

CALL TO ORDER	Northern Inyo Healthcare District (NIHD) Governance Chair Lent called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.
PRESENT	David Lent, Governance Chair Laura Smith, Governance Committee Vice-Chair Christian Wallis, Chief Executive Officer Allison Partridge, Chief Operations Officer / Chief Nursing Officer Alison Murray, Chief Business Development Officer / Chief Human Resources Officer Patty Dickson, Compliance Officer
ABSENT	Adam Hawkins, Chief Medical Officer Andrea Mossman, Chief Financial 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
ADVOCACY UPDATE	Legislative Advocate Madden provided an update on the status of the 2026 legislative session, State budget, and priority healthcare legislation, including: • AB 1923 – Continues to advance and would provide additional funding and establish loan forgiveness criteria for the Distressed Hospital Loan Program. • AB 2353 – Would have required fiscal impact analyses for new hospital mandates but is no longer moving forward. • AB 2208 – Aligns California Medi-Cal law with H.R. 1 and preserves retroactive Medi-Cal eligibility during the transition. • AB 1607 – Extends the Maddy Emergency Medical Services Fund to continue supporting reimbursement for uncompensated emergency care. • H.R. 8209 – Would establish grant funding to support school-based health centers through equipment, staffing, and operational assistance. • Budget Trailer Bills – Included updates on distressed hospital funding, the Managed Care Organization tax, the Fair Share from Big Corporations proposal, and the Digital Software Sales Tax. CEO Wallis discussed the potential impact of the legislation on the District's physician recruitment efforts, school-based health clinics, strategic initiatives, and financial planning. Public Comment: None Board Discussion: The Committee discussed the potential impact of the Managed Care Organization tax on the District's self-insured employee health plan. Madden stated he would research the issue and provide additional information at a future meeting.

MEETING MINUTES -
MAY 12, 2026

Motion by Smith to approve the meeting minutes for May 12, 2026
2nd: Lent
Pass: 2-0

MEDIA POLICY

Motion by Lent to move the Media Policy to the full board
2nd: Smith
Pass: 2-0

GENERAL INFORMATION

Vice-Chair Smith reported attending a community meet-and-greet with Congressman Tom McClintock. She noted that the small attendance allowed attendees the opportunity to speak with him and ask questions.

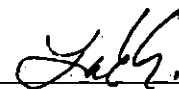
Adjournment

Adjourn at 2:50 pm.



David Lent
Northern Inyo Healthcare District
Governance Chair

Attest:



Laura Smith
Northern Inyo Healthcare District
Governance Vice-Chair