



Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, June 4, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Room E1-609 – HPHA Stratford General Hospital

MINUTES

- Present: John Wilkinson, Chair
Franklin Famme, Dr. Gregg Hancock, Ron Lavoie (virtual), Dr. Kevin Lefebvre,
Kathy Lewis, Kerri Ann O'Rourke, Kim Ross Jones, Dr. Jon Schiedel, Tricia
Wilkerson, Andrew Williams
Mary Cardinal, Iris Michaels, Sue Davey
- Guests: Tosha Yantzi – Clinton Public Hospital Foundation
Bernice De Decker – St. Marys Healthcare Foundation
Wendy Hutton – Seaforth Community Hospital
Cheryl Hunt – Stratford General Hospital Foundation
Mark Gibson, Corporate Lead of Volunteers, Student Engagement and Patient
Experience
- Regrets: Jim Battle, Steve Hearn, Barry Hutton, Greg Stewart, Bill Whetstone, Dr. Heather
Percival, Lynanne Mason

1. Welcome & Call to Order

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

2. Land Acknowledgement

John Wilkinson shared the Land Acknowledgement.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

**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. HPHA Foundations Update

- *Clinton Public Hospital Foundation*
- *St. Marys Memorial Healthcare Foundation*
- *Seaforth Community Hospital Foundation*
- *Stratford General Hospital Foundation*

Representatives from the hospital foundations attended the meeting to provide an update for their respective hospital foundation and an overview of their proposed Employee & Physician Giving Program in support of the Hospital Foundations.

6. Patient Experience & Engagement

- Cancer & Medical Care Clinic Volunteers

Mark Gibson, Corporate Lead of Volunteers, Student Engagement and Patient Experience, shared a message on behalf of Jim Battle, Co-Chair of the Patient & Caregiver Program and Board Representative, who was unfortunately unable to join the meeting. Jim reflected on his positive experience and the continued growth and impact of the Patient & Caregiver Program (PCP), noting its evolution into a valued and integral component of Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance's (HPHA) Patient Experience Program, with increased representation at Board and committee levels, engagement across all program areas, and a unique partnership model supported by Andrew Williams, President & CEO. External recognition from the Ministry and Accreditation Canada was acknowledged as affirmation of the program's success. Jim extended his appreciation to Board Members, Senior Leadership, Clinical Leaders, Staff, and Patient and Caregiver Partners for their commitment to people-centred care and a strong culture of collaboration and continuous quality improvement. Jim's message concluded by reflecting on three guiding principles that have shaped both his personal and professional life - enjoy what you do, learn something new each day, and meet interesting people along the way - something that Jim witnessed throughout his 13 years of volunteer service with HPHA.

Thanks was extended to Mark for delivering Jim's message. Through Mark, the Board extended their gratitude to Jim for his dedication to the Patient and Caregiver Partner Program and his position during the three years on the HPHA Board of Directors.

7. Minutes of Previous Meetings**7.1. April 9, 2026**

It was moved by Barry Hutton, seconded by Kathy Lewis:

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors approves the minutes from the meeting held April 9, 2026

CARRIED

8. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

9. In-Camera Session**9.1. Motion to Move to In-Camera Session**

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

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance move in-camera at 7:38 p.m.

CARRIED

9.2. Report from In-Camera Session

During the In-Camera Session the Board received reports from the Board Committees and updates were received regarding regional clinical services planning and Ontario Health Reporting.

10. Consent Agenda

It was moved by Kerri Ann O'Rourke, seconded by Kim Ross Jones:

THAT the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board of Directors approve the June 4, 2026 Consent Agenda that included the following:

- **Leadership Reports:**
 - Chief Nursing Executive
 - President & Chief Executive Officer
- **HPHA Commitments to Our Communities Status Updates – 2025/2026 (Quarter 4)**
- **Patient Experience & Engagement Report**

CARRIED

11. Governance**11.1. Board Committee Report****11.2. Governance, Community Relations & System Transformation Committee**

John Wilkinson presented highlights from the Committee meeting held May 26, 2026 for informational purposes. The Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) Annual & Special Members meeting will be held June 17, 2026 at the Mitchell Golf & Country Club and the HPHA Board Advance will be held on June 19, 2026 at the Arden Park Hotel. The Committee received a report on the Huron Perth & Area Ontario Health Team and an update on accreditation.

11.3. Medical Advisory Committee

Dr. Lefebvre presented the report from the Medical Advisory Committee meetings held on April 23, 2026 and May 28, 2026 for information. He noted that an informative session was provided recently to the Medical Staff regarding the implementation of the Schulich Clerkship Program at the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) with next steps to include establishing a working committee for the 8 programs involved. Alternative solutions are being reviewed to address the ongoing challenges with Anaesthetist recruitment and the loss of a full-time member of the department in the summer. Dr. Lefebvre shared feedback from London Health Sciences Centre recognizing the expertise and clinical interventions of the HPHA Emergency Department physicians and staff as key contributors to the positive survival outcomes of trauma patients transferred to London from Stratford following a serious accident.

11.4. Quality & Social Accountability Committee

Kim Ross Jones presented the report from the meeting held May 27, 2026 for information. The Committee received the Quality Improvement Plan close out reports for 2025/2026, operational indicators and an accreditation update. The Patient Story

highlighted quality improvements to reduce wait times in the Mental Health Dialectical Behaviour Therapy program from up to two years to approximately 1-2 weeks. Kim noted that the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance recently received a Green Recognition Award from the City of Stratford for reducing energy use and emissions.

11.5. Resources, Audit & Digital Innovation Committee

Franklin Famme presented the detailed report from the meeting held May 28, 2026 that highlights Workplace Health. He noted the recruitment successes for staff and physicians, although challenges with Anaesthesia and Child and Adolescent Psychiatry are ongoing.

12. Directors Comments/Roundtable

- Mary Cardinal, Vice President People, Engagement & Social Accountability was congratulated on her upcoming retirement in September.
- Staff and leadership were thanked for their contributions to the success of the Seaforth Community Foundation Donor Tour and Presentation which was well received by community groups.
- John Wilkinson was recognized for his last meeting as Board Chair.

13. Next Meeting

- Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Annual & Special Members Meeting and Awards Presentations
 - o *June 17, 2026 – Mitchell Golf & County Club*
- Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Organizational Meeting
 - o *June 17, 2026 – Mitchell Golf & County Club*
- Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Board Advance
 - o *June 19, 2026 – Arden Park Hotel*

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by MOTION by the Kim Ross Jones at 9:30 p.m.