

**TRINIDAD AMBULANCE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MONTHLY MEETING** **May 27, 2026**

Attendance: Zachary Shapiro, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Audra Garrett, Lynette Bates, Chief Moreno, Deputy Chief DeTray, Barbara Fisk, LoriLyn Williams, via Zoom Joanna Vosburg, Andrew Ringel, Kathryn Winn

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
Call to Order/Pledge	Meeting was called to order at 4:33pm by Zachary Shapiro.
Roll Call/Proof of Quorum	There was a quorum with five (5) board members in attendance.
Adoption of Agenda	<p><b>MOTION</b> adopt the agenda as presented was made by Tom Murphy.  <b>SECOND:</b> Joe Richards  <b>YEA:</b> Zachary Shapiro, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Audra Garrett, Lynette Bates  <b>NAY:</b>  <b>ABSTAIN:</b>                      The agenda adopted as amended.</p>
Election of Officers	<p><b>MOTION</b> to elect Zachary Shapiro, President; Audra Garrett, Vice President; Joe Richards, Secretary/Treasurer was made by Tom Murphy.  <b>SECOND:</b> Lynette Bates  <b>YEA:</b> Zachary Shapiro, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Audra Garrett, Lynette Bates  <b>NAY:</b>  <b>ABSTAIN:</b>                      The newly elected officers of the board are President Zachary Shapiro, Vice President Audra Garrett, Secretary/Treasurer Joe Richards</p>
Review Minutes	<p><b>MOTION</b> to approve the April 22, 2026 meeting minutes as presented was made by Joe Richards.  <b>SECOND:</b> Audra Garrett  <b>YEA:</b> Zachary Shapiro, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Audra Garrett, Lynette Bates  <b>NAY:</b>  <b>ABSTAIN:</b>                      The April 22, 2026 minutes were approved as amended.</p>
Director & Operations	<p>Chief Moreno was called out of the meeting to answer a 9-1-1 call. His presentation was reviewed by the board.  <u>Financial Overview</u>                      General Fund                      \$2,101,944.85                      Enterprise Fund                      \$1,834,749.89</p>

Total Cash on Hand	\$3,936,694.79
Net Income General Fund	\$711,688
Net Income Enterprise	\$199,534
YTD Net Income	\$911,203

2026 April Billing Performance

Total EMS Trips (not calls for svc)	163
Gross Charges	\$488,106
Average Charge/Trip	\$2,994
Collections	\$48,119
Cash/Trip	\$295
Net Collections Rate	14.5%

**Medical Direction.** Dr. Becker will be here tomorrow, May 28<sup>th</sup>, to provide mandatory conduct Rapid Sequence Intubation waiver training.

**Grants.** AFG is still pending. **EMTS (CDPHE) Grants** FY2026 reimbursement has been paid – grant closed. FY2027 grant has been awarded to remount an ambulance. **OeHI Grant** is proceeding on time. The final payment of \$115,000 will be received the end of June or first part of July. **Naxolone Project** is still pending. **Rural Health Initiative Funds (RHIF)** is still pending.

**Whole Blood.** 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.

**Legislative Updates.** The Treatment-In-Place Bill, HB26-1069 passed the House and the Senate and is awaiting the governor’s signature. Bill HB26-1238 Designating Emergency Medical Services as Essential passed the House and Senate and has been signed by Governor Polis. Chief Moreno shared multiple legislative actions, both state and local.

Chief Moreno shared data, both state and national, on EMS headlines, ambulance crashes, EMS provider safety incidents, EMS closures, funding challenges and staffing shortages.

The following documentaries were noted:

- “Into the Unknown: The Paramedic’s Journey
- “Honorable But Broken: EMS in Crisis
- “Code 3”

Deputy Chief DeTray was unable to attend the meeting as he also responded to a 9-1-1 call. Barbara Fisk read his report to the board. For the month of April 2026:

Calls for Service	206 (up 3)
Inter-Facility Transfers	36 (2 were double with MSRH RN)
Transports Delayed	9 (4 911 calls, 4 crew on IFT, 1 crew risk assessment score)
IFT Not Transported	2 (1 flight, 1 DOC didn't have staff to escort)
April IFT Miles	6,714
YTD IFT Miles	19,809
YTD IFT Transports	127
Secure Transports	3

**Mobile Integrated Health/Community Paramedic Program.** Contract negotiations with Health Solutions to assist with Crisis response continue. Talks continue with Rocky Mountain Health Plan. Deputy Chief DeTray traveled to hospitals in Colorado Springs and Pueblo last week for MIH outreach covered by the OeHI Grant.

**Staffing.** There is still an open (ALS) position which has been offered to current part-time ALS and BLS staff. One BLS letter of interest has been received.

**Events.** Crews and staff celebrated EMS week May 17-23<sup>rd</sup>. The District rented lanes at the bowling alley for crews and family.

**Fleet.** Five trucks are in service. One is out due to AC issues.

Unfinished Business

**Public Perception Campaign.** The board continues to inform and educate the community about TAD services. No negative comments have been communicated to board members.

**45 Day Notice for Mobile Integrated Health and Community Paramedicine.** The notice was published pursuant to Section 32-1-207(3)(b), C.R.S. stating TAD's intent to provide Medical-in-Home and Community Paramedic services within the scope of the District's CIHCS license. The District received a notice from the Las Animas County Board of County Commissioners forbidding TAD's desire to provide those services.

Deputy Chief DeTray and Lt. Elizabeth Romero met with pertinent staff at Mt. San Rafael Hospital to discuss Mobile Integrated Health. They were told they would have to convince Dr. Joe. Deputy Chief DeTray called to make an appointment with Dr. Joe but hasn't received a response. It was

suggested by Audra Garrett that a Fact Sheet be prepared to show the benefits and functionality of the program. Chief Moreno informed the board a tri-fold flyer had already been prepared and is circulating in the community.

Public Comments

None.

New Business

Chief Moreno and Barbara Fisk met with several administrators of IN Bank to discuss account options for the District. Joanna Vosburg, SVP, Treasury Management Officer and LoriLyn Williams were in attendance to answer any questions about the information previously provided the board. The board discussed benefits of moving funds from First National Bank of Trinidad to IN Bank.

**MOTION** to move all funds from First National Bank of Trinidad to IN Bank was made by Joe Richards.

**SECOND:** Lynette Bates

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

**NAY:**

**ABSTAIN:**

The District will move all funds from First National Bank of Trinidad to IN Bank.

Executive Session

**MOTION** to adjourn into executive session for the pursuant to § 24-6-402(4)(b), C.R.S., for a conference with the District's special counsel for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions related to the District's service plan, authorized services, and a complaint related to the District's 45-day notice was made by Audra Garrett.

**SECOND:** Joe Richards

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

**NAY:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**RETIRED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:17pm**

**RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION AT 5:54pm**

No action having been taken on any items during the executive session the following attendees returned to regular session: Zachary Shapiro, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Audra Garrett, Lynette Bates, Chief Gabriel Moreno, Deputy Chief David DeTray, Barbara Fisk, Legal Counsel Andrew Ringel and Kathryn Winn.

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Adjourn

**MOTION** to adjourn was made by Audra Garrett.

**SECOND:** Joe Richards

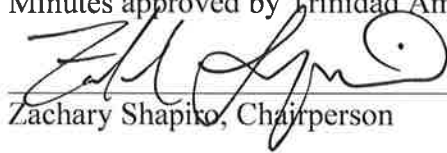
**YEA:** Zachary Shapiro, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Audra Garrett,  
Lynette Bates

**NAY:**

**ABSTAIN:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:01pm.

Minutes approved by Trinidad Ambulance District Board of Directors June 24, 2026.



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Zachary Shapiro, Chairperson

