

**Chelan County Public Hospital District No. 2  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners  
Meeting Minutes March 31, 2026 at 1:30 pm**

**Commission Attendance:**

(  not present  present )

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lori Withrow, Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Gibosn, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mary Murphy, Secretary <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jordana LaPorte	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Len England
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**Staff Participants:** A. Edwards B. Truman, R. Montgomery, M. Miller, B. Truman, A Benegas, T. Lautiki, L. Sahlinger, J Phetteplace, D. Ehlert, Dr. Freed

**Community Members:** Anna Moroz, Manuel Navarro

**Recorder:** Wendy Kenck

Agenda Item	Topic/Action
Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L. Withrow called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.</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>• L. Withrow noted that change management often requires adopting new ways of working and updating processes and structures to support new experiences and the continued growth of the organization. She acknowledged the professionalism and commitment of staff throughout these changes and noted that their efforts strengthen care for patients in the community. While the process can be demanding, these efforts support the continued development of a strong organization dedicated to providing excellent community healthcare.</li> <li>• <b>Consent Agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>D. Gibson motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded, and motion approved.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Executive Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L. Withrow, Chair announced an Executive Session at 1:35 PM for 30 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.           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ L. Withrow announced Executive Session ended at 2:05 PM. Board returned to open meeting.</li> <li>○ Action Following Executive Session:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>D. Gibson, after reviewing the medical recommendations from the Medical Executive Committee (MEC), motioned to approve the Initial appointment of John Pettit (MD), provisional status to full membership of Matthew Coyne (MD), Jacob Kalliath (DO), and the reappointment of Pawani Bhattacharya (MD), Ruxandra Costa (MD), Aixa Espinosa Morales (MD), Bruce Geryk (MD), Amit Kansara (MD), Soo Young Kwon (MD), Robert Lada (MD), George Lopez (MD), Michael Marvi (MD), Neha Mirchandani (MD), Aaron Stayman (MD), James Wang (MD), Hanbing (Hilary) Wang (MD), Corey White (DO), Harsh Patel (MD), Peggy Rouleau (MD), Stephanie Runyan (DO), Gabriella Santos Nunez</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<i>(MD), seconded, motion approved.</i>
Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Medical Staff Report:</b> In addition to the CMO report from Dr. Freed, A. Edwards reported he attended interdisciplinary rounds with a full team including residents and one of the CVCH attending physicians was also in attendance. There is currently one direct admit on the floor. The expectation is that having the full care team together to review each patient’s needs will support the best care for the patient and the process is working well. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>J LaPorte motioned to accept the Gastroenterology Delineation of Privileges, seconded, motion approved.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Finance:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ B. Truman provided specific updates to the unaudited February 2026 finance report.</li> <li>○ He noted that the Revenue Cycle team is performing at a high level to date, with expectations for continued improvements.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>CEO Report:</b> A. Edwards provided an update on the grant submitted to our U.S. Congressional Representative Schrier to support the development of a regional medical training site in our community. LCH has been identified as one of the top selections for the grant. Appreciation was extended to R. Eickmeyer and M. Murphy, and those who provided letters of support, including the Mayor Erin McCardle, Representative Mike Steele, CVCH CEO Manuel Navarro, and Dr. Harberd. Appreciation was also expressed for Mike Steele’s support of the 340B program at the state level.</li> <li>• <b>Strat Plan:</b> S. Ottley provided an overview of the current progress of the Strategic Plan, including organization-wide initiatives.</li> <li>• <b>Community Connection Opportunities:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Manson Community Council meeting will be held May 19 at 6:00 PM, and LCH has been invited to present.</li> <li>○ J. LaPorte, A. Edwards, and S. Ottley attended the Lake Chelan Health Foundation Board meeting and discussed communication efforts and progress toward improving the scholarship application process.</li> <li>○ M. Murphy shared information regarding training opportunities for nonprofit organizations.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>EMS Capital Project Update:</b> S. Ottley provided an update on the status of the ongoing EMS/Admin capital project.</li> <li>• <b>CHNA:</b> The Board reviewed the draft Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) plan and provided grammar edits and recommendations for adjustments.</li> </ul>
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Board Training:</b> The Board participated in training on Governance and Quality, followed by discussion during the Board meeting.</li> <li>• <i>M. Murphy motioned to approve Resolution 2026-5 Surplus of the Pigg-o-Stat, seconded; motion approved.</i></li> <li>• <i>D. Gibson motioned to approve the Patient Rights &amp; Responsibilities document, seconded, motion approved</i></li> </ul>
Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manuel thanked Lake Chelan Health for the opportunity to support the grant for the training center, highlighting its importance in maintaining quality care for the community. He also expressed appreciation for the collaboration between Lake Chelan Health and Columbia Valley Community Health in bringing additional resources to the community through the Rural Health Transformation funds.</li> </ul>

Executive Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• L. Withrow announced an Executive Session at 4:00 PM for 60 minutes to end at 5:00 PM citing RCW 42.30.110(1)(b) To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price and 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 30 minutes</li> <li>○ L. Withrow extended the Executive Session 30 minutes</li> <li>○ Commissioner England left the meeting early due to a conflict of interest</li> <li>○ L. Withrow extended the Executive Session 30 minutes</li> <li>○ L. Withrow extended the Executive Session 5 minutes</li> <li>○ Executive Session ended at 6:35 pm and the Board resumed in open meeting.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• W. Kenck to share the nonprofit advocacy guide with all Board members.</li> <li>• W. Kenck to add the Board Job Description to the website.</li> <li>• M. Murphy to provide CHNA plan edits to W. Kenck for incorporation.</li> <li>• A. Edwards and L. Sahlinger will attend the Lake Chelan Health Foundation Board meeting this month.</li> </ul>
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No action was taken following the Executive Session.</li> <li>• L. Withrow adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm</li> </ul>

Attest:

Mary C Murphy  
Mary C Murphy (May 24, 2026 10:46:26 PDT)

Mary Murphy, Secretary

Wendy Kenck  
Wendy Kenck, Executive Assistant

Aaron Edwards  
Aaron Edwards (May 23, 2026 13:57:33 PDT)

Aaron Edwards, CEO










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