

**North Dakota Long Term Care Association
Membership Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2025, 12:00pm-2:00pm CST
Holiday Inn – Fargo, ND**

- **Call to Order**
Amy Kreidt, Chair, called the membership meeting to order 12:20pm as lunch was coming to a close.
- **Roll Call**
Richard Regner, Secretary/Treasurer, reported a quorum with 68 members present for the meeting.
- **Call for Other Business**
Amy Kreidt called for other business, there was none.
- **Antitrust & Conflict of Interest Policy**
Amy addressed the antitrust and conflict of interest policy.
- **May 6, 2025 Minutes**

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 6, 2025 MEMBERSHIP MINUTES BY STEPHANIE EDLAND/2ND BY BELINDA MOEN. 100% YEAS. 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- **NDLTCA Board Elections**
Amy introduced the elections and processes. Rick Regner conducted the election for Board Chair.
 - a. Officers Election:
 - **Board Chair**
Nominee: Amy Kreidt, no nominations from the floor.

MOTION TO CEASE NOMINATIONS AND CAST A UNANIMOUS BALLOT FOR AMY KREIDT AS RE-ELECTED BOARD CHAIR TIM KENNEDY BY /2ND BY REIER THOMPSON. 100% YEAS. 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Amy resumed and conducted the rest of the meeting.

- **Vice Chair**

Nominee: Tim Kennedy and no nominations from the floor.

MOTION TO CEASE NOMINATIONS AND CAST A UNANIMOUS BALLOT FOR TIM KENNEDY AS RE-ELECTED BOARD VICE CHAIR BY BLAKE KRAGNES /2ND BY TONIE STOEN. 100% YEAS. 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

b. Directors Elections

- **Hospital-Attached At Large**

Nominee: Jac McTaggart and no nominations from the floor.

MOTION TO CEASE NOMINATIONS AND CAST A UNANIMOUS BALLOT FOR JAC MCTAGGART AS RE-ELECTED HOSPITAL ATTACHED AT LARGE BOARD MEMBER BY REIER THOMPSON /2ND BY RICK REGNER. 100% YEAS. 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- **Nursing Facility Director At Large**

Nominee: Stephanie Edland and no nominations from the floor.

MOTION TO CEASE NOMINATIONS AND CAST A UNANIMOUS BALLOT FOR STEPHANIE EDLAND AS RE-ELECTED SKILLED NURSING AT LARGE BOARD MEMBER BY BLAKE KRAGNES /2ND BY JAC MCTAGGART. 100% YEAS. 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- **Assisted Living At Large**

Nominees: Kiara Tuchscherer and Nikki Lindsey, no other nominations from the floor.

Voting Ballot:

MOTION TO CEASE NOMINATIONS AND CONDUCT ELECTION FOR ASSISTED LIVING AT LARGE BOARD MEMBER WITH PAPER BALLOT BY TIM KENNEDY /2ND BY TONIE STOEN. 100% YEAS. 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

Kiara Tuchscherer elected for Assisted Living at Large to begin the first term starting 1-1-2026.

MOTION TO DESTROY BALLOTS BY TIM KENNEDY /2ND BY JAC MCTAGGART. 100% YEAS. 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- **Basic Care At Large:**

Nominee: Joyce Linnerud-Fowler and no nominations from the floor.

MOTION TO CEASE NOMINATIONS AND CAST A UNANIMOUS BALLOT FOR JOYCE LINNERRUD-FOWLER FOR FIRST TERM STARTING 1-1-2026 AS BASIC CARE AT LARGE BOARD MEMBER BY REIER THOMPSON /2ND BY RENEE MUHONEN. 100% YEAS. 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- **Regional Director Election Update - Nikki**

- **Region I:** Meeting will be held Oct. 15 at Trinity Homes in Minot at 1 pm CT,
- **Region III:** Oct. 2 at St. Luke's in Dickinson at 11 am MT, and
- **Region V:** Oct. 16 via TEAMS at 1 pm CT.

- **Proposed By-Laws Changes – Stephanie Edland**

MOTION TO APPROVE BY-LAWS TO INCLUDE HOME CARE BY DEBRA FRASER /2ND BY JAC MCTAGGART. 100% YEAS. 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED.

- **2026 Association Budget Review – Richard Regner**

- The Association's budget for 2026 is **\$1,659,463**.
- Expenses have been **reduced by \$39,137** through cost-trimming efforts, including the conclusion of payments to a consultant who also served as our previous president for 34 years.
- This was a planned step in our leadership succession, and we are deeply grateful for Shelly's decades of service.
- Even with these reductions, we project a **shortfall of -\$71,047**, which will be covered by Association reserves. When including home care, the bottom line is - **\$59,272**.
- **AHCA/NCAL Dues:**
AHCA/NCAL dues will increase by **3% in 2026**, with additional 3% increases planned for 2027 and 2028. NDLTCA is also increasing its portion of the dues by 3% this year.

Making smaller, annual adjustments helps prevent the need for a much larger increase later on.

- **Approved by the Board:**
The Budget Committee, made up of the Secretary/Treasurer and Regional Directors, prepared this budget for review by the Board of Directors. The Board approved the 2026 budget on September 22, 2025, on behalf of the membership.
- **Association and Legislative Update.....Nikki, Erica Cermak, VP of Govt. Affairs & Garth Rydland, Committee Chair**
 - **LTC Infrastructure Loan Committee update** – From HB 1619, \$15 million, applications from BND due end of August. Board made a sub-committee review applications, and they were scored, and through the meeting, 3 facilities were recommended to BND to provide funds – Strasburg, Bethel Lutheran-Williston, and Richardton.
 - **BC/AL/ARC Ad Hoc Committee**-series of meetings kicked off with HHS (SB 2271) – started a series of meetings with HHS. Good first meeting to layout goals and the roadmap of topics. Also partnering with NCAL. Next meeting will be about licensure. And then payment discussions, etc.
 - **Nursing Facility Incentive Program Ad Hoc Committee update** – Garth shares that the ad hoc group has ideas for proposed measures that could work with a withhold structure however, we need to understand the direction of the State regarding timing and amount of the withhold. Next meeting will be held Oct. 1.
 - **Staffing mandate** – Erica – Through a few different pathways, the staffing mandate is almost behind us. The Trump Administration decided not to appeal the Texas case against CMS, CMS announced their intention to repeal the rule, and Congress has put a 10 year delay on the rule in the OBBB.
 - **De-regulation initiative** – NDLTCA leadership has been working with Senator Cramer’s office as well as CMS on priorities for de-regulation.
 - **AHCA workforce initiative** – Senator Cramer’s office recently reintroduced a new version of a bill that would recapture unused visas for nurses and physicians, AHCA has endorsed several workforce related bills that are pending introduction, and Dr. Oz announced \$75 million will be allocated to assist with LTC nursing workforce.
 - **Interim Legislative Committees & Government Efficiency Taskforce** – NDLTCA is keeping a close eye on the “ND Doge” taskforce and will respond as necessary. The Human Services, Health Care, and Budget Sections Committees have been meeting, and Erica and Nikki are following.

- **New builds/RS Means discussions** – Garth shares there has been great progress in negotiations with LeeAnn regarding the interpretation of the RSMeans and including some of the common additives. We will have at least one more meeting with her this fall and hope to have this finalized before the beginning of January. Make sure to thank Allan Dossert with EAPC and Brad DeJong for their support in these meetings.
- **Regulatory Committee Update – Made comments on the NF Ratesetting** proposed changes. LeeAnn is removing the RUGS language from code and at some point, in the next year or so, we'd like to establish at least some of the PDPM language in code as well. Comments were submitted regarding BC Ratesetting. The adjustment factor had accidentally been removed from code by HHS and they were returning it. The comments submitted were regarding the other 6 months of inflation that are missing.

- **Emergency Preparedness- Vanessa**
 - MOA through DocuSign
 - Life Safety Bootcamp – Nov. 5 & 6
 - Life Safety Code – Ken Daily had good info to share

- **Education Report – Peggy**
 - Upcoming Trainings
 - Frontline Caregiver Training
 - October 14 – Bismarck
 - October 15 – Fargo
 - Basic Care Bootcamp – November 13, Bismarck
 - New education/workshops coming
 - LTC Managers Bootcamp – May 5, 2026, Bismarck Pre-Convention
 - Administrator's 101

- **Cherished Hopes – Peggy**
 - **Seven wishes granted in 2025 so far and they have consisted of:**
 - Innovative companion puppy.
 - Electric lift recliner.
 - Travel expenses to a wedding.
 - New phone to continue independent outings.
 - Portable oxygen tank rental to take with to a Twins baseball game.
 - Vaccinations and treats for resident's dog.
 - **Cherished Hopes Baskets for Fall Conference:**
 - We have 5 baskets so far.

- The drawing will be on Wednesday evening and announced/displayed Thursday morning.
- **Allan B. Engen Nurse Scholarships – Nikki** – Giving out 6 scholarships this year. We had 35 applicants, about 5 were missing information. Judges are meeting on Friday and we will announce the next week.
- **2026 Membership Agreement – Stacy**-Membership renewal agreements will be going out in the next couple of months. Please complete them and return to Stacy.
- **NDLTC-PAC Update by Reier Thompson, Chair**
 - We currently have \$40,693.83 in our PAC account
 - If you have not already done so, please become a PAC member
- Other Business - none

Meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.