



**Chelan County Public Hospital District No. 2
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes May 27, 2025 at 1:30 pm
in person and via Microsoft TEAMS**

Commission Attendance:

(not present present)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jordana LaPorte, Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lori Withrow, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Murphy, Secretary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Gibson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Len England
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Staff Participants: A. Edwards, B. Truman, L. Sahlinger, M. Miller, R. Montgomery, J. Barich, J. Phetteplace, A. Diamond,
Guests: Matt Pulick (Graham Construction), Dean Hill (Hill Int'l), Ellyn Forte (Forte Architects) Daniel Petasky
Community Members: Nathaniel Mote, Anna Moroz,
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 1:30 pm and recited the mission statement.
2. Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nathaniel Mote shared a graph of birth data that was provided to him from a public records request which shows in his opinion a stable trend of births vs the downward trend in the area. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A. Edwards noted that the birth data includes deliveries from outside the hospital district, as the OB unit in the district north of Chelan was closed in 2020. ○ Anna Moroz expressed support for Nat Motes' earlier comments and emphasized the importance of transparency. She encouraged the Board to recognize and act on the need for greater openness in its decision-making processes. • Board Chair J. LaPorte raised serious concerns about the safety and quality of care for patients given the consistently low birth volumes. She questioned how the district can ensure safe, high-quality obstetric care with such limited numbers, noting that maintaining clinical expertise and readiness becomes increasingly difficult under these conditions. While there was a temporary increase in births during 2021 and 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, she emphasized that this trend is not sustainable. Chair LaPorte also pointed to changing regional demographics, suggesting that birth rates are likely to continue declining over the next five years. She stressed the need for a realistic plan to address both patient safety and financial deficit.
3. Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair J. LaPorte expressed her appreciation to the team for their hard work in organizing the Board Community Forum and for posting the Q&A on Kozi's website. She also thanked the staff who participated in the Manson Apple Blossom Parade, acknowledging their continued dedication and community engagement.
4. Consent Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>D. Gibson motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded, motion passed</i>
5. Executive Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. LaPorte announced Executive Session at 1:40 pm for 15 minutes for : RCW 42.30.140(4)(a) Consideration of collective bargaining agreement, including contract negotiations and grievance meetings, are exempt from open meeting requirements, and to consider information

	<p>regarding staff privileges or quality improvement committees under RCW 70.41.205 and RCW 42.30.110(1)(o)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ L. Withrow extended the Executive Session 10 minutes ○ Executive session ended at 2:05 pm
<p>6. Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● D. Gibson motioned to accept the credentialing report with the caveat that two physicians be granted temporary Family Medicine privileges for 90 days or until the new delineation of privileges for Family Medicine is finalized and executed, whichever comes first, and to include one request for removal; seconded, motion approved. ● Finance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ B. Truman presented the unaudited April 2025 finance report, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>M. Murphy motioned to accept the unaudited April 2025 Finance Report; seconded motion approved.</i> ○ B. Truman noted that additional USDA funding has been approved, with the closing scheduled for May 29th. ○ B. Truman proposed rolling out the fringe benefits that were ratified with the nurse union contract to all employees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Move per diem addition rate from 12% to 13% ▪ Differentials adjustments to time and increasing the rate across the board ▪ Adjust the Max PTO accrual from 400 to 450 hours for employees with 16+ years of service. ▪ Retirement adjustment from 50% employee contribution, match limit from 3% to 4% ○ B. Truman presented a proposal to introduce a cataract surgery line, including projected reimbursement rates, cost estimates, and anticipated revenue. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ D. Gibson motioned to accept the Proforma for cataract surgery as presented, seconded, approved. ● CEO Report: A. Edwards presented the CEO Report and shared the following key updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UW Residency Program: A recent meeting was held with representatives from UW and CVCH to discuss the residency program, funding structure, and associated risks. LCH requested the addition of a force majeure clause to the agreement; however, UW has stated it does not intend to add this clause and has shown limited flexibility in negotiations. UW is also requesting a funding match that would require a commitment of three years and three months. A meeting between UW and the CEO of CVCH is being scheduled to further discuss how to move forward given the level of risk involved. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ M. Murphy expressed strong support as a Board member when bringing the residency program to Chelan, recognizing its potential long-term benefits. She noted that the organization is in a much different position than it was 5–6 years ago and emphasized the need for flexibility in the current agreement given increasing hospital budget challenges. M. Murphy also reminded those present that when she took her Oath of Office, per state law her loyalty was pledged to Lake Chelan Health, underscoring the importance of decisions that support its sustainability and best interests. ● S. Ottley reviewed the KPI dashboard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Announced the first internal newsletter was successfully distributed in April. ○ L. Sahlinger noted challenges with the Aggregate Quality Score from DOH and DNV, citing incomplete follow-up and documentation despite ongoing corrective actions.

	<p>Some measures narrowly missed targets by minutes, highlighting the need for improved timely compliance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Connection Opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 5/31 Health Connection hosted by Guild B • Board Education: J. LaPorte presented Hospital Finance 101
7. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specialty Clinic & EMS Capital Project Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ S. Ottley and D. Hill provided an update on the Specialty Clinic, noting that the Owner-Architect-Contractor (OAC) meeting and site walk were completed today. The exterior punch list was approved, with a minor delay due to the drywall. The substantial completion date remains on target for June 28, with the first patient day to be announced. ○ S. Ottley also informed the Board that the MRI enclosure provided by Siemens does not meet State of Washington requirements. Consequently, the onsite installation costs will be significantly higher and will require further operational evaluation. ○ E. Forte reported that the EMS/Admin building permit has been submitted to the city. A pre-build site walk is scheduled for June 4. ○ D. Petasky shared that the project is out for bid, with bid closing anticipated around June 24 or 25. The Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) is expected for review and editing in early July, with final GMP approval targeted for July 22. The Notice to Proceed for early site work is planned for July 23, marking the project kickoff. • Strategic Planning: Board to submit topics to S. Ottley
• New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ L. Withrow motioned to approve Resolution 2025-5 Hospital Surplus – Fencing, seconded; motion approved ○ M. Murphy motioned to approve 2025-6 Hospital Surplus – Television/Monitor, seconded; motion approved.
8. Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public comment
9. Executive Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. LaPorte announced executive session at 4:35 pm for 20 min • L. Withrow extended the Executive Session 10 minutes • Executive Session ended at 5:05pm
10. Roundtable/Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board members to individually send topic of discussion for Strategic Planning to Shawn to finalize the agenda.
11. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. LaPorte adjourned the meeting at 5:10 pm

Attest:

wendy kenck

 M. Murphy, Secretary

Aaron Edwards
Aaron Edwards (Jul 16, 2025 14:03 PDT)

 Aaron Edwards, CEO

Mary C Murphy
Mary C Murphy (Jul 17, 2025 08:28 PDT)

 W. Kenck, Executive Assistant










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