

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

MONDAY - January 26, 2026 - 6:00 P.M.
SLIDELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL REGIONAL CANCER CENTER
SKYVIEW CONFERENCE ROOM (#302), 1120 ROBERT BLVD., SLIDELL, LA

The meeting of the St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2 Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, January 26, 2026.

THOSE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Joseph "Joe" DiGiovanni
Mr. Larry Englande
Ms. Georgia Johnson
Dr. Walter "Dub" Lane
Dr. Matthew Miller
Dr. Tommy Morris
Mr. James "Bill" Newton
Ms. Kristen Stanley-Wallace

THOSE BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Robert Mercadel

THOSE ALSO PRESENT

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. Krista Rainey, Executive Assistant
Mr. Jason Wilson, Chief Operating Officer

Dr. Samy Abdelghani, Ochsner Associate Regional Medical Director-St. Tammany East
Mr. Jeff Edge, Ochsner Chief Operating Officer-Northshore 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 and Mississippi Gulf Coast, and Rush Regions
Mr. Blake Sistrunk, Ochsner Business Operations and Planning Manager-Northshore and Mississippi Gulf Coast Region

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Ms. Stanley-Wallace, Chair.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Ms. Stanley-Wallace declared a quorum of the Board was present.

PRAYER

Mr. Ganucheau delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Stanley-Wallace led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Ms. Stanley-Wallace welcomed all guests in attendance.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next regular monthly Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Slidell Memorial Hospital Regional Cancer Center Skyview Conference Room (302), 1120 Robert Blvd., Slidell, LA.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OATHS OF OFFICE

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- a. **Matthew Miller, M.D.** – New appointment as 2026 Medical Staff President/Chief of Staff; oath administered on January 6, 2026 to fill one year term commencing January 1, 2026 and ending December 31,2026. Dr. Matthew Miller was then welcomed to the Board.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair

A nomination was made by Mr. DiGiovanni to re-elect Ms. Stanley-Wallace as Chair of the Board of Commissioners. After a call for additional nominations and there being none, nominations were closed. A motion was made by Mr. DiGiovanni and seconded by Mr. Morris to re-elect ***Ms. Stanley-Wallace as Chair (2026 term)*** of the Board of Commissioners.

After full and complete discussion, vote was held as follows:

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Miller,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

Vice-Chair

A nomination was made by Dr. Lane to re-elect Dr. Morris as Vice-Chair of the Board of Commissioners. After a call for additional nominations and there being none, nominations were closed. A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Englande to re-elect ***Dr. Morris as Vice-Chair (2026 term)*** of the Board of Commissioners.

After full and complete discussion, vote was held as follows:

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Miller, Mr. Newton
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair), Dr. Morris (Vice-Chair)
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

Secretary/Treasurer

A nomination was made by Mr. Newton to re-elect Dr. Lane as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners. After a call for additional nominations and there being none, nominations were closed. A motion was made by Mr. Newton and seconded by Mr. Englande to re-elect ***Dr. Lane as Secretary/Treasurer*** of the Board of Commissioners.

After full and complete discussion, vote was held as follows:

Affirmative – Yea: Dr. Morris (Vice-Chair), Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Miller
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair), Dr. Lane (Secretary/Treasurer)
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE/TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS

Ms. Stanley-wallace made the following recommendations of Board of Commissioners Committee/Trustee Appointments in accordance with the Board Bylaws Article III Section 2. Upon discussion led by Chair opening up the below items for further edits and there being one addition, all accepted appointments made by Chair with no dissent.

a. **Board Committees**

Finance Committee

Dr. Lane as Chair; Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Morris,
Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Master Facility Plan (MFP) Committee

Dr. Morris as Chair; Mr. Newton as Vice-Chair; Mr. Englande, Dr. Lane, Dr. Miller, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

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Quality Committee

Ms. Johnson as Chair, Dr. Morris as Vice-Chair; Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Miller

Executive Committee

Ms. Stanley-Wallace as Chair; Mr. Englande, Dr. Lane, Dr. Morris

b. SMH Foundation Board of Trustees Appointments

Discussion was led by Chair regarding the following appointments with no dissent.

Commissioners Trustee – Mr. DiGiovanni (Board of Commissioners Chair Designee) to continue to serve term at the pleasure of the Board Chair

Hospital Trustee – Ms. Badinger (Chief Executive Officer) to continue to serve term while employed as CEO

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OH PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE/BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

Discussion was led By Chair regarding the following appointments with no dissent.

a. SMH/OH JOA Strategy and Oversight Committee

Mr. Englande, Dr. Lane, Dr. Morris, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

b. NSR Louisiana, LLC Board of Managers

Mr. DiGiovanni, Ms. Badinger

BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTMENTS – STPHSD NO. 2 SUBSIDIARY CORPORATION

a. Second District Hospital Company, Inc.

Nominations were made by Dr. Lane to elect Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Miller, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, and Ms. Stanley-Wallace to the Second District Hospital Company, Inc. Board of Directors. After a call for additional nominations and there being none, the nominations were closed.

A motion was then made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Morris to elect *Joseph “Joe” DiGiovanni, Jr., Larry P. Englande, Sr., Georgia M. Johnson, Walter J. “Dub” Lane, Jr., Robert C. Mercadel, M.D., Matthew K. Miller, M.D., Tommy C. Morris, Jr., James W. Bill” Newton, and Kristen R. Stanley-Wallace* to the Second District Hospital Company, Inc. Board of Directors.

After full and complete discussion, vote was held as follows:

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane,
Dr. Miller, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

a. Commissioners Trustee – Joe DiGiovanni

- **SMH Foundation Board Update** – Mr. DiGiovanni held a brief discussion on the grants relative to the budget and 10% increase.

b. Chief Legal Officer – Gil Ganucheau

- **SMH Conflicts of Interest Policy Annual Statement** – Reviewed hospital’s Policy SMH.LD-710 relative to the annual disclosing of any conflicts of interests and requested Commissioners and Senior Leaders to complete/sign the acknowledgement statement distributed and return to Ms. Rainey. Specific questions can be directed to Mr. Ganucheau and signed statements will be kept on file in Administration and forwarded to Legal Department.

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c. Board Chair – Kristen Stanley-Wallace

- **Louisiana Hospital Association Winter Healthcare Leadership Symposium** - Reminder was given of the Symposium taking place on February 10-11, 2026 at the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel. Full agenda was provided and final information packets with symposium registrations and hotel confirmations were distributed. A dinner has been arranged for evening of February 10th at Juban’s Restaurant for those attending.

QUARTERLY UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT HIGHLIGHTS (PER ACT 562/365)

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Englande to accept the Quarterly Unaudited Financial Statement Highlights (Per Act 562/365) as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Miller,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

RESOLUTIONS REGARDING AUTHORITY OF:

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (BADINGER) AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER (BOLANDER)

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Newton to adopt Resolutions Regarding Authority of Chief Executive Officer (Sandy T. Badinger) and Chief Financial Officer (Patrick C. Bolander) as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Miller,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

DIGITAL 3D SPECIMEN RADIOGRAPHY SYSTEM

PUBLIC BID AUTHORIZATION

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Morris to authorize Public Bid for the Digital 3D Specimen Radiography System as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Miller,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

INTERIOR WAYFINDING SIGNAGE OF SMH MAIN HOSPITAL

PUBLIC BID AUTHORIZATION

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. DiGiovanni to authorize Public Bid for the Interior Wayfinding Signage of SMH Main Hospital as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Miller,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

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PUBLIC BID AUTHORIZATION

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Morris to authorize Public Bid for the Pharmacy Leadership Relocation Renovation project as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Miller,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

FOUNDERS BUILDING CHILLER INSTALLATION

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the Founders Building Chiller Installation project and to authorize the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, or any of them, to execute an agreement between Slidell Memorial Hospital and vendor selected for said project as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Miller,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

PRE/POST NURSES' STATION RENOVATION

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Englande to approve the Pre/Post Nurses' Station Renovation project and to authorize the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, or any of them, to execute an agreement between Slidell Memorial Hospital and vendor selected for said project as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Miller,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

SMH MOB 1 ADA UPGRADES TO 2ND, 3RD AND 4TH FLOOR DOORS

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Newton to approve the SMH MOB 1 ADA Upgrades to 2nd, 3rd and 4th Floor Doors project and to authorize the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, or any of them to execute an agreement between Slidell Memorial Hospital and vendor selected for said project as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Miller,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

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CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Newton and seconded by Dr. Miller to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes, December 18, 2025 *(Regular Meeting)*

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

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Miller,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent: 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 Ms. Johnson and seconded by Dr. Morris 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, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Miller,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:27 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Englande for the Board of Commissioners to return to open session.

Vote was held as follows:

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Miller, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners returned to Open Session at 7:44 p.m.

MEDICAL STAFF AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGES

A motion was made by Dr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the Medical Staff and Allied Health Professional Privileges as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Miller,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

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SMH FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Englande to accept the monthly SMH Financial Report as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Miller,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

LOUISIANA HOME CARE OF SLIDELL FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Englande to accept the monthly Louisiana Home Care of Slidell Financial Report as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Miller,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

NORTHSHORE REHABILITATION HOSPITAL FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Englande to accept the monthly Northshore Rehabilitation Hospital Financial Report (“NSR – Rehab Joint Venture) as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Miller,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

MARKETING/STRATEGIC CONTRACTS

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Johnson to ratify Marketing/Strategic Contracts Received/Signed in December 2025 as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Miller,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

GEN. LIAB. SETTLEMENT REQUEST (LHA Trust Funds Claim No. T51X-221225640-20)

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Morris to approve the Gen. Liab. Settlement Request (LHA Trust Funds Claim No. T51X-221225640-20) as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Miller,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

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BUDGET APPROVAL

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Miller to approve the budget for the Digital 3D Specimen Radiography System project as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Miller,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

INTERIOR WAYFINDING SIGNAGE OF SMH MAIN HOSPITAL
BUDGET APPROVAL

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Miller to approve the budget for the Interior Wayfinding Signage of SMH Main Hospital project as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Miller,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

PHARMACY LEADERSHIP RELOCATION RENOVATION
BUDGET APPROVAL

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Miller to approve the budget for the Pharmacy Leadership Relocation Renovation project as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Miller,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM (EXECUTIVE) PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN
FY 2025 METRIC FINAL RESULTS

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. DiGiovanni to approve the Senior Management Team (Executive) Performance Incentive Compensation Plan FY 2025 Metric Final Results; authorizing a one-time payment in line with Ochsner's payout schedule as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Miller,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

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SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM (EXECUTIVE) PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN FY 2026 METRIC GOALS

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Morris to approve the Senior Management Team (Executive) Performance Incentive Compensation Plan FY 2026 Metric Goals as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Miller,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. DiGiovanni and seconded by Mr. Newton to approve the Executive Consent Agenda as presented:

- a. Approve Draft of Master Facility Plan Committee Minutes, January 5 2026**
- b. Accept Draft of Quality Committee Minutes, January 21, 2026**
- c. Accept Master Facility Plan Report**
- d. Accept Quality Report (Hospital)**

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

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Miller,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

ADDITION TO AGENDA

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Johnson to open the agenda to add an item relative to the possible MRI repair/replacement as presented:

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

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Miller,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley- Wallace
Negative – No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed unanimously.

MRI REPAIR/REPLACEMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Johnson to declare an emergency with regard to the MRI shielding in the Main Hospital within the meaning of Louisiana Revised Statue 38:2211 A.(5) and 38:2212 P. (1)(a) in order that repairs or replacement can begin without the delay required by the public bid process; that notice of the emergency be published in the official journal of the District; and to authorize the Chair of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, or either of them to accept the most favorable proposal for the expeditious repair or replacement of the MRI shielding together with any construction attendant thereto and further to have such an additional authority as necessary and appropriate to accomplish the intent of this resolution.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Miller,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley- Wallace
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley- Wallace (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no final comments by the public or further discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Mr. DiGiovanni to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was *adjourned at 7:48 p.m.*

(original signature on file)
KRISTEN R. STANLEY-WALLACE
CHAIR

(original signature on file)
WALTER J. "DUB" LANE JR.
SECRETARY

(Minutes approved by Board of Commissioners February 23, 2026)