

Board of Trustees
August 27, 2025, 1:30 pm

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

Trustees Present: (12) Blake Anderson, Quentin Brown, Michael Ferris M.D., John Goldrich, Russ Gronewold, Kerry Kernan, Dan Marvin, Michelle Petersen M.D., John Reinhardt D.D.S., Michelle Suarez, John Thompson, Scott Young

Trustees Absent: (3) Yinka Akinyemi, Tyler DeJong, Greer McCurley

Staff Present: (3) Kate Bolz, Morgan Hermanek, Emily Kluver

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. Ferris moved and J. Thompson seconded.** No further discussion. **All voting members (12) were in favor** (Anderson, Brown, Ferris, Goldrich, Gronewold, Kernan, Marvin, Petersen, Reinhardt, Suarez, Thompson, Young). **No:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Motion passed.**

Approval of the Minutes for June 25, 2025.

Motion: **R. Gronewold called for a motion** to approve the minutes. **J. Goldrich moved, and M. Petersen seconded.** No further discussion. **All voting members (12) were in favor** (Anderson, Brown, Ferris, Goldrich, Gronewold, Kernan, Marvin, Petersen, Reinhardt, Suarez, Thompson, Young)). **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. R. Gronewold acknowledged two individuals and thanked them for their service to CHE:
 - a. John Thompson, Trustee and former Treasurer
 - b. John Reinhardt, D.D.S., Trustee (and set a record for site visits attended)Awards were presented.
- b. K. Bolz acknowledged and thanked resigning employee, Emily Kluver, Grant and Community Relations Officer. An award was presented.
 - a. Emily Kluver, CHE Grant and Community Relations Officer

2. President's Report.

- a. K. Bolz provided several updates.
 - She encouraged the trustees to attend the Place Matters 6.0 launch event on Friday, August 29.
 - The Cultural Centers of Lincoln Collaborative (CCLC) has a groundbreaking date of October 1, 2025, which Trustees are welcome to attend.
 - CHE and United Way co-sponsored a 1.5 day technical assistance training for our grantees that was facilitated by Spectrum Nonprofit Services. It was well attended and received.
 - K. Bolz is a part of the selection committee for the Response Fund. They have received nine total requests.
 - The Youth Fitness, Sports, and Opportunity Task Force met throughout the summer. Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln has submitted a grant application to become the effort's backbone organization.

3. Investment & Finance Committee.

- a. Treasurer's Report for July 2025. B. Anderson noted that we are on track with the operating budget. The Carter & Reynolds consultancy and some other personnel-related expenses were not a part of this original budget. We are beginning to spend down our reappropriated grants significantly but are at a small percentage of spending on current grants. This is due to the unspent, budgeted \$2 million legacy project line item.

R. Gronewold acknowledged the Treasurer's Report.

- b. Fiducient Monthly Performance Report for July 2025. B. Anderson noted that investment performance has been good and is in line with our benchmarks. International equities are performing well. Some funds are not doing as well as Fiducient had hoped, but they still feel confident overall in their selections and are maintaining their positions. The overall endowment balance as of the end of July was \$76.9 million.
- c. Audit Engagement Letter. B. Anderson presented the Audit Engagement letter from Forvis Mazars, which was included in the board packet.

Motion: R. Gronewold called for a motion to accept the audit engagement letter. J. Reinhardt moved and K. Kernen seconded. No further discussion. **All voting members (12) were in favor** (Anderson, Brown, Ferris, Goldrich, Gronewold, Kernan, Marvin, Petersen, Reinhardt, Suarez, Thompson, Young). **No:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Motion passed.**

4. Funding Committee.

- a. Quarterly Report Summary. M. Petersen encouraged the Trustees to read the quarterly report summary to stay up to date on what the grantees are accomplishing. E. Kluver highlighted several projects, including Community Action's "Parent Place", noting that they are presenting the concept at a national conference.

- b. Fall 2025 Application Summary. M. Petersen reviewed p. 32 of the board packet. CHE received 28 applications for the Fall 2025 funding cycle, which is a total request (over three years) of \$4,283,499.
- c. Contract Extension Memo. M. Petersen noted the contract extension memos presented to the board. These are at or below \$10,000, which is within the President/CEO's approval allocation. The memos were provided for information purposes only.
- d. Site Visit Reports: Summer Soccer Program, Mom's Mental Health Matters. Trustee feedback regarding these two site visits can be found on pp. 32-39 of the board packet. Positive comments were provided during the meeting.

5. Administrative Committee

- a. Discretionary Funding Policy. M. Suarez presented a change to the Discretionary Funding Policy, recommended by the Administration Committee. This can be found on page 40 of the board packet. The change removes the language that discretionary requests should be "time critical" or 'emergency' in nature".

Motion: The motion to approve the discretionary request was brought forth by the Administrative Committee. **All voting members (12) were in favor** (Anderson, Brown, Ferris, Goldrich, Gronewold, Kernen, Marvin, Petersen, Reinhardt, Suarez, Thompson, Young). **No**: None. **Abstentions**: None.
Motion passed.

- b. Strategic Plan Contract Update. M. Suarez provided information about the selected Strategic Planning facilitator, Walther Seck. Their proposal can be found on page 41 of the board packet.

6. Board Development Committee

- a. Update and Proposed Slate. S. Young presented the slate of officers that was decided on by the Board Development Committee, found on page 44 of the board packet.

Chair	Russ Gronewold
Vice-Chair	Blake Anderson
Secretary	Michelle Suarez
Treasurer	Tyler DeJong

Funding Committee Chair	Michelle Petersen
Finance Committee Chair	Blake Anderson
Administration Committee Chair	Michelle Suarez
Audit Committee Chair	Tyler DeJong

7. Special Presentation: Year in Review/Year Ahead

K. Bolz presented her Year in Review/Year Ahead. A copy of the presentation can be requested by emailing kate.bolz@chelincoln.org.

8. Correspondence, Announcements and Other

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm and a reception to honor the retiring trustees followed.