

Board of Trustees
June 25, 2025, 1:30 pm

Community Health Endowment
250 N. 21st Street, Lincoln, NE 68503
Minutes

Trustees Present: (8) Michael Ferris M.D., John Goldrich, Russ Gronewold, Kerry Kernan, Dan Marvin, Michelle Petersen M.D., John Reinhardt D.D.S., John Thompson

Trustees Absent: (7) Yinka Akinyemi, Blake Anderson, Quentin Brown, Tyler DeJong, Greer McCurley, Michelle Suarez, Scott Young

Staff Present: (4) Kate Bolz, Morgan Hermanek, Emily Kluver, Kyra Nilson

Special Guest: (0)

Welcome: R. Gronewold called the meeting to order at 1:30pm

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: **R. Gronewold called for a motion** to approve the agenda. **M. Peterson moved and J. Thompson seconded.** No further discussion. **All voting members (8) were in favor** (Ferris, Goldrich, Gronewold, Kernan, Marvin, Petersen, Reinhardt, Thompson). **No:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Motion passed.**

Approval of the Minutes for May 28, 2025.

Motion: **R. Gronewold called for a motion** to approve the minutes. **J. Goldrich moved, and K. Kernan seconded.** No further discussion. **All voting members (8) were in favor** (Ferris, Goldrich, Gronewold, Kernan, Marvin, Petersen, Reinhardt, Thompson). **No:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Motion passed.**

Public Comment

The Community Health Endowment is subject to and abides by the Open Meetings Act. Members of the public have a right to attend and the right to speak at meetings. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall of the Lori Vrtiska Seibel Community Meeting Room.

1. Chair's Report.

- a. Lincoln Lancaster County Health Department Presentation. K. Kernan gave a high-level overview of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department's Annual Report to the board.

Board Development Committee* R. Gronewold shared the Board Development Committee would be created for a limited period of time to examine CHE practices such as Reviewing President & CEO performance, structure of Board of Trustees, etc. He noted there was a typo in the board packet. Executive Director should be President & CEO. The committee will come

back with recommendations on how to move forward with year's evaluations. R. Gronewold recommends appointing Scott Young as chairperson and having Mike Ferris and Yinka Akinyemi on the committee initially.

Motion: R. Gronewold called for a motion to approve the creation of a Special committee for a limited period of time with S. Young as chair and Y. Akinyemi and M. Ferris as the initial committee. **Goldrich moved, and J. Reinhardt seconded.** No further discussion. **All voting members (8) were in favor** (Ferris, Goldrich, Gronewold, Kernan, Marvin, Petersen, Reinhardt, Thompson). **No:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Motion passed.**

2. President's Report.

- a. President's Report. K. Bolz provided an overview of the President's Report (page 8 of the board packet). She noted the new section on Page 12 to show marketing and communication work. She informed the board that there will be no July Board Meeting. K. Bolz gave the trustees a copy of CHE's vision and values.
- b. Upcoming Meetings and Events. Upcoming meetings and events are on page 15 of the board packet. K. Bolz highlighted the community conversation, Unplug and Play, happening in July and on progress with the cultural centers.

3. Investment & Finance Committee.

- a. Treasurer's Report for May 2025. K. Bolz noted that the budget statement represents May 2025, or 75% of the budget year. She stated that expenses are right on track with the budget.

R. Gronewold acknowledged the Treasurer's Report.

- b. Fiducient Monthly Performance Report for May 2025. K. Bolz discussed Fiducient's performance report. CHE's portfolio experienced a 3.8% return in May. CHE's total ending market value on May 31, 2025, was approximately \$75.48 million.

4. Funding Committee.

- a. Contract Extensions* M. Petersen stated that extension requests are outlined in a memo on page 25 of the board packet. There is a correction to the Length of Extension for Hope Village/Community Center. It should be 6/30/26.

Project	Grantee	Total Award	Extension Amount*	Length of Extension	Reason for Extension
Medical Assistance Program	Lancaster County Medical Society	\$263,400	\$45,837	6 months, until 12/31/2025	Lower than expected expenditures.
Hope Village/Community Donation Center	Bridges to Hope	\$50,000	\$50,000	12 months, until 6/30/2026	Delays in permitting process.
Belmont Redevelopment Plan	Urban Development	\$30,000	\$25,059	3 months, until 9/30/2025	Final Community Open House is scheduled for 7/25/25.

Motion: **R. Gronewold called for a motion** to approve contract extensions for the Medical Assistance Program, Hope Village/Community Donation Center, and Belmont Redevelopment Plan as presented in the board packet. **M. Ferris moved, and J. Reinhardt seconded.** No further discussion. **All voting members (7) were in favor** (Ferris, Goldrich, Gronewold, Kernan, Petersen, Reinhardt, Thompson). **No:** None. **Abstentions (1):** Marvin. **Motion passed.**

- b. Site Visit Report: Mahoney Park Inclusive Playspace. On May 29, CHE Trustees and staff visited the “Mahoney Park Inclusive Playspace” project at Mahoney Park. The purpose of the project is to support the construction of the Mahoney Outdoor Inclusive Play Space in northeast Lincoln that provides physical accommodations and specialized equipment for children with different levels of ability.

5. Administration Committee

- a. Staff Board Service Recommendation* R. Gronewold informed the board of the administration committees’ recommendation of staff board services and continuation of board service as listed on page 29 of the board packet. This is in line with the new policy adopted in the 2025 employee handbook.

Motion: **Administration Committee called for a motion** to approve staff board service recommendations. **All voting members (8) were in favor** (Ferris, Goldrich, Gronewold, Kernan, Marvin, Petersen, Reinhardt, Thompson). **No:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Motion passed.**

6. Correspondence, Announcements and Other.

- a. Other. K. Bolz informed the board that Hawley Hamlet declined CHE’s grant offer. She also shared the Community Partner Award gifted to CHE from Lincoln International FC to the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01pm.