



WEST KOOTENAY-BOUNDARY REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Open Meeting Minutes

The **first** regular meeting of the Board of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District for the year 2026 was held on Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. through a hybrid meeting model.

Quorum was maintained for the duration of the meeting.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Chair. S. Hewat RDCK Village of Kaslo In-Person

(RDCK)

Director G. Jackman	Area A	In-Person
Director A. Watson	Area D	
Alternate Director J. Smienk	Area E	
Director T. Newell	Area F	
Director H. Cunningham	Area G	
Director W. Popoff	Area H	In-Person
Director A. Davidoff	Area I	
Director H. Hanegraaf	Area J	In-Person
Director T. Weatherhead	Area K	
Director B. Bogle	City of Castlegar	In-Person
Director A. McLaren-Caux	Village of Nakusp	In-Person
Director K. Page	City of Nelson	
Alternate Director P. Mckellar	Village of Salmo	In-Person
Director L. Main	Village of Silverton	
Director E. Buller	Village of Slocan	

(RDKB)

Director A. Grieve	Area A	
Director L. Worley	Area B	In-Person
Director G. McGregor	Area C	In-Person
Director L. Wiese	Area D	In-Person
Director S. Gibbs	Area E	
Director C. Guesford	Village of Fruitvale	In-Person
Director E. Baker	City of Grand Forks	In-Person
Director C. Rhodes	City of Greenwood	
Director J. Willsey	Village of Midway	
Director P. Caron	Village of Montrose	In-Person
Director T. Martin	City of Trail	In-Person
Director F. Marino	Village of Warfield	

ELECTED DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Director C. Graham	Area E - RDCK
Director L. Casley	Village of New Denver - RDCK
Director D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo - RDCK
Director J. Weaver	City of Rossland

STAFF PRESENT

S. Horn	Secretary/Treasurer
M. Morrison	Deputy Secretary
C. Hopkyns	Recording Secretary

INTERIOR HEALTH

M. Wilkie
L. de Best

Corporate Director, Business Operations
Executive Director, Clinical Operations – Kootenay
Boundary
Chief Operation Officer, IH South

J. Chernoff

1. ZOOM REMOTE MEETING INFO

To promote openness, transparency and provide accessibility to the public we provide the ability to attend the WKBRHD meetings in-person or remote (hybrid model).

Meeting Time:

6:00 p.m. PST

Join by Video:

<https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/92552748566?pwd=Wxv0pyVwN6b1QknuGNqRcLbzxd26dz.1>

Join by Phone:

833 958 1164 Canada Toll-free

*6 to unmute or mute

*9 to raise or lower your hand

Meeting ID: 925 5274 8566

Meeting Password: 174991

In-Person Location: The Confluence - 1995 6th Ave. Castlegar BC

2. CALL TO ORDER

Stuart Horn, Secretary/Treasurer, will assume the chair at 6:00 p.m.

3. ELECTION**3.1 ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR****1. Call for Nominations (3 Times)**

Stuart Horn, Secretary/Treasurer, announced the nominations submitted for Director Baker and Hewat.

The Secretary/Treasurer Horn called for nominations the first time.

The Secretary/Treasurer Horn called for nominations the second and third time.

No further nominations.

Opportunity for Candidates to Address the Board

Directors Baker and Hewat each gave a two-minute address.

2. Vote by Secret Ballot (in accordance with Electronic Voting in Section 5 of the WKBRHD Procedures Bylaw)

Deputy Secretary Morrison distributed the ballots.

Directors online provided their votes by email to Secretary/Treasurer Horn and Recording Secretary Hopkyns.

After collecting the ballots, Secretary/Treasurer Horn and Deputy Secretary Morrison exited the room and counted the ballots.

Secretary/Treasurer Horn declared a tie between Director Baker and Hewat.

As per the WKBRHD Procedure Bylaw No. 330 Section 5 (5), each candidate's name was put into the ballot box and Secretary/Treasurer Horn pulled a name from a hat.

3. Declaration of Elected or Acclaimed Board Chair

Director Hewat was declared the Chair of the West Kootenay-Boundary Hospital District Board for 2026.

3.2 ELECTION OF ACTING CHAIR

1. Call for Nominations (3 Times)

The Secretary/Treasurer Horn called for nominations the first time.

Director McGregor nominated Director Baker.

The Secretary/Treasurer Horn called for nominations the second and third time.

No further nominations.

2. Declaration of Elected or Acclaimed Acting Chair

Director Baker was declared the Acting Chair of the West Kootenay-Boundary Hospital District Board for 2026.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

That the ballots used in the election of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Chair and Acting Chair be destroyed.

Carried

3.3 CHAIR'S ADDRESS

Chair Hewat thanked the Board for their support, and shared that it has been a pleasure working along side Director Baker. She is looking forward to working with the Board over the next year.

3.4 ACTING CHAIR'S ADDRESS

Acting Chair Baker thanked the Board for their support. He looks forward to supporting Chair Hewat and the Board.

4. COMMENCEMENT OF BOARD MEETING

4.1 TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

4.2 ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

01/26

That the agenda for the January 28, 2026 West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Board meeting be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4.3 RECEIPT OF MINUTES

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

02/26 The June 26, 2025 West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Board meeting minutes be adopted.

Carried

4.4 **WKBRHD APPOINTMENTS**

4.4.1 **Appointment of Directors**

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

03/26 That the following Regional District Directors/Alternate Directors be appointed as **Directors** of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District for 2026:

Regional District of Central Kootenay

Garry Jackman, Electoral Area A
Aimee Watson, Electoral Area D
Cheryl Graham, Electoral Area E
Tom Newell, Electoral Area F
Hans Cunningham, Electoral Area G
Walter Popoff, Electoral Area H
Andy Davidoff, Electoral Area I
Henny Hanegraaf, Electoral Area J
Teresa Weatherhead, Electoral Area K
Brian Bogle, City of Castlegar
Suzan Hewat, Village of Kaslo
Aidan McLaren-Caux, Village of Nakusp
Keith Page, City of Nelson
Leonard Casley, Village of New Denver
Diana Lockwood, Village of Salmo
Leah Main, Village of Silverton
Ezra Buller, Village of Slocan

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Ali Grieve, Electoral Area A
Linda Worley, Electoral Area B
Grace McGregor, Electoral Area C
Linda Kay Wiese, Electoral Area D
Sharen Gibbs, Electoral Area E
Catherine Guesford, Village of Fruitvale
Everett Baker, City of Grand Forks
CJ Rhodes, City of Greenwood
Judy Willsey, Village of Midway
Paul Caron, Village of Montrose
Jeff Weaver, City of Rossland
Terry Martin, City of Trail
Frank Marino, Village of Warfield

Carried

4.4.2 **Appointment of Alternate Directors**

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

04/26 That the following Regional District Directors/Alternate Directors be appointed as **Alternate Directors** of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District for 2026:

Regional District of Central Kootenay

Gina Medhurst, Area A
 Victoria McAllister, Area D
 Josh Smienk, Area E
 Eric White Area F
 Isabelle Herzig, Area G
 Amanda Verigin, Area H
 Andy Ozeroff, Area I
 Rick Smith, Area J
 Paul Peterson, Area K
 Maria McFaddin, City of Castlegar
 Robert Lang, Village of Kaslo
 Tom Zeleznik, Village of Nakusp
 Jesse Woodward, City of Nelson
 John Fyke, Village of New Denver
 Payton Mckellar, Village of Salmo
 Tanya Gordon, Village of Silverton
 Jessica Lunn, Village of Slocan

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Kirby Epp, Area A
 Bill Edwards, Area B
 Cam Donergan, Area C
 Mona Mattai, Area D
 Grant Harfman Area E
 Bill Wenman, Village of Fruitvale
 Rod Zielinski, City of Grand Forks
 John Bolt, City of Greenwood
 Richard Dunsdon, Village of Midway
 Mike Walsh, Village of Montrose
 Andy Morel, City of Rossland
 Colleen Jones, City of Trail
 Carolyn Amantea, Village of Warfield

Carried

4.4.3 Appointment of the Executive Committee

Chair Hewat called for nominations for Arrow Lakes/Slocan/Castlegar/Nakusp the first time.

Director Popoff nominated Director Casley. Director Casley was not present to accept the nomination.

Director Popoff nominated Director McLaren-Caux.

Chair Hewat called for nominations for Arrow Lakes/Slocan/Castlegar/Nakusp the second and third time.

Director McLaren-Caux was declared the Arrow Lakes/Slocan/Castlegar/Nakusp Executive Committee member for 2026.

Chair Hewat called for nominations for Kootenay (Kaslo/Nelson/Salmo) the first time.

Director Hanegraaf nominated Director Page.

Chair Hewat called for nominations for Kootenay (Kaslo/Nelson/Salmo) the second and third time.

Directors Page was declared the Kootenay (Kaslo/Nelson/Salmo) Executive Committee member for 2026.

Chair Hewat called for nominations for Boundary the first time.

Director Rhodes nominated Director Gibbs.

Chair Hewat called for nominations for Boundary the second and third time.

Director Gibbs was declared the Boundary Executive Committee member for 2026.

Chair Hewat called for nominations for Greater Trail the first time.

Director Worley nominated Director Martin.

Chair Hewat called for nominations for Greater Trail the second and third time.

Director Martin was declared the Greater Trail Executive Committee member for 2026.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

05/26

That the following Directors, in addition to the Chair and Acting Chair, are hereby appointed to the Executive Committee of the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital Board for 2026:

Arrow Lakes/Slocan/Castlegar/Nakusp: Aidan McLaren-Caux
Kootenay (Kaslo/Nelson/Salmo): Keith Page
Boundary: Sharen Gibbs
Greater Trail: Terry Martin

Carried

4.5 DELEGATIONS

4.5.1 Interior Health Authority

Matt Wilkie, Corporate Director, Business Operations
Lannon de Best, Executive Director, Clinical Operations – Kootenay Boundary

4.5.1.1 Capital Project Status Report

The presentation dated January 28, 2026 from Lannon de Best and Matt Wilkie, re: Capital Project Status Report West Kootenay Boundary, has been received.

Matt Wilkie presented on Capital Project Status Report, updating the Board on the West Kootenay Boundary projects and answered the Boards questions.

4.5.1.2 2026/27 Capital Funding Request

The presentation dated January 28, 2026 from Lannon de Best and Matt Wilkie; re: 2026/27 Capital Funding Request, has been received.

Lannon deBest presented on the 2026/27 Capital Funding Request, and provided an overview of the following:

- Recent investments:

- Nelson Health Campus Fairview Gardens Long-Term Care Facility and Community Health Services Centre.
- Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital MRI Suite Expansion – Construction Underway.
- Boundary Hospital Multizone Air Handling Unit Replacement.
- Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Patient Choice Meal System.
- 2026-2027 Highlighted Projects for the West Kootenay Boundary.
- 2026/2027 Digital Health Projects
- Construction Projects over \$100,000
- Equipment Projects under \$100,000
- Capital Funding Request 2026/2027 West Kootenay Boundary Summary.
- Next steps.

Interior Health (IH) staff answered the Boards questions. IH Staff will bring back to a future WKBRHD Board meeting a summary regarding the services and results of the Nelson Downtown Mental Health and Substance Use centre.

4.6 BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES

4.6.1 For Information: WKBRHD Letter - Health Connections Transit Times

At the June 26, 2025 WKBRHD Board meeting, the following resolution was passed:

60/25 That the Board request that the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Transportation and Transit increase health connection transit times to improve rural health access.

The letter was sent to the Minister of Transportation and the Minister of Health on August 19, 2025.

4.6.2 For Information: Ministry of Transportation and Transit Response Letter - Health Connection Services

The response letter dated November 18, 2025 from Minister Farnworth, Ministry of Transportation and Transit, re: Health Connections Service, has been received.

4.6.3 For Information: WKBRHD Letter - Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital (KBRH) Secondary Access Road

At the June 26, 2025 WKBRHD Board meeting, the following resolution was passed:

59/25 That the Board endorses an immediate risk assessment by the Interior Health Authority for a second access to the Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital to address a risk and liability.

The letter was sent to Interior Health on August 19, 2025.

4.7 NEW BUSINESS

4.7.1 Chair's Report

The Chair's Report from 2025 WKBRHD Board Chair Baker, has been received.

4.7.2 Interior Health Capital Funding Request for the 2026/27 Fiscal Year

The letter dated December 22, 2025 from Nicole Elliot, Chief Financial Officer, re: Capital Funding Request for the 2026/27 Fiscal Year, has been received.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

06/26

That the WKBHRD Board consider funding each of the items in the Interior Health Authority's 2026 funding request and that staff be directed to prepare the necessary bylaws for Board review and decision at the March 25, 2026 Board meeting.

Carried

4.7.3 WKBHRD Accounts Payable Summary

The WKBHRD Accounts Payable Summary from the RDCK Finance Department for June - December 2025, has been received.

Staff answered the Committee's questions.

4.7.4 For Information: 2025 UBCM Provincial Meeting Summary Notes

The Report dated September 24, 2025 from Stuart Horn, Secretary/Treasurer, re: 2025 UBCM Provincial Meeting Summary Notes, has been received.

4.7.5 2026 WKBHRD Board Meeting Dates

Note: As October meetings are typically cancelled due to a lack of business, and given the general local election this year, staff recommend that the October meeting not be scheduled.

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

07/26

That the 2026 WKBHRD Board meeting dates be set as follows:

- Wednesday January 28,
- Wednesday March 25,
- Wednesday, June 24.

Carried

4.8 QUESTION PERIOD FOR PUBLIC AND MEDIA

The Chair will call for questions from the public and members of the media at 7:52 p.m.

No public or media had questions.

4.9 ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And Resolved:

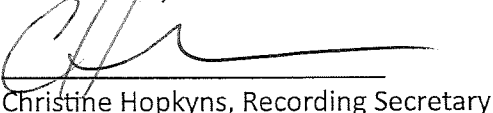
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The meeting be adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Carried



Suzan Hewat, Chair



Christine Hopkyns, Recording Secretary