



**Board of Directors Meeting – Minutes
Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.
St. Joseph's Heritage, Georgian Room**

Present:

Susan Fraser (<i>Chair</i>)	Janine Black*	Bill Bradica	Bishop Alan Campeau
Deb Comuzzi	Dr. Peter de Bakker*	Carolyn Freitag*	Sharon Hollinsworth
Jordan Hudyma	Barbara Jarvela	Stacey Livitski	Regina Mandamin (<i>virtual</i>)
Emily Phippard	Garth Postans	Fhara Pottinger	Ben Raison

By Invitation:

Sheila Brown, *Recording Secretary*
Adam Shaen, *Vice President, People & Mission*
Andrea Docherty, *Vice President, Clinical & Community Health*
Byron Ball, *Vice President, Infrastructure and Planning & CFO*
Kim Callaghan, *Director, Communications & Government Relations*
Brenda Mason, *Elder in Council*

Regrets:

Dr. Armour Boake*	Paula Bouchard	Chief Melvin Hardy	David Pierce
Paul Francis, <i>Vice President, N'doo'owe Binesi</i>			

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

The Chair welcomed Board members, Vice Presidents and guests to the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

1.1 Land Acknowledgment and Opening Prayer

J. Hudyma provided the land acknowledgment and opening prayer.

1.2 Declaration of Conflict of Interest – None

1.3 Delegations of the Board – None

1.4 Approval of the Agenda and Minutes of March 18, 2026

Moved by: F. Pottinger

Seconded by: B. Jarvela

“That the Board of Directors approves the April 15, 2026 agenda as circulated and the March 18, 2026 minutes as presented.”

CARRIED

2.0 BUSINESS ARISING / STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

2.1 Board of Directors Motion Sheet – Included in the meeting package for information.



2.2 Board of Directors Work Plan

The 2025-2026 work plan was included in the meeting package for information. All activities are progressing as planned and remain on track.

2.3 Governance Support for Accreditation

Board members were invited to raise any questions regarding the upcoming virtual Governance session on April 29, 2026. Materials were pre-circulated, and assignments were confirmed. Ongoing support is available, and members are encouraged to access resources through the Board portal.

3.0 REPORTS

3.1 Report from the Chair

The Chair noted that an email regarding a vacancy for the CHSO Designate role was circulated, including an overview of the role and its responsibilities. Board members interested in learning more or expressing interest are encouraged to contact Sheila Brown.

3.2 Report from the President & CEO

The Leadership Team Report was pre-circulated for information. Highlights included increased demand for wound care services, prompting plans for additional clinical staff and expanded treatment space, along with ongoing advocacy to Ontario Health for funding. The Regional Palliative Care Program continues to prioritize education and capacity building for family physicians, emphasizing high-quality palliative care. Accreditation preparations are underway, supported by staff engagement activities. Positive feedback was received regarding the establishment of staff lounges at major sites. An Ontario Hospital Association interview with Paul Francis Jr. was also noted, highlighting Indigenous leadership voices in healthcare.

3.3 Report from St. Joseph's Foundation of Thunder Bay

The President's Report was pre-circulated for information. Highlights included an increased Foundation contribution of \$600,000 to support current and future initiatives; the Board's guidance in support of governance and strategic planning improvements; and planning for an upcoming golf tournament, with details to follow.

4.0 CONSENT MOTION

4.1 Board Quality, Safety & Risk Committee

The March 17 and April 9, 2026 Board Quality, Safety & Risk Committee minutes were pre-circulated for information, and key highlights were provided by the Committee Chair.



4.2 Board Resources Committee

The April 2, 2026 Board Resources Committee minutes were pre-circulated for information, and key highlights were provided by the Committee Chair.

4.3 Medical Advisory Committee

The April 2, 2026, Medical Advisory Committee minutes were pre-circulated for information, and key highlights were provided by the Committee Chair.

4.4 Board Governance and Nominating Committee

The April 7, 2026, Board Governance and Nominating Committee minutes were pre-circulated for information, and key highlights were provided by the Committee Chair.

Moved by: E. Phippard

Seconded by: B. Raison

“That the Board of Directors approves the following committee reports and any motions contained therein:

4.1 Board Quality, Safety and Risk Committee – March 17 and April 9, 2026;

4.2 Board Resources Committee – April 2, 2026;

4.3 Medical Advisory Committee – April 2, 2026; and

4.4 Board Governance and Nominating Committee – April 7, 2026.”

CARRIED

5.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS HELD FROM CONSENT MOTION

There were no items held from consent motion.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Draft 2026-2027 Board and Board Committee meetings and work plans

A draft schedule for the 2026-2027 Board of Directors and Board Committee meetings, along with related Board work plan items, was pre-circulated for review. The proposed approach of reducing the number of meetings is intended to better balance workload and support effective use of Board and committee time. Board members expressed general support for the direction. Feedback will be provided to the Board Governance & Nominating Committee, and revised schedules and work plans will be brought forward for Board approval in June.

7.0 FOR INFORMATION



7.1 Catholic Health Sponsors of Ontario Strategic Plan 2026-2031

The Catholic Health Sponsors of Ontario Strategic Plan for 2026-2031 was pre-circulated for information.

7.2 Regional Services Council Meeting (March 31, 2026) – Cascading Messages to Boards

The Regional Services Council Meeting (March 31, 2026) – Cascading Messaging to Boards briefing note was pre-circulated for information.

8.0 IN CAMERA (CLOSED) SESSION

Moved by: F. Pottinger

Seconded by: B. Jarvela

“That the Board of Directors move to an In Camera closed session.”

CARRIED

9.0 RISE AND REPORT FROM IN CAMERA SESSION

The Board of Directors approved the April 2, 2026, Medical Advisory Committee report, including the physician privileges detailed in the Credentialing report and received an update on Hogarth Riverview Manor Beds in Abeyance.

10.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, May 20, 2026

11.0 ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

12.0 BOARD MEETING EVALUATION – Board of Directors were asked to complete the evaluation via the link provided in the agenda.

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Chair, Board of Directors

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Recording Secretary

May 20, 2026

Date