

- CALL TO ORDER** Northern Inyo Healthcare District (NIHD) Governance Chair Lent called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm.
- PRESENT** David Lent, Governance Chair
Jean Turner, Governance Alternate

Christian Wallis, Chief Executive Officer
Allison Partridge, Chief Operations Officer / Chief Nursing Officer
Adam Hawkins, Chief Medical Officer

Patty Dickson, Compliance Officer
- PUBLIC COMMENT** Chair Lent reported that at this time, audience members may speak on any items on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Board.

Public Comment: None
- BOARD SELF-ASSESSMENT ACTION PLAN CHECKLIST** Staff provided an update on the Board Self-Assessment Action Plan Checklist, noting that the Committee remains largely in the same position as the prior month, with most remaining items intended to be addressed during the upcoming Board seminar/off-site. One additional item—Executive Team updates related to physician recruitment and workforce development initiatives—was marked complete, as these updates are now routinely included in the CEO’s communications to the Board. All other unchecked items were confirmed as deferred to the planned Board seminar.

Public Comment: None
- ADVOCACY PLATFORM** Staff presented a concise draft Board Advocacy Platform outlining priority focus areas to guide the District’s legislative review and advocacy efforts. The platform is intentionally brief and centers on critical access hospital priorities, rural health and frontier communities, special districts, and broader health policy issues. Staff explained that the platform is intended to support review of state legislation during the active bill introduction period, which runs through mid-February.

Public Comment: None

Motion by Turner to approve the Advocacy Platform
2nd: Lent
Pass: 2-0
- CIVILITY AND CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY** Staff presented revisions to the Civility and Code of Conduct Policy, noting the changes were the addition of media-related provisions.

Public Comment: None

Motion by Turner to approve the Civility and Code of Conduct Policy
2nd: Lent

Pass: 2-0

GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE CHARTER

Staff presented the revised Governance Committee Charter, explaining that it is part of an effort to standardize committee charters so they are consistent in format, purpose, and structure across all Board committees.

Public Comment: None

Motion by Turner to approve the Governance Committee Charter

2nd: Lent

Pass: 2-0

ONBOARDING AND
CONTINUING
EDUCATION OF BOARD
MEMBER POLICY

Staff presented a policy based on the recent onboarding process used for a new Board member, and the Committee requested the policy be updated to include a mechanism for Board members to identify or request onboarding and continuing education needs rather than relying solely on administration.

Public Comment: None

Motion by Turner to approve the Onboarding and Continuing Education of Board Member Policy with the addition noted

2nd: Lent

Pass: 2-0

PURCHASING AND
SIGNATURE AUTHORITY

Staff presented revisions to the Purchase and Signature Authority, noting the updates were brought forward to add clarification regarding the CEO's emergency spending authority.

Public Comment: None

Motion by Turner to approve the Purchasing and Signature Authority

2nd: Lent

Pass: 2-0

MEETING MINUTES

Public Comment: None

Motion by Turner to approve the meeting minutes for December 9, 2025

2nd: Lent

Pass: 2-0

GENERAL INFORMATION

None


Adjournment

Adjourn at 2:41 pm.



David Lent
Northern Inyo Healthcare District

Governance Chair

Attest:  _____
Laura Smith
Northern Inyo Healthcare District
Governance Vice-Chair