharge fee. It was noted that the TECB is now seeking an increase of \$1.95 instead of the previous \$1.85. This is due to inflation.

DEC Directors Report

Director Patrice Coleman reviewed the Director's Report with board members. Her overview included data performance numbers for both June and July.

A new training academy is scheduled to start on September 14th.

TACIR will conduct its interview of the Davidson County Emergency Communications Center next week.

Director Coleman and Michael Bateman have attended multiple meetings over the past week with Metro General Services and contractors regarding the new 911 facility. Ms. Coleman was able to provide a rendering of the building exterior and campus. Estimated date to break ground is January 2027. Projected move-in date is December 2028.

Discussions are currently taking place pertaining to how radio communications will be delivered to the new 911 facility.

Restricted Funds

Dialogue took place regarding how we should proceed with developing a plan to identify and label a portion of our reserves as restricted assets. Ms. Duckworth asked Director Coleman to identify a time when she and her technology team could meet with members of the ECD Board to consider all expenditures associated with the new 911 facility as well as any other foreseeable needs of her department.

Director Coleman was able to share a high-level breakdown of costs associated with outfitting the new 911 facility. This cost estimate was developed by Metro General Services and totaled \$25 million. Board members asked for a more detailed breakdown of these numbers before they would consider contributing funds to pay for the expenditures identified on this report.

Adjournment

Upon proper motion by Ms. Hale and second by Mr. Johnson, the meeting adjourned at 2:03 PM.

The next meeting of the ECD Board of Directors will be held on September 17, 2026 at 1:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Mark Lynam