

**HEALTH FACILITIES COMMISSION**  
**COMMISSION FOR LICENSING HEALTH CARE FACILITIES**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**April 22, 2026**

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT**

R. G. (Rick) Chinn, Chairman  
Jeremy Biggs, Representative of Hospitals  
Barbara Brennan, Registered Nurse  
Michael Denney, Representative of Nursing Homes  
Tim Evans, Representative of ASTCs  
Katie Evans, Designee for TennCare  
Dr. Steven Flatt, Presentative of Physicians  
Lauren Legate, Designee for the Department of Aging and Disability  
Dr. Andy Russell, Presentative of Physicians  
Nicole Sweitzer, Designee of Comptroller  
Mike Ussery, Representative of Assisted Care Living Facilities  
James Wright, Representative of Nursing Homes

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT**

Melanie Keller, Vice Chair, Representative of Home Care  
Connie Bellamy, Consumer Representative  
Tina Prescott, Representative of Hospitals

**COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT**

Logan Grant, Executive Director  
Caroline Tippens, Director Licensure and Regulation  
Jim Christoffersen, General Counsel  
Nathaniel Flinchbaugh, Deputy General Counsel  
Ann R. Reed, Deputy Director Licensure and Regulation

**COURT REPORTER**

**Name**

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Mr. Chinn with 12 members present.

## II. ROLL CALL:

A roll call vote was taken at 9:01 am with the following members present: Biggs, Brennan, Chinn, Denney, K. Evans, T. Evans, Flatt, Legate, Russell, Sweitzer, Ussery, and Wright; a quorum was established.

## III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The March 25, 2026, Commission Meeting minutes were presented to the Commission for approval

**Ms. Sweitzer made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Dr. Russell seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.**

## IV. HEALTHCARE FACILITIES LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINARY CONSENT CALENDAR

### A. License Status Requests (Inactive Status)

1. The Waters of Robertson, Springfield – NH Lic. No. 216

This one hundred twenty (120) bed skilled nursing home facility requested an extension waiver for their license to remain on inactive status for an additional six (6) months. This facility needs to remain inactive status as pending regulatory litigation with the Departmental Review Board with CMS. The Water of Robertson has temporarily suspended operations and intends to continue operations for a period of suspension.

2. Douglas Post-Acute and Rehabilitation Center, Milan – NH Lic. No. 85

This seventy-two (72) skilled bed facility requested an extension of their license to remain on inactive status for an additional six (6) months through October 22, 2026. By extending their inactive status will allow Douglas Post-Acute and Rehabilitation Center to focus on addressing the concerns raised by CMS while ensuring that we meet and exceed the standards set by HFC.

**Mr. Wright recused. Mr. Denney made a motion to approve these inactive waivers. Mr. Ussery seconded. The inactive waivers were approved unanimously.**

3. Jamestown Medical Center, Inc., Jamestown – Hospital Lic. No. 48

This eighty-five (85) hospital bed facility requested an extension of their license to remain on inactive status for twelve (12) months until the April 2027 Health Facilities Commission meeting. Jamestown is not in a position to resume operations; they are actively working toward future reopening and are beginning preliminary planning and evaluation efforts to support that process.

**Mr. Biggs recused. Mr. Wright made a motion to approve this inactive waiver request. Mr. Evans seconded. The inactive waiver was approved unanimously. Jamestown will be brought back at the next Commission meeting for a status update.**

**B. Board Policy(ies)**

**BOARD POLICY #86 – ACLF ADMINISTRATOR SERVING MULTIPLE LOCATIONS. THIS POLICY TO FACILITATE QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS TO SERVE AS ASSISTED CARE LIVING FACILITY (ACLF) ADMINISTRATORS:**

1. The Rutherford Assisted Living, Murfreesboro - ACLF Lic. No. 213 and The Rutherford Memory Care, Murfreesboro – ACLF Lic. No. 274  
Michael Tonietti, Administrator

**Mr. Wright recused. Ms. Brennan made a motion to approve this request. Mr. Denney seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

2. Revisit – Update regarding ACLF Administrators for Emory Mills Senior Living, Knoxville – ACLF Lic. No. 582 and Abe’s Garden/Park Manor Apartments, Nashville – ACLF Lic. No. 353  
Christopher Simon Coelho, Administrator

**No vote was taken on this matter. This request was no longer necessary as Emory Mills has hired a full-time Administrator for that facility.**

**C. Consideration and Ratification Licensure Applications – Change of Ownership (CHOW) and Initials**

**1. Qualifying Applications – (Initials)**

b. Home Medical Equipment

- National Seating & Mobility, Inc., Pelham, AL – File No. 1552
- Prism Medical Products, LLC, Jacksonville, FL – File No. 1554
- Reliable Respiratory, Inc., Norwood, MA – File No. 1556
- Smart Choice Medical, LLC, Knoxville d/b/a A1 Med, Knoxville – File No. 1558
- SunMed Medical Systems, LLC, Marlton, NJ - File No. 1557

c. Professional Support Services

- Community Options, Inc., Chattanooga – File No. 448
- Graceful Living Residential Care, LLC, Nashville – File No. 472

**Mr. Wright recused. Ms. Sweitzer made a motion to approve these qualifying applications. Dr. Russell seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

a. Home Health Agencies

- Energy Workers Home Health, PLLC, Wartburg – HHA Lic. No. 714

**Mr. Biggs recused. Mr. Ussery made a motion to approve this qualifying application. Ms. Sweitzer seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

## **2. Qualifying Applications – (CHOWS)**

### **b. Home Medical Equipment**

Pink Ribbons, LLC, Memphis – HME Lic. No. 1228

### **d. Professional Support Services**

Independent Living Solutions, LLC, Johnson City f/k/a Envision, Inc., Johnson City – PSS Lic. No. 282

**Ms. Sweitzer made a motion to approve these qualifying applications. Dr. Russell seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

### **a. Home for the Aged**

New Hope at Hogans Branch, LLC, Hendersonville f/k/a New Hope Senior Living, LLC, Hendersonville - RHA Lic. No. 633

### **c. Nursing Homes**

Dickson Health and Rehab, Dickson – NH Lic. No. 72

Gallaway Healthcare and Rehab, LLC, Gallaway – NH Lic. No. 77

Reelfoot Manor Health and Rehab, Tiptonville – NH Lic. No. 151

**Mr. Wright recused. Mr. Denney made a motion to approve these qualifying applications. Mr. Evans seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

## **D. License Status Updates**

1. Closed Facility Listing for March 2026

**This item was not discussed.**

## **E. Disciplinary Orders and Orders of Compliance**

### **Assisted Care Living Facilities**

1. Sage Hill at Maybelle Carter – ACLF Lic. No. 40

The Office of Legal Services proposed a Consent Order assessing three (3) Civil Monetary Penalties in the amount of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) each, for a total Civil Monetary Penalty of four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00) due within thirty (30) calendar days of ratification.

2. The Rutherford Memory Care – ACLF Lic No. 274

The Office of Legal Services proposed a Consent Order assessing three (3) Civil Monetary Penalties in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) each and one (1) civil monetary penalty in the amount of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00), for a total CMP of eight hundred seventy-five dollars (\$875.00) due within thirty (30) calendar days of ratification.

3. The Harpeth at Harmony Hills – ACLF Lic No. 509

The Office of Legal Services proposed a Contingent Change of Ownership assessing four (4) Civil Monetary Penalties in the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) each and one (1) Civil Monetary Penalties in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), for a total CMP amount of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500.00) due within thirty (30) calendar days of ratification. Failure to comply may result in the denial of the CHOW Order.

**Temporary Staffing Registry**

1. The Rose Group, Inc., d/b/a Suwannee Medical Personnel – TSR Lic. No. 108

The Office of Legal Services proposed a Consent Order assessing one (1) Civil Monetary Penalty in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), plus costs. Costs not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00); due within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the Assessment of Costs. If not previously submitted, Respondent must provide financial data within thirty (30) days of ratification.

2. Voyage Healthcare, LLC. – TSR Lic. No. 76

The Office of Legal Services proposed a Consent Order assessing one (1) Civil Monetary Penalty in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), plus costs. Costs not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00); due within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the Assessment of Costs. If not previously submitted, Respondent must provide financial data within thirty (30) days of ratification.

**Mr. Wright recused. Ms. Brennan made a motion to approve these Orders as written. Dr. Russell seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**F. Healthcare Facilities License Regular Calendar**

**1. Facility Waiver Requests**

a. Saint Francis Hospital-Bartlett – Hospital Lic. No. 161

This one hundred ninety-six (196) bed hospital requested a one (1) year extension waiver to continue the temporary closure of its NICU and OB Services. The temporary closure was necessary because OB staff was cut in half and the neonatology group stopped providing coverage services. The discontinue of neonatology coverage led to the loss of pediatric coverage. Saint Francis Hospital-Bartlett has not been able to replace the medical staff necessary to operate these services. Saint Francis Hospital-Bartlett will continue to provide these services at its sister campus, Saint Francis Hospital-Memphis.

Representative(s): Kim Looney, Attorney

**Dr. Russell made a motion to accept this waiver request. Mr. Ussery seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

## **2. Discussion(s)**

- a. Licensed Home Medical Equipment (HME) Providers in Tennessee

**No vote was taken on this matter. This was for Commission members' knowledge.**

## **3. Reports**

**Trauma** – Robert Seesholtz, Trauma System Director

- a. New Rules Site Review Policy

**Dr. Russell made a motion to approve this report. Mr. Ussery seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**Nurse Aide/Abuse Registry** – Ann R. Reed, Deputy Director

- a. March 2026 – Nurse Aide Registry/Abuse Registry Report
- b. Information on new vendor

**No vote was taken on these matters. This was for Commission members' knowledge.**

## **4. Applications - Change of Ownership (CHOW's and Initials)- Special Consideration**

### **a. Initials:**

N/A

### **b. CHOWS:**

N/A

### **c. Consideration and Ratification of Quality Service Licensure Applications:**

### **Qualifying Applications (Initials)**

#### **List of Providers for Ratifying Quality Service License – Consent Calendar**

##### **Providers Affiliated with Erlanger Health**

Hamilton County Erlanger East Medical Center (MRI, NICU)

##### **Providers Affiliated with HCA/TriStar**

Davidson County TriStar Skyline Medical Center (Burn, MRI, PET)

Davidson County TriStar Summit Medical Center (MRI, NICU, PET)

Robertson County TriStar Northcrest Medical Center (MRI, PET)

**Providers Affiliated with Maury Regional Medical Center** Lawrence County Lawrence Health Center (MRI)

**Mr. Evans recused. Mr. Ussery was not present to vote for this section. Ms. Brennan made a motion to approve these Quality Service licenses. Ms. Sweitzer seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**Providers Affiliated with Community Health Systems or Tennova Healthcare**

Campbell County LaFollette Medical Center (MRI)

**Providers Affiliated with Covenant Health**

Knox County Parkwest Medical Center (MRI, PET)

Loudon County Fort Loudoun Medical Center (MRI)

**Mr. Biggs recused. Mr. Ussery was not present to vote for this section. Mr. Denney made a motion to approve these Quality Service licenses. Ms. Sweitzer seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**Providers Affiliated with Ascension St. Thomas**

DeKalb County Ascension St. Thomas DeKalb Hospital (MRI)

**Providers Affiliated with Ballad Health**

Greene County Greeneville Community Hospital (MRI, PET)

Johnson County Johnson County Community Hospital (MRI)

Sullivan County Holston Valley Imaging Center (MRI)

Sullivan County Holston Valley Medical Center (MRI, PET)

Sullivan County Indian Path Community Hospital (MRI)

**Providers Affiliated with Baptist Memorial Healthcare**

Tipton County Baptist Memorial Hospital Tipton (PET)

**Other Affiliations**

Bradley County Bradley Medical Center (MRI, NICU)

Davidson County Nashville General Hospital (MRI, NICU, PET)

Davidson County Sports Ortho Urgent Care Nashville (MRI)

Davidson County Urology Associates (PET)

Madison County Cardiovascular Clinic of West Tennessee (PET)

**Mr. Evans recused on the matter of Ascension St. Thomas. Mr. Ussery was not present to vote for this section. Mr. Wright made a motion to approve these Quality Service licenses. Dr. Flatt seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**List of Providers for Ratifying Quality Service License – Regular Calendar**

Coffee County Coffee Medical Group, LLC dba Unity Medical Center (MRI)

**Mr. Ussery was not present to vote for this section. Dr. Russell made a motion to approve these Quality Service licenses. Mr. Biggs seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**List of Providers for Ratifying Quality Service License – Regular Calendar**  
Lauderdale County Lauderdale Community Hospital (MRI)

**This item was deferred until the May meeting.**

The Health Facilities Commission portion of the agenda concluded at 9:46 am.

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 am.