

**BC EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES  
Board of Directors PUBLIC Meeting  
Tuesday, September 10, 2024  
8:00 am to 8:18 am**

**MINUTES**

**BCEHS Board of Directors**

Jim Chu (Chair)	Colleen Austin 'Wii Goot	Lauren Brown	Gary Caroline
Elizabeth Cull	Doug LePard	Barry O'Neill	

**Executive and Leadership Team**

Dr. David Byres, President and CEO, PHSA  
Dr. Leanne Heppell, Executive Vice President & Chief Ambulance Officer, BCEHS  
Zulie Sachedina, General Counsel & Chief Legal Officer, PHSA  
Jennie Helmer, Chief Operating Officer, BCEHS  
Dr. Sandra Jenneson, Interim Chief Medical Officer, BCEHS  
Aggie Peel, Chief, People, Culture and Diversity, BCEHS  
Kevin Smith, Chief Transformation & Strategy Officer, BCEHS  
Paul Vallely, Chief Quality, Planning and Coordination Officer, and Interim Chief Paramedic Practice, BCEHS  
Annie Leung, Executive Assistant to President & CEO, PHSA & BCEHS Board Liaison and Executive Administrator  
Eva Chow, Board Administrator & Executive Assistant to EVP & Chief Ambulance Officer, BCEHS (*recorder*)

**Guests**

Knowledge Keeper Sulksun

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**1. Call to Order**

Jim Chu called the meeting to order.

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

Jim Chu offered the land acknowledgement.

**3. Indigenous Welcome**

Knowledge Keeper Sulksun provided the Indigenous Welcome.

**4. Agenda Approvals and Conflicts**

4.1 Approval of the October 8, 2024, Meeting Agenda.  
Moved by Colleen Austin and Doug LePard, seconded by Gary Caroline. Carried.

No conflicts were declared.

**5. Approval of the July 09, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Moved by Elizabeth Cull, seconded by Lauren Brown. Carried.

**6. BCEHS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Leanne Heppell provided the introduction to the video celebrating BCEHS's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This video will be made available on the 50 Stories website.

BCEHS is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year of service, having started on July 01, 2024, now has over 6,200 employees, making it one of the largest ambulance services in North America. Celebratory events will be held across the province throughout the year.

As part of the anniversary, 50 stories highlighting BCEHS's history, achievements, and employees are being shared on social media and the organization's website. These stories have garnered significant attention, with numerous views, likes, shares, and comments.

A new BCEHS long-service medal will be introduced in fall 2024 for employees with 25+ years of service.

**7. Resolution to Convene Closed Session of the Meeting**

Moved by Colleen Austin 'Wii Goot, seconded by Barry O'Neill. Carried.

**CLOSED MEETING**