

**Chelan County Public Hospital District No. 2
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes February 24, 2026 at 1:30 pm**

Commission Attendance:

(not present present)

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| <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 (virtual) |
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Staff Participants: A. Edwards B. Truman (virtual), R. Montgomery, J. Barich, M. Miller, B. Fields, B. Truman, A Benegas, J. Phetteplace, B. Mello, M. McCormick

Community Members: Anna Moroz

Recorder: Wendy Kenck

| Agenda Item | Topic/Action |
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| Call to Order | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L. Withrow called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. • Edits to the Agenda: The first Executive Session was adjusted to extend the scheduled time by an additional 30 minutes. |
| Public Comment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public comment |
| Consent Agenda | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L. Withrow noted that Ruby U was a tremendous success. She expressed appreciation to the Ruby Theater for hosting the event and providing educational support. She also thanked the ELT team and Dr. Kalliath for their communication efforts, as well as the Rehab Department for sharing their experience working with the Hospitalist team. She noted it was encouraging to see the positive outcomes resulting from the changes the hospital has implemented and the continued work toward building a healthcare system that is not only sustainable but resilient for generations to come. • Consent Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Finance Committee Minutes Edit: The language regarding the property tax policy will be revised to reflect a recommendation from the Finance Committee. ○ <i>M. Murphy motioned to approve the Consent Agenda with edits, seconded, and motion approved.</i> |
| Executive Session | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L. Withrow, Chair announced an Executive Session at 1:35 PM for 45 minutes, scheduled to end at 2:20PM, 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"> ○ L. Withrow announced Executive session ended at 2:20PM. 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 Initial appointment of Jonathan Crosier, MD, Gautam Nayak, MD, Christiane Rekai, ARNP, Katie Bates, ARNP, Ryan Minton, PA, Cariane Morales Matos, MD, the reappointment of Ian Bovio, MD, Brandis Davis, MD, Daniel Kerr, MD, Benjamin Atkinson, MD, Abdelrahman Beltagy, MD,</i> |

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| | <p><i>Archit Bhatt, MD, Michael Chen, MD, Kijal Desai, MD, Muhammad Farooq, MD, Joseph Freeburg, MD, Lindsey Frischmann, MD, Mohammad Hirzallah, MD, James Jordan, MD, Meghana Kinariwala, MD, Mimi Lee, MD, William Lou, MD, Yi Mao, MD, Ravi Menon, MD, Kyle Ogami, MD, and the provisional status to full membership of Khasha Toulouei, MD, seconded, motion approved.</i></p> |
| <p>Reports</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Staff Report: Dr. Freed presented the Medical Staff report, highlighting efforts to develop an Admission Policy with clear goals and documentation, including tracking the case mix index to reflect patient acuity. Dr. Freed and Dr. Harberd continue to meet monthly to discuss the Residency program. • Finance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ B. Fields presented the monthly Revenue Cycle report and updated the Board on Finance Committee discussions regarding a potential discount policy for self-paying patients. ○ B. Truman presented the unaudited January 2026 finance report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>D. Gibson motioned to accept the unaudited January 2026 Finance Report; seconded, motion approved.</i> • CEO Report: A. Edwards presented the CEO Report, sharing two letters of thanks from the community recognizing staff and the care received. • Strat Plan: S. Ottley continues to work to build a strong 2026 strategic plan and an operational plan aligned with it for effective execution. • Community Connection Opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lake Chelan Health and Wellness Foundation Heart Healthy event was held in February with S. Ottley and Dr. Nayak presenting. |
| <p>Old Business</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS Capital Project Update: S. Ottley reviewed the current change orders, the remaining owner contingency changes, and ongoing construction process. • Quality Team Boards: L. Sahlinger reviewed the proposed Department Team Board Scoring Checklist that Board will use as part of the Quality Team Boards initiative. • Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Board Community Forum was well attended and appreciative for the staff & Board efforts and community engagement. ○ Discussed Dr. Freed’s training on Culture and Change Management, including quality learning requirements as mandated by law and policy. ○ Strategic planning sessions scheduled for June 25–26, 2026. |
| <p>New Business</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>J. LaPorte motioned to approve Resolution 2026-04 Disposal of Laptop Desk, seconded, motion approved.</i> • Policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>D. Gibson motioned to approve w/ edits the Lake Chelan Health-Nondiscrimination policy, seconded; motion approved.</i> ○ <i>M. Murphy motioned to approve the Torts Claim Policy, seconded, motion approved.</i> ○ <i>D. Gibson motioned to approve the Emergency Credentialing and Disaster Privileging Policy, seconded; motion approved.</i> • <i>M. Murphy motioned to approve the updated Notice of Privacy Practices to DOH standards, seconded; motion approved.</i> • <i>M. Murphy motioned to retire the Tax Rebate Program policy, seconded; motion</i> |

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| | <i>approved.</i> |
| Public | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Public Comment |
| Executive Session | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L. Withrow announced an Executive Session at 4:20 PM for 60 minutes to end at 5:20 PM citing RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the performance of a public employee. No action is expected. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 6:00 pm and the Board resumed in open meeting. |
| Action Items | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested to move the Financial Report under the Consent Agenda section with a high level overview in the agenda. • Adjust the CEO Report to an Administration Report, including updates from the Executive Team and ensuring the content focuses on Board business and strategic items, rather than operational matters. • Executive Assistant to reach out to the Board members for scheduling dates for Board Quality Rounding in 2026. |
| Adjournment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action was taken following the Executive Session. • Roundtable discussion • L. Withrow adjourned the meeting at 6:03 pm |

Attest:

Mary C Murphy
Mary C Murphy (Apr 14, 2026 4:15:36 PDT)

Mary Murphy, Secretary

Aaron Edwards
Aaron Edwards (Apr 14, 2026 12:35:16 PDT)

Aaron Edwards, CEO

Wendy Kenck

Wendy Kenck, Executive Assistant