

**NORTH LINCOLN HEALTH DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

January 15th, 2026

PRESENT: Peter Mann, Nancy Oksenholt, Jon Klein, Melody Montgomery, Estle Harlan, Judy Casper. Dick Anderson was absent.

OTHER PRESENT: Dr. Ogden, Leslie James, and Chester Noreikis. Jessica Bryant and Andrew Hagerty attended virtually. Amy Marsh recorded the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 9:30am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The meeting Minutes from December 18th, 2025, were presented. Chester Noreikis questioned the water around the building, and the minutes were corrected to state "the water running underneath the northeast corner of the building." Director Oksenholt made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected with a second by Harlan, and with a call of roll the motion passed.

COLUMBIA TRUST: Overall, it was an average economic year. Our team is keeping an eye on unemployment and inflation. These two factors will really affect the economy. Job market is in a stick mode, where employers are not hiring or firing. Interest rates will be about the same at year end as they are now.

Things that may affect the economy this year:

- Slowing economy
- Concerns in job market
- Re-emerging inflation
- Elevated interest rates

Plan is 96% funded and the 1099 will be sent to pensioners at the end of January,

DR. OGDEN REPORT: Dr. Lesley Ogden reported:
Measles: Two pediatric patients at

Samaritan Health tested positive for measles. In the 2000's we thought we eradicated measles due to vaccinations. Concentrations of measles in Linn County after 30 days.

MultiCare Affiliation:

Preliminary review with MultiCare Affiliation. We believe we will move into a more comprehensive review within the next few months. Bill and Florence will tour each of our facilities in the next month or so.

Three new positives:

1. New federally funded medical residency positions. Effort to relieve physician shortage.
2. No change to the 340B program. This program relates to how we buy prescription drugs for our hospitals. At this time, no change will take place.
3. Every state will receive at least 147 million from the Rural Transformation Fund. We compete for funding to use for innovative and transformative projects. OHA will decide how to distribute funds.

Operations:

Avg. Daily Census for In-patients was 12.35.

ER – Avg. Daily Census 36.6. 139 surgeries, three deliveries.

Interviewing a nurse midwife for help in the OB department.

We interviewed two emergency medicine physicians to help fill holes in the department.

FOUNDATION REPORT: Funding priorities for 2026:

1. Playground equipment for SELC
2. Imaging Equipment

With the departure of Kennedy Stentz, North Lincoln Foundation will share the development specialist at Pacific Communities, Kimberlee Gray,

Med talks begin this month with Dr. Carozza, one of our orthopedic surgeons, who will be available to answer any questions on January 29th. This is open to anyone and takes place in the Education Conference Room in the hospital.

FMC REPORT: Met to discuss SDAO conference and financials.

RETIREMENT UPDATE: 1099's to be sent end of January.

DIG DEEP: Analysis we are waiting on is not ready. The geologist needs to dig holes for testing. FEMA grant is potential funding for this project.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS: In February, we will discuss a general grant policy for NLHD board.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 19th, 2026, 9:30am
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Estle Harlan, Secretary