



Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, September 4, 2025

7:00 p.m.

Conference Room – HPHA Seaforth Community Hospital

MINUTES

Present: John Wilkinson, Chair
Jim Battle, Franklin Famme, Steve Hearn, Barry Hutton, Ron Lavoie, Dr. Kevin Lefebvre, Kathy Lewis (virtual), Lynanne Mason, Kerri Ann O'Rourke, Kim Ross Jones, Greg Stewart, Bill Whetstone, Tricia Wilkerson, Andrew Williams
Mary Cardinal, Iris Michaels, Sue Davey

Regrets: Dr. Chuck Gatfield, Dr. Gregg Hancock, Dr. Heather Percival

1. Welcome & Call to Order

John Wilkinson, Board Chair called the meeting to order and quorum was confirmed.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Barry Hutton shared the Land Acknowledgement.

3. Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Kim Ross Jones, seconded by Franklin Famme:

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors approve the meeting agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

5. Patient Story

A caregiver shared their experience involving a family member's hospital admission and care journey. Reflections and learning from these experiences play a vital role in informing the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance's commitment to continuous quality improvement.

6. Minutes of Previous Meetings

6.1. June 5, 2025

The following update will be made to the section approving the 2025/2026 Operating Plan and associated reports:

- *It was noted that the Operating Plan was approved under duress subject to conditions from the Province, allowing the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance*

(HPHA) to pass a deficit amount. The HPHA has Balanced Budget Waivers in place with Ontario Health.

It was moved by Tricia Wilkerson, seconded by Ron Lavoie:

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors approves the minutes from the meeting held June 5, 2025 as amended.

CARRIED

6.2. June 25, 2025 – Organizational Meeting

It was moved by Kerri Ann O'Rourke, seconded by Kathy Lewis:

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors approves the minutes from the Organizational Meeting held June 25, 2025.

CARRIED

7. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

8. In-Camera Session

8.1. Motion to Move to In-Camera Session

It was moved by Kerri Ann O'Rourke, seconded by Steve Hearn:

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance move in-camera at 7:25 p.m.

CARRIED

8.2. Report from In-Camera Session

The Board received an update on the Clinton Public Hospital Emergency Department and reports from the Medical Advisory and Resources, Audit & Digital Innovation Committees.

9. Consent Agenda

It was moved by Tricia Wilkerson, seconded by Franklin Famme:

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors approve the September 4, 2025 Consent Agenda that included the following:

- **Leadership Reports:**
 - Chief Nursing Executive
 - President & Chief Executive Officer
 - Chief of Staff
- **Patient Relations/Engagement Report**
- **HPHA Commitments to Our Communities Status Updates – 2025/2026 (Quarter 1)**

CARRIED

10. Governance

10.1. Fiscal Advisory Committee

The Fiscal Advisory Committee met on September 3, 2025 and Tricia Wilkerson provided highlights. Hospital leadership shared 2024-2025 quarter 4 and 2025-2026 quarter 1 updates and reports to union leaders on the HPHA's fiscal health and Commitments to Our Communities, as well as an update on priorities of the Huron Perth & Area Ontario Health Team

10.2. Governance, Community Relations & System Transformation Committee

Steve Hearn presented the report of the meeting held August 26th for information.

It was moved by Steve Hearn, seconded by Kerri Ann O'Rourke:

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors approves the Board Work Plan for 2025/2026.

CARRIED

It was moved by Steve Hearn, seconded by Barry Hutton:

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors approves the HPHA Board Education/Focused Discussion Plan for 2025/2026.

CARRIED

It was moved by Steve Hearn, seconded by Greg Stewart:

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors approves the appointment of Kerri Ann O'Rourke and Bill Whetstone as Board Representatives to the HPHA Community Council and the appointment of Bill Whetstone as Chair.

CARRIED

10.3. Medical Advisory Committee

Dr. Lefebvre presented the report from the Medical Advisory Committee meeting held on June 26th for informational purposes.

10.4. Quality & Social Accountability Committee

Kim Ross Jones presented highlights from the meeting held August 27th. The Quarter 1 progress reports for the Quality Improvement Plan were reviewed. No critical incidents were reported for quarter 4 of 2024/2025. An education session was received on the eCTAS (electronic Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale) being implemented in the Emergency Department, leading to standardization of CTAS scores, with a goal of improving patient safety and quality of care.

10.5. Resources, Audit & Digital Innovation Committee

The Committee met on August 28th and Franklin Famme presented the report included in the package that highlights workplace health.

11. Directors Comments/Roundtable

None.

12. Upcoming Meetings/Events

- Huron Perth Hospitals Joint Board & Senior Leadership Team Advance
 - November 1, 2025 at Mitchell Golf & Country Club
- Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors Meeting
 - November 6, 2025 at HPHA Clinton Public Hospital

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by MOTION by Franklin Famme at 8:56 p.m.