

Board of Trustees
February 25, 2026, 1:30pm

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

Trustees Present: (14) Yinka Akinyemi, Blake Anderson, Quentin Brown, Tyler DeJong, Darla Eisenhower M.D., Michael Ferris M.D., John Goldrich, Russ Gronewold, Kerry Kernan, Dan Marvin, Michelle Petersen M.D., Mary Ann Stallings, Michelle Suarez, Scott Young

Trustees Absent: (1) Greer McCurley

Staff Present: (4) Kate Bolz, Krista Mettscher, Kyra Nilson, Morgan Hermanek

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

D. Marvin moved and J. Goldrich seconded. No further discussion. **All voting members (13) were in favor** (Akinyemi, Anderson, Brown, DeJong, Eisenhower, Ferris, Goldrich, Gronewold, Kernan, Marvin, Stallings, Suarez, Young). **No:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Motion passed.**

Approval of the Minutes for January 28, 2026.

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

M. Suarez moved and T. Dejong seconded. No further discussion. **All voting members (13) were in favor** (Akinyemi, Anderson, Brown, DeJong, Eisenhower, Ferris, Goldrich, Gronewold, Kernan, Marvin, Stallings, Suarez, Young). **No:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Motion passed.**

Michelle Petersen joined the meeting at 1:36pm

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. Roundtable Discussion. R. Gronewold initiated discussion with the Board on current local topics. Items of discussion included Nebraska Medicine, Roots of Justice: A History of Race and Racism in Nebraska, Mary Ann Stallings and Darla Eisenhower's backgrounds, opening of apartment supportive housing in Lincoln, new Lincoln City Library, and suicide prevention projects.

b.

2. President's Report.

- a. President's Report. K. Bolz provided an overview highlighting the Youth Sports position opening, the Lancaster County Medical Society story, and the new outreach report that Krista will be providing the board in their packets each month.
- b. Upcoming Meetings and Events. K. Bolz highlighted the upcoming March 25th board meeting and encouraged participation since it will be the strategic planning meeting. She also noted the upcoming site visit at The Bay.
- c. Staff Activities Report.

3. Investment & Finance Committee.

- a. Treasurer's Report for January 2026. As of January 31, CHE is five months into the 2025–2026 fiscal year, representing approximately 42% of the budget. Administrative and operating expenses are slightly below budget, with no significant variances to report. Grant disbursements are proceeding as expected, with \$544,685 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: January 2026. T. DeJong discussed Fiducient's performance report. CHE's portfolio experienced a 0.4% return in January. CHE's total ending market value on January 31, 2026, was approximately \$82.45 million. T. DeJong highlighted the investment performance review from the meeting with CHE's Fiducient managers.
- c. Budget Recommendation. T. DeJong presented the recommended budget to the Trustees. It will be presented for a vote at the March meeting. The committee chose the mid-range assumption of 2.7% inflation and 6.5% returns, which is conservative compared to the 9% predicted 10-year return presented by Fiducient. T. DeJong noted the recommended allocation for granting of \$2.2 million in FY2026-20274 and \$2.3 million in FY2027-2028. This number is inclusive of previously committed future obligations but does not include the CCLC grant.

4. Funding Committee.

- a. Quarterly Report and Grant Close Out Report. M. Petersen noted the new Quarterly Report update format and the upcoming funding meetings. K. Mettscher shared a couple of grantee highlights, including a video from The Bay.
- b. Spring 2026 Cycle Update. K. Mettscher highlighted the Spring 2026 application status and the upcoming grantee gathering for all Fall 2025 grantees.
- c. ECHO Collective Site Visit. M. Petersen reviewed the site visit at ECHO Collective. M. Suarez and S. Young noted the site visit showed the strength and talent in our local immigrants and refugees.

6. Administrative Committee

- a. Budget Recommendations. M. Suarez reviewed the budget recommendation numbers, including an increase in the staff/board development line item. This increase is due to an investment in new employees for retention as well as quality DEI training for the Board of Trustees. Additionally, it was noted that K. Bolz has aligned CHE's pay policy with the city's, accounting for COLA and merit adjustments separately. The marketing/communications budget has been slightly increased as well due to the hiring of consultants and outside talent. This frees up staff time to be able to expand our reach and effort in other areas without losing capacity.
- b. Annual Meeting. M. Suarez reminded the board of last year's annual meeting. The Admin Committee recommend to staff that they proceed with a similar format this year, hosting a CHE open house followed by a Hub & Soul concert series and the presentation of the second annual Place Matters Pioneer Award.

7. Correspondence, Outreach, and Recap

- a. K. Bolz provided a recap of the meeting and noted the importance of the March 25 strategic planning session, the grant deadline of February 27, and the Idea Challenge deadline of March 20.

The meeting adjourned at **2:47pm**.