



**Chelan County Public Hospital District No. 2
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes March 25, 2025 at 1:30 pm
in person and via Microsoft TEAMS**

Commission Attendance:

(not present present)

Jordana LaPorte, Chair
 Lori Withrow, Vice Chair

Mary Murphy, Secretary
 Doug Gibson

Len England

Staff Participants: A. Edwards, B. Truman, L. Sahlinger, M. Miller, A. Benegas, C. Onda, T. Lautiki, R. Montgomery, Jenel,

Guests:

Community Members: Marianne Patton, Manual Navarro, Ana Moroz, Dr. Gray, Dominick Bonny, HW, Lori Trevino, L. Trevino, Nathaniel Mote

Recorder: Wendy Kenck

Agenda Item	Topic/Action
1. Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. LaPorte called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm and recited the mission statement.
2. Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anna Moroz asked the Board to confirm its commitment to community care, specifically regarding obstetric (OB) services. Expressed concern that if OB services were removed from Lake Chelan Health (LCH), the nearest options for care would be in Wenatchee or Omak. Emphasized the importance of keeping OB services local as long as there are pregnant women in the area. Also voiced concerns about the addition of a hospitalist without public discussion and requested that any decisions regarding OB services include an opportunity for public comment. • Nathaniel Mote urged the board to publish a written proposal regarding OB services and allow public input in a timely manner. Requested that data be provided to the community to clarify the reasoning behind potential changes. Stressed that, as a community hospital, LCH has a duty to meet public healthcare needs, even if it results in a financial deficit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ L. England thanked attendees for their engagement and assured that OB services are frequently discussed. Clarified that no final decision has been made on the matter. ○ J. LaPorte noted that, as a longtime board member, multiple factors—including risk, finances, quality of care, and community needs—must be considered in decision-making. Stated that while the hospital cannot meet every need for every individual, decisions are made based on a balance of these key factors. As a small hospital we cannot be all things to all people, we must focus on what is right for the community and hospital.
3. Chair’s Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. LaPorte welcomed the visitors and community members joining the meeting and offered a reminder to address each other with professionalism and respect. The Board remains committed to transparency in our efforts to serve both the community and staff. With transparency comes great responsibility—whether it's the media taking statements out of context or staff members sharing incomplete ideas with others that don't align with our facility's goals. In today's age of social media, it seems that anyone feels they can say whatever they want, often without considering the context and factual information. Let’s focus on the facts and have a productive meeting today.

<p>4. Consent Agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edits to the Regular Board Meeting Minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Remove the word “privileges” from the task: <i>The Credentialing Committee will reach out to the Medical Staff to review privileges and processes.</i> • <i>M Murphy motioned to approve the Consent Agenda with above noted edit, seconded, motion passed</i>
<p>5. Executive Session</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. LaPorte announced Executive Session at 1:45 pm for 15 minutes to consider information regarding staff privileges or quality improvement committees under RCW 70.41.205 and RCW 42.30.110(1)(o) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ L. Withrow extended the Executive Session 10 minutes ○ L. Withrow extended the Executive Session 10 minutes ○ L. Withrow extended the Executive Session 10 minutes ○ L. Withrow extended the Executive Session 5 minutes ○ Executive session ended at 2:35 pm
<p>6. Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>L. Withrow verified all credential files are complete for the proposed list of providers and motioned to approve the appointments and removals as presented in Executive Session, seconded, motion passed.</i> • Finance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ B. Truman presented the unaudited February 2025 finance report, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>D. Gibson motioned to accept the unaudited February 2025 Finance Report, motion passed.</i> ○ An RFP was submitted to banks to explore loan options for the EMS/Admin building. • A. Edwards shared the CEO Report with additional notes of interest: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The final open OB nurse position, which had been vacant for over three years, has been filled. This will help reduce OB diversion and lessen reliance on traveling nurses. ○ Updates from the state legislative session included concerns about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Increased B&O taxes ▪ A proposed additional 5% payroll tax ▪ A 1% decrease in Managed Care reimbursement rates ▪ The potential rollback of all 2024 rate increases ▪ Discussions on reducing or eliminating SNAP funding ▪ A proposed cap lift on property taxes • Community Connection Opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Governance Committee will start the planning of the next Community Forum, securing venue details and dates for mid-May to mid-June • M. Murphy presented the "PHD Board Actions- Resolutions Required" from AWPMD as a tool for board members • A. Edwards reviewed the Board KPI dashboard • M. Miller provided a status update to the Clinic and Specialty Care Clinic <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Express Clinic: Ongoing patient growth ○ Primary Care: Expansion continues. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child Vaccine Program: Launched successfully. ▪ Medicare Visits: Increasing. ▪ Patient Volume: Growth noted compared to 2024. ○ Pediatrics: New pediatrician starting in Fall; recruiting an additional Advance Practice Provider (APP). ○ Specialty Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dermatology: Significant program growth; next step is adding MOH's procedures when the Specialty Clinic opens. ▪ Orthopedic Sports Medicine: Expansion in progress; recruiting an APP for

	<p>support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cardiology & ENT: Significant progress in establishing new practices. ▪ Cataract Specialty: Development underway.
7. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Planning: Reserving July 14th.
• New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Harberd presented the UW Family Medicine Rural Residency Program update to the Board of Commissioners. • <i>M. Murphy</i> motioned to approve Resolution 2025-2, Disposal of Hospital Surplus Items; seconded, motion approved. • B. Truman reviewed the verbiage change to the Charity Care Policy as required by the DOH. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>D. Gibson</i> motioned to accept the Charity Care Policy; seconded, motion approved. • <i>M. Murphy</i> motioned to approve the Notice of Privacy Practices, seconded, motion approved.
8. Roundtable/Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Governance Committee will draft the Community Forum agenda and coordinate a meeting space. • M. Murphy will work with L Withrow to update the Board Bylaws to include approval via vote. • EA will send out calendar invites for the July 14th Strategic Plan .
9. Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Public Comment
10. Executive Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. LaPorte announced Executive Session at 5:00 pm for 20 minutes for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ RCW 42.30.110(1)(o) to consider information regarding staff privileges or quality improvement committees under RCW 70.41.205 ○ RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) Evaluate the performance of a public employee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ L. Withrow extended the Executive Session 10 minutes ▪ L. Withrow extended the Executive Session 15 minutes ▪ L. Withrow extended the Executive Session 15 minutes ▪ L. Withrow extended the Executive Session 15 minutes ▪ L. Withrow extended the Executive Session 10 minutes ▪ Executive Session ended at 6:25 pm
11. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session • J. LaPorte adjourned the meeting at 6:26 pm

Attest:

Mary C Murphy
Mary C Murphy (May 6, 2025 15:56 PDT)

M. Murphy, Secretary

Aaron Edwards
Aaron Edwards (May 6, 2025 15:51 PDT)

Aaron Edwards, CEO

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W. Kenck, Executive Assistant










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