

TRINIDAD AMBULANCE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONTHLY MEETING **July 22, 2026**

Attendance: Zachary Shapiro, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Audra Garrett, Lynette Bates, Chief Moreno, Barbara Fisk, Lts. Angelina Bacharach and Elizabeth Romero, Deputy Chief DeTray and Chris Semmens with Vida Benefits via Zoom

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION												
Call to Order/Pledge	Meeting was called to order at 4:35pm by Zachary Shapiro.												
Roll Call/Proof of Quorum	There was a quorum with five (5) board members in attendance.												
Adoption of Agenda	MOTION adopt the agenda as presented was made by Audra Garrett. SECOND: Joe Richards YEA: Zachary Shapiro, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Audra Garrett, Lynette Bates NAY: ABSTAIN: The agenda adopted as presented.												
Review Minutes	MOTION to approve the June 24 and July 9, 2026 meeting minutes as amended was made by Audra Garrett. SECOND: Lynette Bates June 24 minutes YEA: Zachary Shapiro, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Audra Garrett, Lynette Bates July 9 minutes YEA: Zachary Shapiro, Tom Murphy, Audra Garrett, Lynette Bates June 24 and July 9 minutes NAY: July 9 minutes ABSTAIN: Joe Richards The June 24 and July 9, 2026 minutes were approved as amended.												
Director & Operations	Chief Moreno presented the following information. <u>Financial Overview</u> <table><tr><td>General Fund</td><td>\$2,325,942.59</td></tr><tr><td>Enterprise Fund</td><td>\$1,840,785.44</td></tr><tr><td>Total Cash on Hand</td><td>\$4,166,728.03</td></tr></table> <table><tr><td>Net Income General Fund</td><td>\$608,032</td></tr><tr><td>Net Income Enterprise</td><td>\$405,794</td></tr><tr><td>Net Income YTD</td><td>\$1,013,827</td></tr></table>	General Fund	\$2,325,942.59	Enterprise Fund	\$1,840,785.44	Total Cash on Hand	\$4,166,728.03	Net Income General Fund	\$608,032	Net Income Enterprise	\$405,794	Net Income YTD	\$1,013,827
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2026 June Billing Performance

Total EMS Trips (not calls for svc)	153
Gross Charges	\$405,407
Average Charge/Trip	\$2,650
Collections	\$34,760
Cash/Trip	\$227
Net Collections Rate	11.9%

EMTS 2027 Grant awarded and Purchase Order received.
OeHI Grant final reimbursement of \$115,000 has been received.

Whole Blood Initiative. Working with Dr. Branney and the Whole Blood Coalition on funding. Looking to TAD to manage the southern region blood program/grant. Blood To Go is a backup plan but would cost approximately \$45,800 so would require grant funding. The District has provided Letters of Support to the Colorado Whole Blood Coalition to apply for the Rural Health Transformation Fund grant.

Education. The District will be working with Trinidad State College to provide Advanced EMT education. TAD will provide four instructors

Legislative Updates. HB26-1238 Designating Emergency Medical Services as Essential was signed by the governor on May 5, 2026 and will be effective August 12, 2026.

The Treatment-In-Place Bill, HB26-1069 was signed into law by Governor Polis on June 2, 2026. Medicaid will begin paying for the new services January 1, 2027. It is hoped that next legislative cycle HB26-1069 designating EMS as an essential service will have a funding package for EMS providers.

Happenings of Note. Chief Moreno's report noted three separate missing person accounts, in which TAD participated, during the month of July. When the State of Colorado took over ground ambulance licensing, some aspects of the process were not affective until July 1, 2026. He also provided data, both state and national, on EMS headlines, ambulance crashes, EMS provider safety incidents, EMS closures, funding challenges and staffing shortages.

Deputy Chief DeTray was unable to attend the meeting so provided his written report. For the month of June 2026:

Calls for Service	186 (down 32)
Inter-Facility Transfers	21 (down 14) (2 doubles)
Parkview Medical Center:	19
UCHealth Memorial Central:	2
Transports Delayed	5
Active 9-1-1 & county calls	3
RN required / BLS day	1
Cancelled –patient went by other means	1
Monthly IFT Mileage	3,822
Year-to-Date Statistics	
IFT	183
YTD IFT Miles	23,631

Staffing. Hired another PRN EMT with two in Field Training at this time. Due to current staffing shortage, Chief Moreno and Deputy Chief DeTray have been picking up On Call shifts this month. He and Chief Moreno were commended for their support in helping with the current staffing shortage.

Fleet. 3 of 6 trucks are in service, one of which is the ambulance slated to be remounted with CDPHE EMTS grant funds.

Unfinished Business

Public Perception Campaign. Tom Murphy mentioned his dislike for the characterization of TAD in a current article in the newspaper. Chief Moreno's response, also documented in the article, was commended by multiple board members. Deputy Chief DeTray stated, "The Lieutenant Governor is planning a visit to TAD in recognition for work done through the OeHI grant.

District Health Insurance Renewal. Chris Semmens of Vida Benefits was in attendance via Zoom to provide explanation for the renewal options packet provided.

Current Plan w/Gap Plan (Premium Saver/MWG): Anthem, Fully Insured (community pool rates), no negotiation opportunities, oversight of state and federal government, file PCORI form 720 and 1094/1095 forms. Employer/Employee premium split 75%/25% for medical and vision.

Option 1 w/Gap Plan: Carry over same Anthem plan w/Premium Saver = 12.5% increase

Option 2 w/Gap Plan: Anthem, Level Funded, comparable to current coverage with minimal changes, federal oversight, TAD responsible for filing annual PCORI form 720 and 1094/1095 forms. Employer/Employee premium split 82%/18% for medical and vision. Retain Premium Saver plan.

If Option 2 w/Gap Plan is chosen but next year it's more feasible to elect a Fully Insured plan, the District can move back to that type of plan.

MOTION for the 2026-2027 medical insurance year, to switch to Option 2, a Level Funded plan with Anthem, retain the Premium Saver Gap Plan and change the District's contribution to 82% from 75% for medical, vision and premium saver plans was made by Audra Garrett.

SECOND: Lynette Bates

YEA: Zachary Shapiro, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Audra Garrett, Lynette Bates

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

Medical insurance plan for 2026-2027 will consist of Anthem's Level Funded plan, MWG Premium Saver and TAD's premium contribution of 82% for medical, gap plan and vision plans.

Public Comments

None.

New Business

Petition for Exclusion. At the June meeting Chief Moreno mentioned providing a Petition for Exclusion to CollinsColeUlmerWinn for review. They are in communication with the filer. Once the amended petition and deposit are received by the District, they will pull the O&E, publish the hearing, and draft the Board order.

CDPHE EMTS Grant Purchase. Chief Moreno provided the CDPHE Statement of Work and Remount Pricing documentation from Excellance to the board. He requests permission to expend \$270,939.42 to remount VIN 7899 (#1701) of which \$133,630.20 will be reimbursed from the CDPHE EMTS grant.

MOTION to pay Excellance \$270,939.42 to remount VIN 7899 (#1701) and apply funds from the CDPHE EMTS grant to reimburse TAD \$133,630.20 was made by Joe Richards.

SECOND: Lynette Bates

YEA: Zachary Shapiro, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Audra Garrett, Lynette Bates

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

Chief Moreno was given authority to expend \$270,939.42 to remount VIN 7899 (#1701) with CDPHE EMTS grant funds to reimburse \$133,630.20 of the cost.

Adjourn

MOTION to adjourn was made by Joe Richards.

SECOND: Tom Murphy

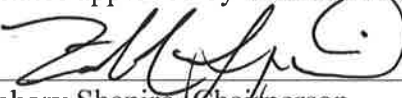
YEA: Zachary Shapiro, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Audra Garrett, Lynette Bates

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

The meeting adjourned at 5:45pm.

Minutes approved by Trinidad Ambulance District Board of Directors August 26, 2026.



Zachary Shapiro, Chairperson

