



**HEALTH FACILITIES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 25, 2026**

**Health Facilities Commission
William R. Snodgrass TN Tower
The Nashville Room, 3rd Floor
312 Rosa L Parks Ave
Nashville, TN 37243**

Commission Members Present

**Rick Chinn, Chairman
Connie Bellamy, Consumer Representative
Barbara Brennan, Registered Nurse
Michael Denney, Representative of Nursing Homes
Katie Evans, Designee for TennCare
Tim Evans, Representative of ASTCs
Dr. Steven Flatt, Representative of Physicians
Melanie Keller, Vice-Chairman, Representative of Home Care
Lauren Legate, Designee for the Department of Aging and Disability
Dr. Andy Russell, Representative of Physicians
Nicole Sweitzer, Designee for Comptroller**

Commission Members Absent

**Jeremy Biggs, Representative of Hospitals
Tina Prescott, Representative of Hospitals
Mike Ussery, Representative of Assisted-Care Living Facilities
James Wright, Representative of Nursing Homes**

Court Reporter

April Daniel

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Mr. Rick Chinn with the following members present Bellamy, Brennan, Denny, K. Evans, T. Evans, Flatt, Keller, Legate, Russell, Sweitzer, and Chinn. A quorum was established with 11 members present.

Director's Announcements

The April 22, 2026, meeting will be held at the Andrew Jackson State Building, Ground Floor Hearing Room, #201, Nashville, TN.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Chinn presented February 25, 2026, minutes for approval.

Ms. Keller moved for approval with Dr. Russell providing the second.

The motion CARRIED [11-0-0] unanimously by roll call. APPROVED.

HEALTHCARE FACILITIES LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINARY CONSENT CALENDAR

A. License Status Requests (Inactive Status)

1. N/A

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.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

Ms. Legate made a motion to approve this waiver. Mr. Denney seconded. The waiver was approved unanimously for thirty (30) days. Administrator to return with update in April.

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

2.Qualifying Applications - (CHOWS)

a.Assisted Care Living Facilities

1.Canterfield of Oak Ridge, Oak Ridge - License No. 399

Mr. Denney recused. Dr. Russell made a motion to approve this qualifying application. Ms. Sweitzer seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

1.Qualifying Applications (Initials)

a.Birthing Centers

1.Clarksville Birth Center, LLC., Clarksville - File No. 12

c. Home Health Agencies

- 1.Blueberry Health Infusion Nursing, Knoxville – File No. 709**
- 2.Support Private Duty Care, Jamestown – File No. 711**
- 3.Tennessee Valley Home Care, LLC., Lebanon, d/b/a Tennessee Quality Care Home Health East – Lebanon, TN – File No. 687**
- 4.Your Choice Home Care, Kingston – File No. 707**

c.Home Medical Equipment

- 1.180 Medical, Inc., Omaha, NE – File No. 1536**
- 2.Coreverity, LLC, Shelton, CT – File No. 1537**
- 3.Giving Home Medical Equipment LLC – Austin, TX – File No. 1551**
- 4.Tobii, Dynavox, LLC, Corapolis, PA – File No. 1549**
- 5.WR Specialists, LLC, Ann Arbor, MI – File No. 1544**

d.Professional Support Services

- 1.Comfort Care Providers of Middle Tennessee, Inc., Nashville – File No. 473**
- 2.Elitecare Home Solution, LLC, Nashville – File #No. 468**

2.Qualifying Applications – (CHOWS)

a.Assisted Care Living Facilities

- 1.NHI Opco Bristol, LLC d/b/a Spring Arbor of Bristol f/k/a Dominion Bristol, LLC d/b/a Dominion Senior Living of Bristol, Bristol – License No. 437**
- 2.NHI OpCo Maryville TN, LLC d/b/a Spring Arbor of Clover Hill f/k/a Dominion Maryville, LLC d/b/a Clover Hill Senior Living, Maryville – License No. 423**
- 3.NHI Opco Crossville, LLC d/b/a Spring Arbor Crossville f/k/a Dominion Crossville, LLC d/b/a Dominion Senior Living of Crossville – License No. 422**

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

D.License Status Updates

- 1.Closed Facility Listing for February 2026**

No vote was taken on this matter.

- 2.Gericare, LLC., d/b/d Deaconess HomeCare, Selmer – HHA Lic. No. 290**

Due to recent ice storms in Tennessee, Deaconess HomeCare had sustained damage in the provider's office that made the building unsafe for the employees to work. Patient records were not damaged due to being electronic. This provider has temporarily relocated their branch facility to 115 Houston Ave, Selmer, TN. A designated employee will be working at this location.

Ms. Keller made a motion to accept this license status update. Ms. Legate seconded. This license status update was approved unanimously.

3.Highpoint Health – Riverview with Ascension Saint Thomas, Carthage – Hospital Lic. No. 129
Highpoint Health-Riverview with Ascension Saint Thomas, Carthage will permanently close their Behavioral Health Unit effective March 2, 2026. The unit has been temporarily closed since February 13, 2026, and no new admissions have been accepted. The decision to close the unit is due to critical staffing shortages that made it no longer feasible to safely operate the service line. Ten (10) psychiatric beds will request to be removed from the facility’s license.

Ms. Brennan made a motion to approve this license status update. Ms. Keller seconded. This license status update was approved unanimously.

4.2025 Data Quarterly Report 3 and Quarterly Report 4 from Covenant Hospitals - Fort Loudoun Medical Center – Hospital Lic. No. 84; Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge – Hospital Lic. No. 1; Fort Sanders Regional Medical Center – Hospital Lic. No. 43; Parkwest Medical Center, Knoxville – Hospital 42 regarding services for its Hospital Care at Home Program.

Representative(s): Travis Swearingen

Ms. Keller made a motion to approve this license status update. Dr. Russell seconded. This license status update was approved unanimously.

E.Disciplinary Orders and Orders of Compliance Assisted Care Living Facilities

1.Heritage Pointe Senior Living, ACLF – Lic. No. 278

The Office of Legal Services proposed a Consent Order assessing two (2) Civil Monetary Penalties in the amount of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) each and one (1) Civil Monetary Penalty in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for a total Civil Monetary Penalty in the amount of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) due within thirty (30) calendar days of ratification; If not already done so, Respondent must submit proof to the Commission within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this order: 1) an acceptable Plan of Correction to ETRO, which has been reviewed by ETRO staff and found to be acceptable; 2) proof of Inter-Disciplinary Team reviews for all residents currently housed in the Memory Care Unit; and, 3) proof of current memory care training and the date thereof for all staff assigned to or working in the Memory Care Unit.

2.Trinity Hills of Knoxville – ACLF Lic No. 284

The Office of Legal Services proposed a Consent Order assessing one (1) Civil Monetary Penalty in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) due within thirty (30) calendar days of ratification.

3.Assisted Living at Trezevant – ACLF Lic No. 34

The Office of Legal Services proposed a Consent Order assessing One (1) Civil Monetary Penalty in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) due within thirty (30) calendar days of ratification.

Skilled Nursing Facilities

1.AHC Bethesda – SNF Lic. No. 379

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

Contingent CHOWS

1. Dominion Senior Living of Athens – ACLF Lic. No. 443

The Office of Legal Services proposed a Contingent Change of Ownership Order assessing one (1) Civil Monetary Penalty in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and one (1) Civil Monetary Penalty in the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00), for a total Civil Monetary Penalty in the amount of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) due within thirty (30) calendar days of ratification.

Orders of Compliance

1. American House Bartlett – ACLF Lic. No. 62

As of February 24, 2026, Respondent is in compliance with the terms of the June 25, 2025, Consent Order and requested a lift of the Facility’s probationary status.

2. Dogwood Pointe Memory Care – ACLF Lic. No. 39

As of March 6, 2026, Respondent is in compliance with the terms of the March 26, 2025, Consent Order and requested a lift of the Facility’s probationary status.

Ms. Brennan made a motion to approve these Orders as written. Dr. Russell seconded. The Orders were approved as written.

Policies and Interpretive Guidance

1. Policy Memo 109 – Due to issues with numbering in the previous rule packet, 0720-14-.01 must be redone. This memo will allow the language to remain in effect until the corrected rule packet becomes final.

Dr. Russell made a motion to approve this language as presented. Ms. Keller seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

1. IG on Surg Tech allowance in facilities.

Ms. Keller made a motion to approve this Interpretive Guidance as presented. Mr. Evans seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

F. Healthcare Facilities License Regular Calendar

1. Facility Waiver Requests

a. N/A

- File No. 1538

2. Discussion(s)

a.Revision to ambulatory surgical treatment center applications to collect data and information for licensure files related to new quality license types

Mr. Denney made a motion to approve this revision. Dr. Russell seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

b.Walking Horse Meadows, Clarksville – ACLF Lic. No. 48

Walking Horse Meadows is to make an appearance and report before the Commission and address specifics on their 4th Plan of Correction (POC) regarding the deficiencies identified in the January 8, 2026, survey.

Representative(s): Chanel Smith, Administrator

Ms. Keller made a motion to accept this report, Plan of Correction, and to allow licensing surveyors to return for fourth revisit. Mr. Denney seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

c.Serenity Surgical Recovery

Request to determine which category of licensure a surgical recovery home falls into based on the business model.

Representative(s): Audra M. Allen, Founder

Ms. Keller made a motion to approve for this applicant to proceed under the Home Health Agency licensure type. Ms. Evans seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

3.Reports

Trauma – Robert Seesholtz, Trauma System Director

a.TriStar Horizon Center Trauma Program – Six (6) Month Progress Report

Mr. Evans recused. Ms. Keller made a motion to approve this report. Dr. Russell seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

b.StoneCrest Medical Center ACS Re-Verification Report

Mr. Evans recused. Ms. Sweitzer made a motion to approve this report. Ms. Keller seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

a.February 2026 – Nurse Aide Registry/Abuse Registry Report

No vote was taken on this matter.

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:

N/A

Qualifying Applications (Initials)

List of Providers for Ratifying Quality Service License – Consent Calendar

Providers Affiliated with Ascension St. Thomas

Davidson County	Ascension St. Thomas West Hospital (MRI, PET)
Davidson County	Ascension St. Thomas Midtown Hospital (MRI, NICU)
Davidson County	Middle Tennessee Imaging, LLC dba Premier Radiology Antioch (MRI)
Davidson County	Middle Tennessee Imaging, LLC dba Premier Radiology Belle Meade (MRI)
Davidson County	Middle Tennessee Imaging, LLC dba Premier Radiology Brentwood (MRI)
Davidson County	Middle Tennessee Imaging, LLC dba Premier Radiology Charlotte (MRI)
Davidson County	Middle Tennessee Imaging, LLC dba Premier Radiology Hermitage (MRI)
Davidson County	Middle Tennessee Imaging, LLC dba Premier Radiology Midtown (MRI, PET)
Davidson County	Middle Tennessee Imaging, LLC dba Premier Radiology West (MRI)
Davidson County	Next Generation Imaging (MRI)
Davidson County	Premier Radiology Briarville (MRI)
Davidson County	Premier Radiology Green Hills (MRI)
Montgomery County	Middle Tennessee Imaging, LLC dba Premier Radiology Clarksville (MRI)
Rutherford County	Middle Tennessee Imaging, LLC dba Premier Radiology Murfreesboro (MRI)
Rutherford County	Middle Tennessee Imaging, LLC dba Premier Radiology New Salem (MRI)
Rutherford County	Middle Tennessee Imaging, LLC dba Premier Radiology Smyrna (MRI)
Sumner County	Middle Tennessee Imaging, LLC dba Premier Radiology Gallatin (MRI)
Sumner County	Premier Radiology Hendersonville (MRI)
Warren County	Ascension St. Thomas River Park Hospital (MRI)
White County	Ascension St. Thomas Highlands Hospital (MRI)
Williamson County	Middle Tennessee Imaging LLC dba Premier Radiology Cool Springs (MRI)
Wilson County	Middle Tennessee Imaging, LLC dba Premier Radiology Lebanon MRI (MRI)

Wilson County Middle Tennessee Imaging, LLC dba Premier Radiology Mt. Juliet (MRI)

Providers Affiliated with Erlanger Health

Hamilton County Erlanger Medical Center (MRI, NICU, PET)

Hamilton County UT Erlanger Chattanooga Bone and Joint (MRI)

Providers Affiliated with HCA/TriStar

Cheatham County TriStar Ashland City Medical Center (MRI)

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

Davidson County TriStar Southern Hills Medical Center (MRI)

Dickson County Natchez Imaging Center (MRI, PET)

Dickson County TriStar Horizon Medical Center (MRI, NICU)

Hamilton County Parkridge Medical Center (MRI, NICU)

Rutherford County TriStar StoneCrest Medical Center (MRI, NICU)

Sumner County TriStar Hendersonville Medical Center (MRI, NICU)

Providers Affiliated with Lifepoint Hospitals/Highpoint Health

Giles County Southern Tennessee Regional Health System

Pulaski

Franklin County Highpoint Health Winchester (MRI)

Providers Affiliated with Tennessee Orthopaedic Alliance

Anderson County Tennessee Orthopaedic Alliance East Tennessee Oak Ridge (MRI)

Knox County Tennessee Orthopaedic Alliance East Tennessee ParkWest (MRI)

Knox County Tennessee Orthopaedic Alliance East Tennessee Regional MRI (MRI)

Mr. Evans recused. Ms. Keller made a motion to approve these Quality Service licenses. Ms. Sweitzer seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Providers Affiliated with Baptist Memorial Healthcare

Obion County Baptist Memorial Hospital Union City (MRI, PET)

Providers Affiliated with Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare

Shelby County Methodist University Hospital (MRI, PET)

Providers Affiliated with West Tennessee Healthcare

Madison County West Tennessee Neurosciences and Spine Center (MRI)

Providers Affiliated with Community Health Systems or Tennova Healthcare

Cocke County Newport Medical Center (MRI)

Other Affiliations

Davidson County Heritage Medical Associates (MRI)

Knox County Dolly Parton Children’s Hospital fka East Tennessee Children’s Hospital (MRI, NICU)

Madison County Apex Cardiology (PET)

Madison County Delta Clinics, PLC (PET)

Rhea County Rhea Medical Center (MRI)

Shelby County Diagnostic Imaging (MRI)

Shelby County East Memphis Imaging Center (MRI)

Ms. Keller made a motion to approve these Quality Service licenses. Ms. Sweitzer seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

List of Providers for Ratifying Quality Service License – Regular Calendar

Montgomery County Clarksville Imaging Center, LLC (MRI)

This item was deferred to another meeting.

CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATIONS

A. Ascension St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital, Murfreesboro (Rutherford County), TN – CN2509-036

Request: The establishment of a freestanding emergency department (FSED) at an unaddressed site on Highway 96 in the northeast quadrant of the intersection of Highway 96 and East Pitts Lane behind Bethlehem Church of Christ, Murfreesboro (Rutherford County), Tennessee 37130. The FSED will consist of approximately 11,250 square feet with 10 exam rooms, including 1 trauma room, imaging services, lab, and associated support space. The service area for the proposed FSED are the Zip codes 37130 (Murfreesboro), 37132 (Middle Tennessee State University), and 37085 (Lascassas), located within Rutherford County. The applicant is owned by Saint Thomas Health (“STH”). Estimated project cost: \$19,080,334.

**OPPOSITION: Vanderbilt University Medical Center
(Opposition Withdrawn 3/19/2026)**

Mr. T. Evans recused. Ms. Brennan moved for approval. Dr. Russell seconded. Nine members voted to approve the application – Bellamy, Brennan, Denney, K. Evans, Dr. Flatt, Keller, Legate, Sweitzer and Dr. Russell. The motion CARRIED [9-0-0].

B. Heart N Soul - Nashville, Nashville (Davidson County), TN – CN2511-041

Request: The initiation of hospice services in Cannon, Clay, Cumberland, DeKalb, Fentress, Jackson, Macon, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, Smith, Trousdale, and White Counties to Heart and Soul’s existing 6-county service area under license #624. The principal office location of the applicant is 402 BNA Drive, Suite 305, Nashville (Davidson County), Tennessee 37217. The applicant is owned by Heart and Soul Hospice, LLC. Estimated project cost: \$48,000.

OPPOSITION: Caris Healthcare

Mr. Denney recused. Dr. Flatt moved for approval. Ms. Bellamy seconded. Nine members voted to deny the application – Bellamy, Brennan, K. Evans, T. Evans, Dr. Flatt, Keller, Legate, Dr. Russell, and Sweitzer. The motion CARRIED [9-0-0].

C. Boost Home Healthcare Chattanooga, LLC, Hix (Hamilton County), TN – CN2512-044

Request: For the establishment of a home care organization and the initiation of home health services located at 7505 Middle Valley Road, Suite 101, Hixson (Hamilton County), TN 37343. The proposed service area consists of Bradley, Hamilton, and Sequatchie Counties. The applicant is owned by Jonathan Cleator (50%) and Dang Le (50%). Estimated project cost: \$123,405.

OPPOSITION: AccentCare Home Health of Tennessee, and CenterWell Home Health

(DEFERRED TO APRIL 22, 2026)

D. Heart N Soul - Memphis, Memphis (Shelby County), TN – CN2511-043

Request: The initiation of hospice services in Chester, Crockett, Dyer, Hardeman, Haywood, Lake, Lauderdale and Madison Counties to its service area (License #631). The address of the project will be 1255 Lynnfield Road, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, 38119. The applicant is owned by Heart N Soul Hospice of Memphis LLC. Estimated project cost: \$48,000.

Lake County is designated as a distressed county and is exempt from Certificate of Need requirements for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-11-1607

Ms. Legate moved for approval. Ms. Brennan seconded. Six members voted to approve the application – Brennan, T. Evans, Dr. Flatt, Legate, Russell, and Sweitzer. Three members voted to deny the application – Denny, K. Evans, and Keller. One member asked to abstain on the vote for this application – Bellamy. The motion CARRIED [6-3-1].

E. Covenant Health Diagnostics Blount County, Alcoe (Blount County), TN – CN2601-001

Request: The establishment of an outpatient diagnostic center (ODC) at an unaddressed site between Tesla Boulevard and Highway #129 adjacent to the parcel located at 1440 Tesla Blvd, Alcoa (Blount County), Tennessee 37701. The proposed service area consists of Blount County. The applicant is owned by Covenant Health Diagnostic Centers, LLC. Estimated project cost: \$12,733,007.

Ms. Brennan moved for approval. Dr. Russell seconded. Ten members voted to approve the application - Bellamy, Brennan, Denny, K. Evans, T. Evans, Dr. Flatt, Keller, Legate, Russell, and Sweitzer. The motion CARRIED [10-0-0].

GENERAL COUNSEL'S REPORT

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Logan Grant, Executive Director

HFC Minutes provide a brief summary of commission actions. A detailed record of each meeting (recording and transcript) is available upon request by contacting the HFC office.