

**BC EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES
Board of Directors PUBLIC Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2026 | 8:00 am to 8:30 am**

MINUTES

BCEHS Board of Directors

Elizabeth Cull (Chair) Colleen Austin 'Wii Goot Doug LePard

Executive and Leadership Team

Dr. Sean Virani, Interim President and CEO, PHSA
Dr. Leanne Heppell, Executive Vice President, PHSA & Chief Ambulance Officer, BCEHS
Zulie Sachedina, General Counsel & Chief Legal Officer, PHSA
Jennie Helmer, Chief Operating Officer, BCEHS
Dr. Sandra Jenneson, Chief Medical Officer, BCEHS
Paul Mochrie, Interim Chief Transformation Officer, BCEHS
Paul Valley, Chief Quality, Planning and Coordination Officer, and Interim Chief Paramedic Practice, BCEHS
Annie Leung, Executive Assistant to the President and CEO, PHSA & BCEHS Board Liaison & Executive Administrator
Vivian Tai, Executive Assistant, Office of the CEO, PHSA (*interim recorder*)

Staff & Medical Staff:

Geraldine Elkins, Manager, Clinical Operations, Ground Operations, BCEHS
Lyndsay Esson, Manager, Clinical Operations Manager, Oceanside, BCEHS
Kaoru Bracewell, Director, Clinical Operations, Quality, Patient Safety and Accreditation, BCEHS
Joe Gallagher, Vice President, Indigenous Health & Cultural Safety, PHSA

Guests

Elder Glida Morgan
Denver Wigg, Director, Financial Audit and Related Services, Office of the Auditor General (OAG) of BC

Regrets:

Brandi MacAulay, BCEHS Board Member
Barry O'Neill, BCEHS Board Member

1. Call to Order

Elizabeth Cull called the meeting to order.

2. Indigenous Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Elizabeth Cull and Dr. Sean Virani offered the land acknowledgement. Colleen Austin 'Wii Goot shared news and memories of Knowledge Keeper Shane Pointe, who was also known to many as Uncle Shane, Siem Te Ta-in. Elder Glida provided the Indigenous welcome.

3. Agenda Approvals and Conflicts

- 3.1 Approval of the April 14, 2026, Meeting Agenda.
Moved by Colleen Austin 'Wii Goot, seconded by Doug LePard. Carried.
No conflicts were declared.

4. Approval of the February 10, 2026, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Moved by Colleen Austin 'Wii Goot, seconded by Doug LePard. Carried.

5. Maagtusiis Ahousaht

Dr. Leanne Heppell, Joe Gallagher, Lyndsay Esson, Geraldine Elkins, and Kaoru Bracewell provided an update. Maagtusiis is a community that is a 40-minute boat ride north of Tofino, and home to roughly 2400 residents. The community faces challenges with service delivery gaps, receiving healthcare, response time and transportation in an emergency.

Working with the community to foster learning opportunities and assess the needs, BCEHS arranged co-sponsored First Responder education (naloxone training, stroke education, bleed stoppage), created a Highschool Youth Pathways Program, opened seats in BCEHS face-to-face courses, reviewed events, riding third, and ensured consistent equipment and supplies exchange are available.

Geraldine Elkins shared her story and experiences working with BCEHS as a paramedic at Station 227. Her hope is that more Indigenous paramedics can represent other stations within the Indigenous communities.

6. Resolution to Convene Closed Session of the Meeting

Moved by Doug LePard, seconded by Colleen Austin 'Wii Goot. Carried.

CLOSED MEETING