



**Chelan County Public Hospital District No. 2
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes November 18, 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 (Virtual)
 Doug Gibson

Len England

Staff Participants: A. Edwards B. Truman (virtual), R. Montgomery, J. Barich, S. Ottley, S. Freed (virtual), M. Miller, A. Benegas (virtual), B. Mello (virtual), L. Sahlinger (virtual), J. Phetteplace (virtual), D. Ehlert (virtual), M. McCormick (virtual)

Guests: Guild B, Dr. Michelle Pappy (Hospitalist)

Community Members: Anna Moroz, Nat Moto (virtual), John Sambook (virtual)

Recorder: Wendy Kenck

Agenda Item	Topic/Action
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. • J. LaPorte acknowledged and expressed gratitude to GiveNCW for its meaningful support of local nonprofits and the positive impact it can have on Lake Chelan Health. The board also congratulated Rhianna for her feature in the <i>Women in Business</i> article. J. LaPorte has joined the Chelan Chamber Board, looking forward to representing Lake Chelan Health in this new role.
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Public Comment • Dr. Michelle Pappy introduced herself and shared her commitment to supporting the community through both inpatient and outpatient care, with a focus on expanding services to meet local needs. She reported that the Telemedicine Specialty Support Program has successfully launched, seen its first patient, and provided the necessary resources to enable patients to receive care here. • Guild B presented \$55,500 raised through Paint the Town Pink, which included a community member’s matching donation to support the purchase of an EMS side by side vehicle for hard-to-reach areas. In addition, the Foundation contributed \$15,000 towards EMS, and \$5,000 is currently available in the Foundation accounts.
Consent Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consent Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>D. Gibson motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded, and motion approved.</i>
Executive Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. LaPorte announced an Executive Session at 1:50 PM for 15 minutes, scheduled to end at 2:05 PM, citing RCW 70.44.062 and RCW 42.30.110(1)(o) to consider information regarding staff privileges and matters discussed by quality improvement committees. • Chair announced Executive session ended at 1:50 PM. Board returned to open meeting. • Action Following Executive Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>D. Gibson, after reviewing the medical recommendations from the Medical Executive Committee (MEC), motioned to approve the appointments/ reappointment of active staff Pooja Desa MD, Dagmar Hernandez-Suarez MD, Aparijita Das MD, Peggy Rouleau MD, Kyle Kenoyer DPM, Sydney Brock DO, Nathan Scott OD, and the decline of re-appointment by Dr. Lillith Judd, the motion was seconded and carried.</i>

<p>Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Finance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ B. Truman presented the unaudited October 2025 finance report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>M. Murphy motioned to accept the unaudited October 2025 Finance Report; seconded motion approved.</i> ○ <i>M. Murphy motioned to approve Resolution 2025-16 Disposal of Shredder and Resolution 2025-17 Disposal of Scanner, seconded, motion approved.</i> ○ <i>M. Murphy motioned to approve Resolution 2025-18 Regular Hospital Levy, Resolution 2025-19 EMS Levy, Resolution 2025-20 Go Bonds, seconded, motion approved.</i> ● CEO Report: A. Edwards presented the CEO Report with additional items of interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recently visited Prosser and observed a thriving hospital environment, meeting with both the CEO and COO. ○ LCH was mentioned in an article last week in connection with Three Rivers Hospital. There is no intention to be involved in their organizational planning process, and LCH remains willing to support them in whatever way is needed. ○ Met with a state representative who viewed the Rural OB documentary. The representative expressed interest in supporting an OB bill that would provide additional funding for rural hospitals. ○ The Rural Collaborative has funds available to collectively support Revenue Integrity efforts to improve billing processes and assist member hospitals. ○ The discussion highlighted the need to advocate for OB services in rural hospitals, particularly through legislative engagement. ● Strat Plan KPI Report: S. Ottley reviewed the KPI dashboard. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ L. Sahlinger spoke on the Aggregate Quality Score and to consider other metrics for next year. ● Community Connection Opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ L. Withrow and J. LaPorte attended the “Meet the Candidates” event for the Chelan City Administrator position. ○ Request for LCH to co-sponsor a health information event with Chelan Indivisible. A. Edwards stated support and interest in co-sponsoring the community event.
<p>Old Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● EMS Capital Project Update: S. Ottley provided an update on the EMS Capital Project, noting that the foundation is complete, and backfill is underway, with the slab scheduled to be poured at the beginning of December. There has been a slight delay with the temporary power cutover, but it is now expected on Monday. Once completed, the camera will be operational for the public to view the work. No new updates were reported on the change order log. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>M. Murphy motioned to approve the EMS total Project Budget \$15,758,922, seconded motion approved.</i> ● Contingency/Change Order Policy: To be brought to Board in December ● CHNA: Board suggested draft report edits for A. Benegas to bring to Wiplfi. ● Board Job Description: <i>L. England motioned to accept the LCH Board Job Description, seconded motion approved</i> ● Credentialing Charter: The Board reviewed and discussed proposed changes to the Credentialing Charter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>D. Gibson motioned to approve the LCH Credentialing and Privileging Charter with edits, and motion was seconded and approved.</i> ● LCH Board Community Forum: The Forum is scheduled for February 19th at the Ruby Theatre ● Year End Letter: The Board reviewed the draft of the Year-End Letter and provided suggestions and edits.
<p>New Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board Continuing Education and Community Relations Policies: It was proposed to add one

	<p>hour before the Board meeting for continuing education, with each Board member selecting one WSHA video for the team to watch.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>D. Gibson motioned to adopt the Board of Commissioners Continuing Education Policy and the Board Community Relations Policy, seconded; motion approved.</i> ● Stryker Lease: <i>D. Gibson motioned to approve the Stryker Equipment Lease as presented, seconded, motion approved.</i>
Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anna Moroz expressed support for OB services at LCH. ● John Sambook highlighted the potential for conflicts in drafting policies and offered his assistance.
Roundtable/Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A. Edwards to connect with CVCH regarding possible co-sponsorship of the health information community event. ● Outline of the Community Forum at the Ruby U to be ready for review at December Board meeting ● A. Benegas to update the reader board with the next Board meeting date, time, and location. ● Board members to send CHNA edits by end of week to the Executive Assistant
Executive Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● J. LaPorte announced an Executive Session at 4:45 PM for 20 minutes to end at 5:05 PM for RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the performance of a public employee. No action was expected. <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 ○ Executive Session ended at 5:35 pm and the Board resumed in open meeting.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No action was taken following the Executive Session. ● J. LaPorte adjourned the meeting at 6:02 pm

Attest:

Mary C Murphy
Mary C Murphy (Jan 2, 2026 21:35:20 EST)

M. Murphy, Secretary

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Wendy Kenck, Executive Assistant

Aaron Edwards
Aaron Edwards (Jan 2, 2026 15:06:46 PST)

Aaron Edwards, CEO










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