

Board of Trustees
December 3, 2025, 2:00pm

CenterPointe Campus for Health and Wellbeing
2202 S 11th St, Lincoln, NE 68502
Minutes

Trustees Present: (13) Yinka Akinyemi, Blake Anderson, Quentin Brown, Tyler DeJong, Darla Eisenhauer, Michael Ferris M.D., John Goldrich, Russ Gronewold, Kerry Kernen, Dan Marvin, Michelle Petersen M.D., Mary Ann Stallings, Scott Young

Trustees Absent: (2) Greer McCurley, Michelle Suarez

Staff Present: (3) Kate Bolz, Morgan Hermanek, Krista Mettscher

Welcome: R. Gronewold called the meeting to order at 1:58pm

Approval of the Agenda

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

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

Approval of the Minutes for October 22, 2025.

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

Q. Brown moved, and B. Anderson seconded. No further discussion. **All voting members (13) were in favor** (Akinyemi, Anderson, Brown, DeJong, Eisenhauer, Ferris, Goldrich, Gronewold, Kernen, Marvin, Petersen, Stallings, 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. Introductions. R. Gronewold began with introductions, as this was the first board meeting for M. Stallings and Dr. Eisenhauer.
- b. Annual Report and Video. Trustees were provided with the annual report and viewed the CHE produced video, "[Peer Support: The Moment Hope Arrived](#)".

2. President's Report.

- a. President's Report. K. Bolz thanked the CHE Board for providing the opportunity to learn from the professional coach Harold Reynolds and outlined the benefits of the coaching provided, including improved Board management, strategic planning, and interpersonal skills, along with a CHE team building and visioning session in November.
- b. Dashboard and Project Update. President Kate Bolz expressed appreciation for the Board's support of professional development through coaching with Harold Reynolds, which contributed to improvements in board management, planning, and team building. She presented the 90-day benchmark report, noting that all current goals had been met (reflected in green on the goal scorecard, page 10 of the board packet). Bolz also introduced the Ideas Challenge concept (pages 13–15), explaining how it differs from CHE's traditional funding cycles and outlining its criteria, evaluation process, examples, and timeline.

Discussion followed. Scott Young asked how CHE would manage grantee expectations around program sustainability. Bolz emphasized the importance of clear communication and marketing and noted that CHE is partnering with Lever for Change to follow best practices in prize philanthropy. Quentin Brown suggested that staff, rather than trustees, select the final winner to avoid "groupthink." Bolz acknowledged the value of trustee endorsement, noting that the prestige of being selected by respected community leaders can be a key part of the prize. The board expressed enthusiasm for the concept, and marketing for the challenge is expected to begin in January.

- c. Upcoming Meetings and Events. Please refer to pages 16-17 of the board packet.

3. Investment & Finance Committee.

- a. Treasurer's Report for October 2025. As of October 31, we are two months into the 2025–2026 fiscal year, representing approximately 17% of the budget. Administrative and operating expenses are slightly below budget, with no significant variances to report. Grant disbursements are proceeding as expected, with \$65,306 distributed to date from reappropriated funds that were available at the start of the fiscal year. CHE will see more grant payment requests after January 1, when contracts allow the drawing down of funds.

The Endowment has reached \$80,630,919 as of October 31, 2025.

T. DeJong also noted that the Investment/Finance Committee met on 11/7/25 to discuss the \$5 million award to the CCLC. The committee recommends raising the full \$5 million in cash immediately, increasing CHE's total cash holdings to approximately \$7.2 million.

The Finance Committee is recommending ending the 10-Year Recovery Plan. There will be a vote on it at the January board meeting.

R. Gronewold acknowledged the Treasurer's Report.

4. Funding Committee.

a. Grant Contract Extensions. * There are two grant extension requests (p. 30 of the board packet) that require Board approval.

First Extension:

Project	Grantee	Total Award	Extension Amount*	Length of Extension	Reason for Extension
Double Up Food Bucks	Partnership for a Healthy Lincoln	\$283,362	*\$130,00	12 months (Until 12/31/2026)	CHE funds are intended to be used as a match for federal funds. Federal funding has been inconsistent but is now confirmed.

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

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

Second Extension:

Project	Grantee	Total Award	Extension Amount*	Length of Extension	Reason for Extension
MIND Program	Visionary Youth	\$194,400	\$117,118	12 months (Until 12/31/2026)	Slow growth of participation for this new/innovative program required time to build awareness & partnerships.

The second extension, for the MIND Program administered by Visionary Youth, was discussed at length. Trustees reviewed background information and expressed concerns about the slow pace of implementation and unspent funds.

Motion: S. Young moved to extend the grant for the MIND Program project for 6 months in an amount that will be determined by staff to be proposed at the January board meeting. Discussion was had. The motion was amended by M. Petersen to include that the grantee will submit an updated workplan. The amendment was approved and **seconded by J. Goldrich.** No further discussion. **All voting members (13) were in favor** (Akinyemi, Anderson, Brown, DeJong, Eisenhauer, Ferris, Goldrich, Gronewold, Kernan, Marvin, Petersen, Stallings, Young). **No:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Motion passed.**

- b. Funding Priorities. M. Petersen notified the Board of Trustees that the funding priorities for the upcoming grant cycle (Spring 2026) will remain unchanged due to the upcoming strategic planning process.
- c. Quarterly Reports. M. Petersen gave the floor to K. Mettscher, who provided three highlights of the overall quarterly report summary. This summary is on pages 32-28 of the board packet.

6. Administrative Committee

- a. CHE Office Upgrades Status. K. Bolz reported that renovations to the CHE office are underway. Updates include a new screen for the Lori Seibel Community Room and construction of walls

around Kyra's workspace as she transitions to a full-time role in January. The work is tentatively scheduled to be completed by March.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00pm and was followed by a site visit by CenterPointe.