

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. TAMMANY PARISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 2**  
**d/b/a SLIDELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MONDAY - JANUARY 6, 2025 - 6:00 P.M.**  
**SLIDELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDERS BUILDING**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM (1<sup>ST</sup> Floor), 1150 ROBERT BLVD., SLIDELL, LA**

The meeting of the St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2 Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, January 6, 2025.

**THOSE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Joseph “Joe” DiGiovanni  
Mr. Larry Englande  
Dr. Walter “Dub” Lane  
Dr. Tommy Morris  
Mr. James “Bill” Newton  
Dr. Francis Petitto  
Ms. Kristen Stanley-Wallace

**THOSE BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: (\* joined via video/teleconference; not counted in quorum)**

Ms. Georgia Johnson  
Dr. Robert Mercadel

**THOSE ALSO PRESENT: (\* joined via video/teleconference)**

Ms. Sandy Badinger, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. Pat Bolander, Chief Financial Officer  
Ms. Kathy Esponge, Senior Executive Assistant  
Mr. Gilbert Ganucheau, Chief Legal Officer  
Mr. Ray Holmes, Chief Nursing Officer  
Dr. Charlane Liles, Vice President Medical Affairs  
Ms. Holly Sanchez, Chief Administrative Officer  
Mr. Jason Wilson, Chief Operating Officer

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Mr. Dayna Hall, Ochsner Manager of Business Operations & Planning -Northshore East and Mississippi Gulf Coast Region  
Dr. Alisha Lacour, Ochsner Chief Executive Officer -Northshore and Mississippi Gulf Coast Region  
Dr. Richard Leblanc, Ochsner Regional Medical Director -Northshore East and Mississippi Gulf Coast Region  
Dr. Timothy Riddell, Ochsner Chief Medical Officer -Northshore, Mississippi Gulf Coast, Baton Rouge, Acadiana, and Rush Regions  
Mr. Ken Smith, Ochsner Chief Operating Officer -Northshore and Mississippi Gulf Coast Region

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Ms. Stephanie Ferry, Raymond James & Associates  
Mr. C. Grant Schlueter, Foley & Judell, LLP

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mr. Englande, Chair.

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Mr. Englande declared a quorum of the Board was present.

**PRAYER**

Mr. Ganucheau delivered the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Englande led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

Mr. Englande welcomed all guests in attendance.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OATH OF OFFICE**

- a. **Francis J. Petitto, M.D.** – New appointment as 2025 Medical Staff President/Chief of Staff; oath administered at this meeting to fill one year term commencing January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025. Mr. Englande welcomed him to the Board.

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**CALL FOR SPECIAL ELECTION / GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND RESOLUTION**

Upon discussion led by Mr. Schlueter and market update given on G.O. Bonds by Ms. Ferry, a motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. DiGiovanni to adopt a resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in St. Tammany Parish Hospital District No. 2, to authorize the incurring of debt and issuance of bonds therein, making application to the State Bond Commission; and providing for other matters in connection therewith as presented. The District proposes to reduce the millage rate to 5.99 mills for the 2025 tax roll and to propose \$51,520,000 of general obligation bonds.

There being no comments by the public and after complete discussion, vote by roll call was held as follows:

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Dr. Lane, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton,  
Dr. Petitto, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ms. Johnson, Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN / GENERAL BOND RESOLUTION**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Morris to adopt a resolution approving the Capital Improvement Plan, designating purposes for which proceeds of proposed General Obligation Bonds will be budgeted, and otherwise providing with respect thereto as presented.

There being no comments by the public and after complete discussion, vote was held as follows:

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Dr. Lane, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton,  
Dr. Petitto, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Ms. Johnson, Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE/STRATEGIC SESSION**

There being no comments by the public and there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Newton and seconded by Ms. Stanley-Wallace for the Board of Commissioners to go into Executive Session in order to receive the records and proceedings of the Hospital Medical Executive/Credentials Committee, reports, statistics, minutes and proceedings of the Hospital/Medical Staff Quality Assurance Committee, standing committees of the Board, and any other related records and documents, pursuant to La. R.S. 42:17, La. R.S. 42:16, and La. R.S. 44:7D, and those items considered key to strategic planning and marketing as provided by La. R.S. 46:1073.

Vote was held as follows:

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Dr. Lane, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: Ms. Johnson, Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

**The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:13 p.m.**

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. DiGiovanni and seconded by Ms. Stanley-Wallace for the Board of Commissioners to return to open session.

Vote was held as follows:

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Dr. Lane, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: Ms. Johnson, Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

**The Board of Commissioners returned to Open Session at 6:15 p.m.**

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**MUNICIPAL ADVISOR AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Stanley-Wallace to approve the Municipal Advisory Agreement by and between St. Tammany Parish Hospital District No. 2 and Raymond James & Associates, Inc. as presented.

There being no comments by the public and after complete discussion, vote was held as follows:

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Dr. Lane, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: Ms. Johnson, Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no final comments by the public or further discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Newton to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was *adjourned at 6:16 p.m.*

(original signature on file)  
**LARRY P. ENGLANDE, SR.**  
**CHAIR**

(original signature on file)  
**WALTER J. “DUB” LANE JR.**  
**SECRETARY**

*(Minutes approved by Board of Commissioners on January 27, 2025)*