

**Board of Trustees
March 26, 2025, 1:30 pm**

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

Trustees Present: (13) Yinka Akinyemi, Blake Anderson, Quentin Brown, John Goldrich, Russ Gronewold, Kerry Kernan, Dan Marvin, Michelle Petersen M.D., Michelle Suarez, John Thompson, Scott Young, Greer McCurley, and John Reinhardt D.D.S.

Trustees Absent: (2) Tyler DeJong, Michael Ferris M.D.

Staff Present: (2) Kate Bolz, Emily Kluver

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, Goldrich, Gronewold, Kernan, Marvin, McCurley, Petersen, Reinhardt, Suarez, Thompson, Young). **No:** None. **Abstentions:** None. **Motion passed.**

Approval of the Minutes for February 26, 2025.

Motion: **R. Gronewold called for a motion** to approve the minutes with corrections to the meeting attendees. **S. Young moved, and M. Suarez seconded.** No further discussion. **All voting members (13) were in favor** (Akinyemi, Anderson, Brown, Goldrich, Gronewold, Kernan, Marvin, McCurley, 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. Executive Committee Report: Youth Fitness, Sports, and Opportunity Update.
The report was presented at the last Board Meeting by the Steering Committee. Subsequently, the Executive Committee met. The interest is to continue the work. Encourage the staff to continue working with the Steering Committee to move forward with the next steps. Goal to identify an organization to submit a grant application in the Fall cycle. The report reflected good ideas and good solutions. There are so many nonprofits and start-ups prefer an existing organization. Need to be clear about who you can talk to if you have specific questions when report is released.

- b. Other. No further discussion.

2. President's Report.

- a. Summary of Activities. K. Bolz provided an overview of the Summary of Activities (page 15 of the board packet). K. Bolz thanked the Trustees for attending the Trustee Celebration and highlighted the CHE State of Endowment which occurred on March 24, 2025.
- b. Upcoming Meetings and Events. Upcoming meetings and events are on page 18 of the board packet.
- c. Other. No further discussion.

3. Investment & Finance Committee.

- a. Treasurer's Report for February 2025. B. Anderson noted that the budget statement represents February 2025, or 50% of the budget year. The disbursement is at 8%, but that does include the \$2M budgeted for the Cultural Centers.

R. Gronewold acknowledged the Treasurer's Report.

- b. Fiducient Monthly Performance Report for February 2024. B. Anderson discussed Fiducient's performance report. CHE's portfolio experienced a 0.3% return in February. CHE's total ending market value on February 28, 2025, was approximately \$74.13 million. B. Anderson expects March to be a negative report due to the market. He commented that international equities are up 10% this year. CHE has 15% of the portfolio in international equity.
- c. Other. No other business.

4. Funding Committee.

- a. Spring 2025 Applications Summary. M. Petersen shared that CHE received 28 applications for this grant cycle with a total request of \$2.9 million over three years. The Funding Committee will be meeting April 2 and April 30 to review applications and make funding recommendations to the Board.
- b. Quarterly Report Highlights. M. Petersen encouraged the Trustees to read the quarterly report summary found on pages 28-33 of the board packet. The summary is from reports submitted for the quarter ending December 31, 2024. E. Kluver shared an update on the FiftyOne Commons project (Family Service Lincoln) and the Peer Support project (The HUB).
- c. Belmont Community Update. M. Petersen shared that the second open house on the redevelopment plan took place on March 13 and encouraged Trustees to read the Lincoln Journal Star article on pages 44-51 of the packet. E. Kluver provided an update on the initial 22 neighborhood goals which include several related to health and wellness needs in the neighborhood.
- d. Other. No further discussion.

5. Administration Committee

- a. Annual meeting. M. Suarez provided an overview of CHE's annual meeting. The Administration Committee is recommending sponsoring a Hub and Soul concert with a reception for grantees and stakeholders on June 27, 2025. CHE can use this event to provide information about our work.
- b. Employee Assistance Program Benefit. * M. Suarez shared an overview of the Employee Assistance Program Benefit. The cost is \$1,250 for the year with an array of services provided.

Motion: Administration Committee called for a motion to approve the EAP program benefit for staff. **All voting members (13) were in favor** (Akinyemi, Anderson, Brown, Goldrich, Gronewold, Kernan, Marvin, McCurley, Petersen, Reinhardt, Suarez, Thompson, Young). **No:** None.
Abstentions: None. **Motion passed.**

- c. Other. No business.

6. Correspondence, Announcements and Other.

- a. Other. R. Gronewold noted that the trust in institutions is down. The Mayo Clinic is building trust by getting executives into the communities to build trust.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28.