

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, William Johnson, Dan Dwyer, and Rick Cowan. Board member Carolyn Baldwin Tucker was not in attendance. Others who attended the meeting included: Mark Lynam & Larry Law (ECD Admin), Patrice Coleman, Dwayne Vance, Tim Watkins, Erin Williams, Kristin Mullen, Jimmy Matthews, Leah Quarles, & Christy Pruitt-Haynes (Metro DEC), Liz Diekman & Tiffany Childress (Finn Partners) and Russell Freeman (Legal Counsel).

Minutes

Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes of the August 20, 2026 ECD board meeting. Mrs. Hale seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously by voice vote.

Financial Report

Mr. Lynam went over the August 2026 financial report with board members. Cash available for operations as of August 31st totaled \$46,969,219. This consisted of \$1,799,304 in the ECD's checking account and \$45,169,915 in its LGIP account.

Mr. Lynam went over the various financial transactions that took place during the month. He reported that income for August totaled \$1,934,419 while expenses amounted to \$20,329. This resulted in a net gain of \$1,914,090 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. Tiffany Childress went over the Rescue Rex report. She reported that rehearsals had wrapped up and the first Rex show was held on September 15th. Board members were informed that the months of October and November are fully booked. Channel 5 has expressed interest in doing a report on Rescue Rex. Ms. Childress asked if any board member would volunteer for an interview as part of the media coverage. She expects the media event to take place at one of the October shows.

There was no media campaign report to go over. Ms. Diekman informed board members that Finn is putting together a more robust campaign report that will be presented at the October meeting.

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. His report noted that the TECB met on September 2nd and approved a new surcharge rate of \$1.95. The measure will be submitted back to the General Assembly in 2027 for ratification. His report also mentioned that TACIR met on Sept 16th to discuss the current landscape of 911 across Tennessee.

DEC Directors Report

Director Patrice Coleman reviewed the Director's Report with board members. Her overview included data performance numbers for the month of August.

A training academy of 10 new call takers started September 14th.

A meeting will take place in the community room at the Metro Southeast Police Precinct on October 8th at 5:30 PM to discuss with the public the newly planned 911 facility. The contractor, along with members of General Services and DEC, will be there to present a rendering of the building and answer questions from the community.

TENA will hold its annual conference in Murfreesboro, TN, September 20-23rd, 2026.

Members of TACIR met with Director Coleman on August 27th. They will be back in October to gain an operational insight into how a 911 center runs.

Director Coleman took part in the 3686 Entrepreneurial Conference that took place in Nashville on September 14-16th. The training simulator that was developed in conjunction with Vanderbilt was one of the items highlighted at the conference.

The Motorola Cooperative Services Agreement was deferred by Metro Council until the October 6th meeting. There was some misunderstanding by council members as to what the CAD system would be used for. Some questioned whether it would be used for situational awareness and surveillance. Council members are being advised that the CAD system is a communications vehicle for the public safety sector.

Restricted Funds

Mr. Tim Watkins informed board members that he and his staff are trying to firm up budgetary numbers for the technology costs associated with the new 911 facility. In addition to the \$25 million in expenditures that General Services has already identified, Mr. Watkins has pinpointed additional needs of \$5 million for radio consoles and backhaul equipment, and \$2 million in extra funding for dispatch furniture. Other items that still must be priced out include cameras, a video wall, access card readers, and a fiber run to the new facility. Board members asked him to provide them with a monthly report that could be updated as numbers change.

Adjournment

Upon proper motion by Ms. Hale and second by Ms. Baker, the meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

The next meeting of the ECD Board of Directors will be held on October 15, 2026 at 1:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by Mark Lynam