



**HEALTH FACILITIES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
May 27, 2026**

**Cordell Hull State Legislative Building
Senate Hearing Room 1
425 N Rep. John Lewis Way
Nashville, TN 37243**

Commission Members Present

**Rick Chinn, Chairman
Connie Bellamy, Consumer Representative
Jeremy Biggs, Representative of Hospitals
Barbara Brennan, Registered Nurse
Michael Denney, Representative of Nursing Homes
Tim Evans, Representative of ASTCs
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
Mike Ussery, Representative of Assisted-Care Living Facilities (Had to leave before CON)
James Wright, Representative of Nursing Homes**

Commission Members Absent

**Katie Evans, Designee for TennCare
Dr. Steven Flatt, Representative of Physicians
Dr. Andy Russell, Representative of Physicians**

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, Biggs, Brennan, Denny, T. Evans, Keller, Lai, Legate, Sweitzer, Ussery, Wright, and Chinn. A quorum was established with 12 members present.

Director's Announcements

The June 24, 2026, meeting will be held at the Cordell Hull State Legislative Building, Senate Hearing Room 1, Nashville, TN.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Chinn presented April 22, 2026, minutes for approval.

Mr. Wright moved for approval with Ms. Sweitzer providing the second.

The motion CARRIED [12-0-0] unanimously by roll call. APPROVED.

HEALTHCARE FACILITIES LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINARY CONSENT CALENDAR

A. License Status Requests (Inactive Status)

2. Kingston Dialysis Center, Kingston – ESRD Lic. No. 159

This end stage renal dialysis facility requested an inactive status extension waiver for their license to remain on inactive status for one (1) additional year until the May 2027 Health Facilities Commission meeting.

4. Bailey Park Community Living Center, Humboldt – NH Lic. No. 88

This fifty (50) bed nursing home requested an inactive status extension waiver for their license to remain on inactive status for twelve (12) additional months through May 2027. Bailey Park Community Living Center is in the process of identifying viable options to reactivate the license, facility and beds at the facility and evaluating possible other strategic steps for the nursing home.

5. Humboldt Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Humboldt – NH Lic. No. 87

This one hundred twenty (120) beds skilled nursing home facility requested a continuation for an extension waiver for their license to remain on inactive status for one (1) additional year through May 2027. At present, Harber Laman Healthcare Management remains in negotiations and partnership efforts with another health care operator who desires to reopen the facility in the very near future and therefore, additional time for discussions to review and consider all options.

7. Baptist Trinity Home Care-Private Pay Division, Memphis – HHA Lic. No. 242

This home health agency requested an extension waiver for their license to remain on inactive status for one (1) additional year through May 2027. This will allow further time for Baptist-Trinity Home Care to consider potential future operations of the agency and to evaluate whether there is a continued need for the services previously offered under this license.

8. Wayne County Nursing Home, Waynesboro – NH Lic. No. 277

This forty-six (46) bed nursing home requested an extension waiver for their license to remain on inactive status for an additional twelve (12) months through June 2027.

10. Radiosurgical Center of Memphis, LP, Memphis – ASTC Lic. No. 74

This ambulatory surgical treatment center requested to place their license on inactive status for nine (9) months through February 2027. Due to current financial environment Medicare patients' reimbursements are about \$2,600; it currently costs the facility over \$10,000 to complete a case. The number of commercial cases continues to decrease, which does not cover the Medicare reimbursement shortfall. Radiosurgical Center of Memphis, LP intend to use this time to explore their options with larger institutions. This will allow better economics of scale, and they receive a much better reimbursement from Medicare.

Mrs. Brennan made a motion to approve these inactive waivers. Ms. Keller seconded. These inactive waivers were approved unanimously.

1. Siskin Hospital's for Physical Subacute Rehabilitation Program, Chattanooga – NH Lic. No. 382

This twenty-nine (29) beds nursing home facility requested an inactive status extension waiver for their license to remain on inactive status for one (1) additional year until the June 2027 Health Facilities Commission meeting.

11. Surgery Center of Clarksville, Clarksville – ASTC Lic. No. 68

This ambulatory surgical treatment center requested to place their license on inactive status effective June 1, 2026, for a period of one (1) year through May 2027. Recently, the facility's operating performance, projected financial trajectory, and capital requirements alongside evolving regulatory obligations and market conditions have been thoroughly evaluated and continuing operations is not sustainable. The temporary closure will support an orderly pause in operations and provide time to address essential administrative and operational matters in a responsible manner.

Mr. Evans recused. Mr. Ussery made a motion to approve these inactive waivers. Mr. Denney seconded. These inactive waivers were approved unanimously.

3. Jackson Park Christian Home, Inc., Nashville – NH Lic. No. 55

This twenty-eight (28) bed nursing home facility requested a continuation for an extension waiver for their license to remain on inactive status for twelve (12) additional months through May 2027. Signature HealthCARE continues to actively explore viable options for reactivating the licensed facility and its beds. As a result of lasting effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and the downturn in the long-term care industry, additional time is still needed to evaluate potential plans for the Facility's future use, whether through reopening, sale, or relocation.

8. Pruitt Healthcare-Nashville, LLC., Nashville fka Nashville Metro Care and Rehabilitation Center, Nashville – NH Lic. No. 47

This one hundred eleven (111) bed skilled nursing home facility requested an extension waiver for their license to remain on inactive status for twelve (12) additional months through May 2027. Pruitt Healthcare-Nashville, LLC was granted a Certificate of Need (CON) on March 26, 2025, and is now working to implement the CON by the construction of a new facility as proposed in the CON application.

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

6. Upper Cumberland Physician's Surgery Center, Cookeville – ASTC Lic. No. 155 Upper Cumberland Physicians Surgery Center (UCPSC) requested an extension waiver for their license to remain on inactive status for one (1) additional year through May 2027. Cookeville Regional Medical Center has considered many options for their license and will continue to evaluate a long-term surgical strategy for the patients of the Upper Cumberland. This consideration will allow the most appropriate next steps for this license.

Ms. Bellamy recused. Ms. Keller made a motion to approve this inactive waiver. Mr. Evans seconded. The inactive waivers were approved unanimously.

B. Board Policy(ies)

N/A

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

1. Qualifying Applications – (Initials)

a. Home Health Agencies

Heart to Heart Holistic Healthcare Services, Hermitage – File #717

b. Home Medical Equipment

ABC Home Medical Supply, Inc., Mt. Juliet, TN – File #1541

Aeroflow Direct, LLC d/b/a CPAPSupplies.com, Asheville, NC – File #1571

DME Supply USA, LLC, N. Chesterfield, VA – File #1534

EBI, LLC, Parsippany, NJ – File #1560

Inogen, Inc., Goleta, CA – File #1540

Medically Modern, Wantagh, NY – File #1561

National Seating & Mobility, Inc., Jackson, TN – File #1535

Neuroolutions, Inc., Van Nuys, CA – File #1530

Nu Life Med, LLC, Manchester, NH – File #1542

Precision Medical Products, Inc., Rocklin, CA – File #1563

Prentke Romich Company d/b/a PRC-Salttillo, Wooster, OH – File #1568

Prism Medical Products, LLC, North Wilkesboro, NC – File #1553

Rebecka's Lingerie, Nashville, TN – File #1555

The Daavlin Distributing Co. DBA Phothera, Bryan, OH – File #1559

Wellstart Medical, LLC, Port St. Lucie, FL – File #1565

c. Professional Support Services

Tri-County Center, Athens – File #476

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

2. Qualifying Applications - (CHOWS)

a. Assisted Care Living Facilities

MCP Gallatin OpCo, LLC, Gallatin d/b/a The Capstone at Station Camp Assisted Living and Memory Care, Gallatin f/k/a Gallatin SLP, LLC, Gallatin - License No. 530

b. Nursing Homes

Hickory Grove Post Acute, LLC f/k/a The Waters of Gallatin, Gallatin - License No. 266 Woodland Post Acute, LLC f/k/a The Waters of Clinton, Clinton - License No. 1

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

Ms. Brennan 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 April 2026

This item was for Commission Information. No vote was taken on this item.

2. Jamestown Medical Center, Inc., Jamestown - Hospital Lic. No. 48

This is a revisit for inactive status from the April 22nd meeting when Commission staff wanted to know the length of this request. Jamestown Medical Center, Inc., an eighty-five (85) hospital bed facility was originally placed on inactive status on October 2, 2019 (effective June 13, 2019) Board meeting. This hospital has been on inactive status extension for seven (7) years from October 7, 2020, October 5, 2021, November 22, 2022 - (2 years), October 23, 2024, October 22, 2025, and currently placed on inactive status extension on April 22, 2026.

Mr. Biggs recused. Mr. Wright made a motion to approve this license status update. Ms. Keller seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

E. Disciplinary Orders and Orders of Compliance

Assisted Care Living Facilities

1. Brookdale Greeneville - ACLF Lic. No. 151

The Office of Legal Services proposed a Consent Order assessing one (1) Civil Monetary Penalty of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), due within thirty (30) calendar days of ratification.

Temporary Staffing Registry

1. Mana Medical Staffing, LLC, f/d/a Medical Staffing, LLC. – TSR Lic. No. 68

The Office of Legal Services proposed a Consent Order assessing two (2) Civil Monetary Penalties of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) each, for a total of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) due within thirty (30) calendar days of ratification; plus, Costs not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) payable 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. Legacy Personnel, Inc. – TSR Lic. No. 164

The Office of Legal Services proposed a Consent Order assessing one (1) Civil Monetary Penalty in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) due within thirty (30) calendar days of ratification; plus, Costs not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) payable 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.

3. Express Healthcare Staffing – TSR Lic. No. 140

The Office of Legal Services proposed a Consent Order assessing one (1) Civil Monetary Penalty in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) due within thirty (30) calendar days of ratification; plus, Costs not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) payable 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. The Biannual Report was submitted on 4-14-26.

Ms. Brennan made a motion to approve these Orders as written. Ms. Keller seconded. The orders were approved unanimously as written.

Rules

1. 0720-47 Units of Major Medical- Gov Ops requested HFC withdraw the ruleset and reconsider section 0720-47.06 (7) Infection Control. The rule was withdrawn and the Commission staff created two options that would address the concerns raised by Gov Ops.

Representative(s): Scott Faragher, HFC Privacy Officer

Ms. Keller made a motion to accept Major Medical option two that keeps infection control language but removes language referencing Flu & HIV. Ms. Bellamy seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Policies and Interpretive Guidance

1. IG for Policy 101- Need to know Commission stance on CHOW related to equity transfer in relation to requirement under TCA 68-11-206

Request was withdrawn. Discussion over making changes to clarify language in Change of Information (CHOI) and Change of Ownership (CHOW) applications that required updates. Language will be drafted, revised by participating attorneys and draft will be presented at June Commission meeting to members for approval. Ms. Lauren Gaffney requested this be presented under Rule Making rather than through Interpretive Guidance. No vote was taken on this matter.

F. Healthcare Facilities License Regular Calendar

1. Facility Waiver Requests

N/A

2. Discussion(s)

b. Change of Ownership determination

Crossroads Hospice of Tennessee, LLC – Hospice Lic. No. 357

Renaissance Surgery Center – ASTC Lic. No. 213

Shalom Hospice, LLC – Hospice Lic. No. 626

Hospice of Hope-Tennessee, LLC – Hospice Lic. No. 625

NGS Endoscopy Center – ASTC Lic. No. 11

St. Thomas Medical Group Endoscopy Center – ASTC Lic. No. 17

Hermitage TN Endoscopy ASC, LLC – ASTC Lic. No. 92

Mr. Ussery made a motion to approve these Change of Ownership determinations. Ms. Sweitzer seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

a. Revised RHA Application – Initial and Change of Ownership

Ms. Keller made a motion to approve the revision to the application. Mr. Biggs seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. CG of Tennessee, LLC., Jackson – PSS #64 – 4th Plan of Correction for Commission Approval Representative: Sherrilee Hedberg, Senior Director for Clinical Services

Mr. Evans made a motion to approve the Fourth POC presented to members. Mr. Denney seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Reports

Trauma – Robert Seesholtz, Trauma System Director

a. Nashville General Hospital – Level III Trauma Center Re-Designation Site Visit Report

Ms. Brennan made a motion to approve this Level III trauma designation for an additional three (3) year full designation as a level III trauma center with the ATLS requirement for mid-levels treating

injured patients to be satisfied within one year. Ms. Keller seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

a. April 2026 Nurse Aide Registry/Abuse Registry Report

Mr. Ussery made a motion to approve this report. Mr. Wright seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

a. Initials:

Home Medical Equipment

Liberator Medical Supply, Inc., Stuart, FL – File No. 1529

Ms. Keller made a motion to move this item to the June 2026 agenda with a request to have a Representative appear before the Commission to explain the “yes” answers on their HME application. Ms. Sweitzer seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. CHOWS:

N/A

Qualifying Applications (Initials)

List of Providers for Ratifying Quality Service License – Consent Calendar

Providers Affiliated with Ascension St. Thomas:

Hickman County Ascension St. Thomas Hickman Hospital (MRI)

Rutherford County Ascension St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital (MRI, NICU)

Mr. Ussery, Mr. Lai, and Mr. Evans recused. Mr. Biggs made a motion to approve these Quality Service licenses. Ms. Keller seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Providers Affiliated with Community Health Systems or Tennova Healthcare:

Knox County Tennova North Knoxville Medical Center (MRI, PET)

Knox County Tennova Turkey Creek Medical Center (MRI, PET)

Mr. Biggs recused. Ms. Brennan made a motion to approve these Quality Service licenses. Mr. Ussery seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Providers Affiliated with Ballad Health:

Sullivan County Ballad Health CVA Heart Institute (PET)

Providers Affiliated with Baptist Memorial Healthcare:

Carroll County Baptist Memorial Hospital Carroll County (MRI)

Providers Affiliated with Highpoint Health:

Sumner County Highpoint Health Sumner (MRI, PET)

Providers Affiliated with Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare:

Shelby County LeBonheur Outpatient Center East (MRI)

Shelby County Methodist Midtown Diagnostic Center (MRI)

Other Affiliations:

Dyer County West Tennessee Bone and Joint - Dyersburg (MRI)

Madison County West Tennessee Bone and Joint (MRI)

**Knox County University of Tennessee Medical Center (MRI, NICU, PET) – This item was
voted on separately**

Lincoln County HH Lincoln Health (MRI)

McMinn County Starr Regional Medical Center (MRI, PET)

Overton County Livingston Regional Hospital (MRI)

Shelby County St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital (MRI, PET)

Shelby County The Neurology Clinic (MRI)

Washington County Karing Hearts Cardiology (PET)

Ms. Sweitzer made a motion to approve all Quality Service licenses in this group with the exception of University of Tennessee Medical Center. Ms. Legate seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Other Affiliations:

Knox County University of Tennessee Medical Center (MRI, NICU, PET)

Mr. Biggs recused. Ms. Keller made a motion to approve this Quality Service license. Ms. Sweitzer seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

List of Providers for Ratifying Quality Service License – Regular Calendar

Lauderdale County Lauderdale Community Hospital (MRI)

Representative(s): Tracey Byers, Title

Ms. Brennan made a motion to approve this Quality Service license with Provider submitting joint Commission accreditation documentation from mobile vendor. Mr. Ussery seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATIONS

A. St. Thomas West Hospital, Fairview (Williamson County), TN – CN2602-004

Request: For the establishment of a freestanding emergency department (FSED) at 1866 Fairview Blvd, Fairview (Williamson County), Tennessee 37062. 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 has been defined as the ZIP codes 37062 (Fairview), 37025 (Bon Aqua), 38476 (Primm Springs), 37064 (Franklin), 37069 (Franklin), and 37221 (Bellevue). The applicant is owned by Saint Thomas Health. Estimated project cost: \$20,702,000.

Mr. Lai, T. Evans, and Mr. Ussery recused. Ms. Kelley moved for approval. Mr. Wright seconded. Eight members voted to approve the application – Bellamy, Biggs, Brennan, Denney, Kelley, Legate, Sweitzer and Wright. The motion CARRIED [8-0-0].

B. TriStar Horizon Medical Center, Fairview (Williamson County), TN – CN2602-005

Request: For the establishment of a freestanding emergency department (FSED) located at 2273 Fairview Boulevard, Fairview (Williamson County), TN 37062. The FSED will consist of approximately 10,860 square feet with 11 exam rooms, including 1 trauma room, lab, imaging department, nurse station, and associated support spaces. The service area is defined by the ZIP codes of 37062 (Fairview), and 38476 (Primm Springs) in Williamson County, 37025 (Bon Aqua) in Hickman County, and 37029 (Burns) in Dickson County. The applicant is owned by Central Tennessee Hospital Corporation which is ultimately owned by HCA Healthcare, Inc. Estimated project cost: \$21,018,000.

Mr. Lai, T. Evans, and Mr. Ussery recused. Ms. Kelley moved for approval. Mr. Wright seconded. Eight members voted to approve the application – Bellamy, Biggs, Brennan, Denney, Kelley, Legate, Sweitzer and Wright. The motion CARRIED [8-0-0].

GENERAL COUNSEL’S REPORT

A. TriStar Lebanon FSED CN2506-022

Request by applicant for the Commission to agree to an Order in the contested case granting the CON for the establishment of a freestanding emergency department.

The Commission has denied the CON application and the applicant has initiated a contested case appealing for that denial

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Virtual Meeting Policy Discussion**
- B. CON Reform Update**

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.