BETST MINUTES

May 27, 2026

Board on Emergency Telecommunications Standards and Training

Special Virtual Meeting

Meeting Information

The Mississippi Board of Emergency Telecommunications Standards and Training (BETST) met on May 27, 2026, for a special virtual meeting.

Attendance

Board members in attendance included:

- Stan Alford (Chair)
- Sheri Hokamp (Vice Chair)
- Mike Lee
- Charlie Sims
- Marvin Ratliff
- Teresa Windham
- Tony Carleton
- Kristen Campanella
- Barry Burnside
- Jason McElhenney
- Kyle Jones, Board Attorney

Also present:

- Amy Vanderford, Director of the Office of Standards and Training
- TJ Boyd, Telecommunications Program Manager

New Business

1. Director Vanderford accepted nominations for Chair.
   Board Action: Director McElhenney made a motion nominating Mrs. Campanella as Chair. Director Carleton seconded the motion. All in favor, 8 ayes, two no-votes.
2. Director Vanderford accepted nominations for Vice Chair.
   Board Action: Director Carleton made a motion nominating Director McElhenney as Vice Chair. Sheriff Lee seconded the motion. All in favor, 8 ayes, two no-votes.
3. Board approved 4/8/2026 meeting minutes.
4. Manager Boyd presented a proposal for a High School Work-Based Program. CJIS compliance was discussed which would be left up to agencies to ensure all NCIC requirements would be met.
   Board Action: Director McElhenney made a motion to approve. Mrs. Campanella seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Manager Boyd presented a proposal eliminating “credits” and “subject areas” and transition to a Continuing Education hour only model.

Board Action: Sheriff Sims made a motion to approve. Director Carleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Manager Boyd and Director Vanderford presented a proposal allowing the Telecommunications Program Manager to have delegated authority to approve and deny continuing education on behalf of the Board. The Board retains authority to change delegated decisions.
   Board Action: Sheriff Sims made a motion to approve. Director Carleton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
7. Manager Boyd presented a proposal allowing Telecommunicator-CPR (TCPR) and Dispatch-Directed CPR (DD-CPR) to be recognized and count towards continuing education hours, excluded from the 16-hour capped amount of online training.
   Board Action: Director Carleton made a motion to approve. Sheriff Sims seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

<u>Next Scheduled Meeting</u>

Director Vanderford discussed the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held tentatively in August.

<u>Adjournment</u>

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.