



**Chelan County Public Hospital District No. 2  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Meeting Minutes December 30, 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, M. Miller, A. Benegas (virtual), M. McCormick (virtual), D. Ehlert (virtual),

**Guests:**

**Community Members:** Anna Moroz (virtual), Nat Moto (virtual)

**Recorder:** Wendy Kenck

Agenda Item	Topic/Action
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• J. LaPorte called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm and recited the mission statement.</li> <li>• J. LaPorte, Chair, thanked the staff and everyone associated with the hospital, with special appreciation for those who worked over the holidays, recognizing that the hospital operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. She shared that she was impressed with the hospital’s growth and expressed appreciation to everyone who has contributed to improving the hospital’s financial position. J. LaPorte also referenced a thank you letter from a patient’s family, noting how meaningful and detailed it was. She concluded by sharing her optimism and looking forward to 2026.</li> </ul>
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Public Comment</li> </ul>
Consent Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consent Agenda               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>L. England motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded, and motion approved.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Executive Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• J. LaPorte announced an Executive Session at 1:40 PM for 40 minutes, scheduled to end at 2:20 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.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ L. Withrow extended the Executive Session 10 minutes</li> <li>○ L. Withrow extended the Executive Session 10 minutes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Chair announced Executive session ended at 2:40 PM. Board returned to open meeting.</li> <li>• Action Following Executive Session:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>L. Withrow, after reviewing the medical recommendations from the Medical Executive Committee (MEC), motioned to approve the appointment of Dr. Thomas Tuszyński, seconded, motion approved</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Finance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ B. Truman presented the unaudited November 2025 finance report.                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>M. Murphy motioned to accept the unaudited November 2025 Finance Report; seconded, motion approved.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>○ The Board reviewed the recommendation from the Finance Committee to adjust the age of eligibility for the retirement match from 21 to 18 and, after discussion, formally</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>approved the change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ B. Truman reviewed the Bad Debt and Charity Care metrics.</li> <li>● <b>CEO Report:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A. Edwards presented the CEO Report and shared several additional items of interest. Rural Transportation Funds in Washington State will receive \$181 million, which is less than requested, though appreciation was expressed for the funding that was awarded. Rural hospitals will share \$40 million among the various organizations, and WSHA does not believe this will fully offset Medicaid funding losses over the years.</li> <li>○ A. Edwards also shared several thank you letters from community members expressing appreciation for the staff and the care and services received at Lake Chelan Health.</li> <li>○ The Cardiology contract has been signed, and credentialing is currently in process.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Team Boards:</b> L. Sahlinger presented an initiative for each department to create a Team board to provide real time visibility, quality and patient safety, and to support regulatory processes.</li> <li>● <b>Strat Plan KPI Report:</b> S. Ottley reviewed the KPI dashboard.</li> <li>● <b>Community Connection Opportunities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The GiveNCW Pop Up event to support EMS, presented by L. Withrow, was reported as a success.</li> <li>○ The “State of the City” Town Hall will be held at Campbell’s on January 22 at 6:00 p.m.</li> <li>○ Olympia advocacy effort is scheduled for January, and J. LaPorte and A. Edwards will attend.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>EMS Capital Project Update:</b> S. Ottley reported that the slab is completed, and framing for Areas A and B is expected to be completed by the end of next week.</li> <li>● <b>Contingency/Change Order Policy:</b> <i>M. Murphy motioned to approve the Change Order Process for the EMS/Admin Project w/ edits, seconded, motion approved</i></li> <li>● <i>D. Gibson motioned to approve the CHNA report w/ edits, seconded, motion approved</i></li> <li>● Hospital Community Forum at the Ruby U on February 19, 2026</li> <li>● The Year End Letter is in final review and will be posted on the website, published in the Chelan Mirror, and promoted through a video.</li> </ul>
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Resolutions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>D. Gibson motioned to approve Resolution 2025-21 Rehab Disposal, seconded, motion approved.</i></li> <li>○ <i>M. Murphy motioned to approve Resolution 2025-22 2026 Board Meeting Dates w/ edits, seconded, motion approved.</i></li> <li>○ <i>M. Murphy motioned to approve Resolution 2025-23 Legal Holiday’s, seconded, motion approved.</i></li> <li>○ <i>D. Gibson motioned to approve Resolution 2025-24 Safety Deposit Box with edits, seconded, motion approved.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Policies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>M. Murphy motioned to approve the Compliance Plan Policy with edits, seconded, motion approved</i></li> <li>○ <i>M. Murphy motioned to approve the Annual Quality Committee Plan with edits, seconded, motion approved. (D. Gibson absent from vote)</i></li> <li>○ <i>Discussion regarding Governance policy and AI and video recordings</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>● <i>L. Withrow, Vice Chair, inducted J. LaPorte with the Oath of Office for Commissioner #4 of Chelan County Public Hospital District #2</i></li> </ul>
Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No Public Comment</li> </ul>

Executive Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• J. LaPorte announced an Executive Session at 5:37 PM for 25 minutes to end at 6:02 PM for RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the performance of a public employee. No action is expected. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ L. Withrow extended the Executive Session 13 minutes</li> <li>○ L. Withrow extended the Executive Session 15 minutes.</li> <li>○ M. Murphy left meeting at 6:37 pm</li> <li>○ L. Withrow extended the Executive Session 10 minutes</li> <li>○ L. Withrow extended the Executive Session 20 minutes</li> <li>○ Executive Session ended at 7:00 pm and the Board resumed in open meeting.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No action was taken following the Executive Session.</li> <li>• J. LaPorte adjourned the meeting at 7:01 pm</li> </ul>

Attest:

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Mary C Murphy (Mar 5, 2026 13:13:47 PST)

M. Murphy, Secretary

wendy kenck  
Wendy Kenck, Executive Assistant

Aaron Edwards  
Aaron Edwards (Mar 5, 2026 13:59:38 PST)

Aaron Edwards, CEO










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