Chelan County Public Hospital District No. 2
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Meeting Minutes June 23, 2026 at 1:30 pm

Commission Attendance:

(☐ not present ☒ present)

☒ Jordana LaPorte ☒ Lori Withrow, Chair	☒ Mary Murphy, Secretary ☒Doug Gibson, Vice Chair	☒Len England

Staff Participants: A. Edwards, J. Barich, B. Fields, A. Benegas, Jim Cussins, T Lautiki
Community Members:

Recorder: Wendy Kenck

Agenda Item	Topic/Action
Call to Order Chair Report	• L. Withrow called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm and recited the Mission statement. • L. Withrow expressed appreciation for the work and due diligence demonstrated during this week's strategic planning sessions. She recognized the time, effort, and collaboration contributed by leaders and staff and thanked everyone for their commitment to helping shape the organization's future direction, priorities, and long-term success.
Public Comment	• No Public Comment

Consent Agenda	• **Consent Agenda**
	  ○ J. Cussins led the discussion regarding Bad Debt and Charity Care finances
	  ○ *J. LaPorte motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded, and motion approved.*

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Executive Session	• L. Withrow, Chair announced an Executive Session at 1:36 pm for 15 minutes, scheduled to end at 2:01 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.
	  ○ L. Withrow extended the Executive Session 5 minutes
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	  ○ L. Withrow announced Executive Session ended at 2:01 pm. The Board returned to the open meeting.
	  ○ Action Following Executive Session:
	    ▪ *D. Gibson , after reviewing the medical recommendations from the Medical Executive Committee (MEC), motioned to approve the Initial appointment of May Fu, DO (Pathology) and Brent Morel, MD (Tele-neurology) with the reappointment of Tyler Jankowski, DO, (Pathology), Amit Kansara, MD (Tele-neurology), Joseph Freeburg, MD (Tele-neurology), Kinjal Desai, MD (Tele-neurology), Kishan Patel, MD (Tele-neurology), Kyle Ogami, MD (Tele-neurology), Robert Lada, MD (Tele-neurology), Ketan Davae, MD (Tele-radiology), Renata Kesala, DO (Tele-radiology), Scott Chang, MD (Tele-radiology) and noted*

	Christopher Hughes, MD (Emergency Medicine), Felipe Gutierrez, MD (Infectious Disease), Christine Malino, MD (General Surgery) chose not to renew their privileges, seconded, motion approved.
Reports	• **Med Staff Report:** One resident will begin rotations this year. Drs. Lemire and Carver will complete their residency programs and will be leaving the area. • **Finance:** o J. Cussins provided highlights to the unaudited May 2026 finance report. ▪ J. Cussins presented highlights from the unaudited May 2026 financial report. Financial statement completion was delayed due to payroll system GL interface and account mapping issues, as well as reconciliation delays resulting from the county cybersecurity incident. Following his review, J. Cussins reported the statements are materially accurate and recommended approval as presented, noting only minor potential variances between liabilities and cash balances. o J. Cussins reported on the Revenue Cycle for May. o *M. Murphy motioned to approve the Charity Care Policy, seconded, motion approved.* o *M. Murphy motioned to approve the 2025 Financial Audit, seconded, motion approved.* o *M. Murphy motioned to accept the financial report, second, motion approved* o J. Cussins reported that all required USDA items have been completed, which allows the movement forward with the purchase of a building and property. • **CEO Report:** A. Edwards provided updates on conceptual plans for improvements to the Primary Care and Express Care Clinic facility, including discussions related to facility enhancements and branding consistency. • **Strat Plan:** No update to present • **Community Connection Opportunities:** o L. Withrow attended the Manson Community Council meeting and shared key discussion topics with the Board. o M. Murphy attended a Chelan City Comprehensive Plan meeting and reported on the Apple Blossom Center subarea plan; development is expected to include more than 700 housing units and cottages. City Comprehensive Plan approval anticipated by year-end and ongoing annual reviews and adjustments. o A. Edwards attended the Foundation meeting and presented the employee assistance application process. He also requested a standardized reporting format for fund activity to improve transparency and awareness of available resources.
Old Business	• **EMS Capital Project Update:** S. Ottley provided a progress update on the EMS Capital Project. Current timelines target September 15 for project completion and September 30 for issuance of the certificate of occupancy. October will be dedicated to furnishing the facility and completing supply installation, with a grand opening anticipated in November. A. Edwards recommended that two Board members participate on the grand opening planning committee. • **Strategic Planning:** The Board discussed upcoming strategic planning activities, including the decision to conduct the planning session in person only.
New Business	• The Governance Committee presented a proposed Desired Skills of a Commissioner

	document for Board discussion and feedback. Board suggested posting to LCH website with position description. • An update was provided on EPIC fundraising efforts. Guild B is actively fundraising in support of EPIC and has requested additional information and assistance to support its efforts. L. Withrow will arrange a meeting. • *D. Gibson motioned to approve Resolution 2026-13, seconded, motion approved.*
Public	• No Public Comment
Executive Session	• L. Withrow announced an Executive Session at 4:23 PM for 30 minutes to end at 4:53 PM citing RCW 42.30.110(1)(g) to evaluate the performance of a public employee. An Action could be anticipated. ○ L. Withrow extended the Executive Session 15 minutes ○ L. Withrow extended the Executive Session 15 minutes ○ L. Withrow extended the Executive Session 7 minutes ○ Executive Session ended at 5:30 pm and the Board resumed in open meeting.
Action Items	• D. Gibson and J. LaPorte volunteered to serve on the EMS Grand Opening Committee. • W. Kenck will post the Desired Skills of a Commissioner document and Board Commissioner position descriptions on the LCH website. • The Governance Committee will develop commissioner biographies for display on the reader boards located throughout LCH facilities. • J. LaPorte volunteered to participate in Guild B fundraising meetings in support of the EPIC project.
Adjournment	• Roundtable discussion • L. Withrow adjourned the meeting at 5:40 pm

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Mary Murphy, Secretary

Aaron Edwards
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Aaron Edwards, CEO

Wendy Kenck

Wendy Kenck, Executive Assistant

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