

**Board of Trustees
May 27, 2026, 1:30pm**

**Community Health Endowment
250 N 21st Street, Suite 2
Minutes**

Trustees Present: (9) Blake Anderson, Tyler DeJong, Darla Eisenhauer M.D., Russ Gronewold, Kerry Kernan, Dan Marvin, Michelle Petersen M.D., Mary Ann Stallings, Scott Young

Trustees Absent: (6) Yinka Akinyemi, Quentin Brown, Michael Ferris M.D., John Goldrich, Greer McCurley, Michelle Suarez

Staff Present: (2) Kate Bolz, Morgan Hermanek

Welcome: R. Gronewold called the meeting to order at 1:31pm

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: **R. Gronewold called for a motion** to approve the agenda.

M. Petersen moved and D. Marvin seconded. No further discussion. **All voting members (9) were in favor** (Anderson, DeJong, Eisenhauer, Gronewold, Kernan, Marvin, Petersen, Stallings, Young)
Abstentions: None. **Motion passed.**

Approval of the Minutes for April 22, 2026

Motion: **R. Gronewold called for a motion** to approve the minutes.

T. DeJong moved and M. Petersen seconded. No further discussion. **All voting members (9) were in favor** (Anderson, DeJong, Eisenhauer, Gronewold, Kernan, Marvin, Petersen, Stallings, Young)
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. Strategic Planning*. A quick review of the strategic planning process was provided. K. Bolz informed the Trustees that her August "year in review" presentation will incorporate this strategic plan, including key performance indicators. S. Young encouraged a future discussion to contemplate CHE's values. T. DeJong mentioned that most likely, the strategic plan will evolve over the first couple of years.

D. Marvin moved to approve the 3–5-year strategic plan and T. DeJong seconded. No further discussion. **All voting members (9) were in favor** (Anderson, DeJong, Eisenhauer, Gronewold, Kern, Marvin, Petersen, Stallings, Young) **Abstentions: None. Motion passed.**

- b. Cultural Centers of Lincoln Collaborative (CCLC) Executive Committee Recommendation*. The grant contract for CCLC was written to provide \$2 million on or after January 1 of 2026, and \$3 million on or after January 1, 2027. The Executive Committee recommends expediting the second payment of \$3 million to the CCLC. CHE's requirements related to reimbursement-based payment and matching funds requirement stands. The change applies to the timing outlined in the grant contract.

Motion: The motion was brought forward by the Executive Committee. All voting members (9) were in favor of the early release of funds for the CCLC (Anderson, DeJong, Eisenhauer, Gronewold, Kern, Marvin, Petersen, Stallings, Young) **Abstentions: None. Motion passed.**

S. Young pointed out housing comments in the report. D. Marvin made a comment about the intersection of health and housing.

2. President's Report.

- a. President's Report. K. Nilson's last day at CHE was May 15. K. Bolz thanked her for her service to CHE. Interviews are taking place for that position. Sarah Kasson has accepted an offer to serve as the Grant and Outreach Officer.

A brief discussion around the intersection of health and housing was had among the Trustees, prompted by the program updates on Right at Home. It was mentioned by several Trustees that CHE's role is in the services provided to people living in affordable housing; not necessarily the housing itself.

- b. Upcoming Meetings & Events. Note that there is no Board of Trustees meeting in July. Instead, the annual event will take place on July 24.
- c. Staff Activities Report. No discussion.
- d. Bryan/CNA Story. CHE staff premiered the video of the CNA Pathway Program, a collaboration between Bryan College of Health Sciences and Lincoln Literacy, funded in part by the Community Health Endowment. Positive feedback and constructive suggestions were provided.

3. Investment and Finance Committee

- a. Treasurer's Report: April 2026. As of April 30, CHE is eight months into the 2025–2026 fiscal year, representing approximately 67% of the budget. Administrative and operating expenses are slightly below budget, with no significant variances to report. Grant disbursements are proceeding as expected, with \$621,117 distributed to date including reappropriated funds that were available at the start of the fiscal year.

R. Gronewold acknowledged the Treasurer's Report.

- b. Fiducient Monthly Performance Report: April 2026. T. DeJong discussed Fiducient's performance report. CHE's portfolio experienced a 6.3% return in March. CHE's total ending market value on April 30, 2026, was approximately \$83 million. YTD basis, all of our assets are performing as expected. The Conestoga Small Cap Institutional manager has been on the "watch" list by Fiducient for several months. They will provide an update at the next Investment Committee meeting.

3. **Funding Committee.**

- a. Outreach Report. M. Petersen noted that the Health Department named their clinic after Pat Lopez, previous Director and CHE Trustee.
- b. Sit Visits. Trustees provided positive feedback related to the site visit to the Willard Community Center. M. Petersen encouraged Trustees to attend the site visit to Houses of Hope in June.
- c. Spring Grant Vote. M. Petersen reviewed the Funding Committee's recommendations for Spring 2025 grant awards. CHE received 26 applications during this funding cycle representing a total request of \$4.18 million. The Funding Committee is recommending 12 applications for Board of Trustees consideration, representing \$352,590 in Year One, \$162,750 in Year Two, and \$145,250 in Year Three, for a total of \$660,590. K. Bolz provided an overview of the recommended grant awards.

Motion: The motion was brought forward by the Funding Committee. All voting members (9) were in favor of approving the recommended grants (Anderson, DeJong, Eisenhauer, Gronewold, Kernen, Marvin, Petersen, Stallings, Young) **Abstentions:** None. **Motion passed.**

- d. Quarterly Report Summary. K. Bolz shared two excerpts from the summary:
 - 1) Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln filled the Program Manager position for the Youth Fitness grant. Matthew O'Rourke had previously run their AmeriCorps program serving kids in before and after school wellness programming including physical activity, cooking, and gardening for the past year. Matt will be transitioning from his current role into this new role over the next couple of months and will fill the funded role out by June/July 2026.
 - 2) The Cornhusker Council, Boy Scouts of America held three Youth Mental Health First Aid classes for our staff and volunteer leaders and provided training to 28 individuals. Every leader who attended these courses had multiple success stories where they helped a young person in crisis by using this training. In one case, one leader stopped a planned suicide attempt and helped obtain, via the young person's parents, the professional assistance needed.
- e. **Funding Priority Update.** The recommended funding priorities by the Funding Committee are:
 - 1. **Access to healthcare for targeted populations:** Including understanding of and access to primary care physicians and insurance for populations where disparities exist, particularly partnering with representative community members.
 - 2. **Access to healthy food for targeted populations** that face health disparities.

3. **Mental health access for targeted populations:** including increasing awareness of and access to mental health services.

Trustees worked through the wording and came to the final revised version. The funding priorities, as edited, are:

1. **Access to healthcare for targeted populations:** Including understanding of and access to primary care ~~physicians~~ and ~~insurance~~ **health coverage** for populations where disparities exist, particularly partnering with representative community members.
2. **Access to healthy food for targeted populations** that face health disparities.
3. **Mental health access for targeted populations:** including increasing awareness of and access to mental health services.

Trustees requested that staff use the definition and examples of insurance provided in Place Matters 6.0 in public facing materials to explain “health coverage.”

A full motion was made due to the revisions requested:

Motion: **M. Stallings moved to approve the revised funding priorities for 2026-2028. D. Marvin seconded.** No further discussion. **All voting members (9) were in favor** (Anderson, DeJong, Eisenhower, Gronewold, Kernan, Marvin, Petersen, Stallings, Young) **Abstentions:** None. **Motion passed.**

5. **Administrative Committee.**

- a. Hiring Update. The hiring update was provided to Trustees during the President’s Report, earlier in the meeting.

6. **Correspondence, Outreach, and Recap**

The meeting adjourned at **3:18pm**