

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. TAMMANY PARISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 2**  
**dba SLIDELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**MARCH 18, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joseph “Joe” DiGiovanni  
Larry Englande (*arrived at 12:03 p.m.*)  
Georgia Johnson  
Walter “Dub” Lane (Committee Chair)  
Tommy Morris  
James “Bill” Newton (*arrived at 12:18 p.m.*)

**OTHER BOC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

N/A

**THOSE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Kristen Stanley-Wallace

**THOSE ALSO PRESENT:**

Sandy Badinger, Chief Executive Officer  
Kathy Sponge, Sr. Executive Assistant  
Gilbert Ganucheau, Chief Legal Officer  
Holly Sanchez, Chief Administrative Officer  
Ken Smith, Chief Operating Officer, Northshore & Mississippi Gulf Coast Region, OH

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Dr. Lane, Committee Chair.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. DiGiovanni and seconded by Dr. Morris to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2024 Finance Committee meeting as presented. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Finance Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

*Mr. Englande arrived at 5:03 p.m.*

**LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAX RESOLUTION 2023**

**- ST. TAMMANY PARISH TAX ASSESSOR**

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Ms. Morris to recommend to the Board of Commissioners of the adoption of a resolution providing for the levy and collection of ad valorem tax (6.75 mils) in St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2, to be spread upon the 2024 Assessment Roll of said Parish as presented. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried.

**LOUISIANA LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR'S COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRE**

A motion was made by Mr. DiGiovanni and seconded by Ms. Johnson to recommend to the Board of Commissioners adoption of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor’s Compliance Questionnaire for 2023 audit period as presented. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried.

**SALES TAX EXEMPTION RESOLUTION 2024**

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Mr. Englande to recommend to the Board of Commissioners adoption of the Sales Tax Exemption Resolution 2024 as presented. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried.

**CAPITAL EQUIPMENT EXPENDITURE ITEMS BID OPENING**

Mr. Bolander reminded the Committee of the bid opening which will occur on March 21, 2024 for the below listed capital equipment expenditure items. The bid results and awarding of contract will be brought to the full Board at their next meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

- Cardio-Pulmonary Bypass Pumps (O.R. Perfusion System)
- Contrast Media Injectors (Cardiac Cath Lab)

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**CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS FOR APPROVAL/RATIFICATION**

A motion was made by Mr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Englande to recommend to the Board of Commissioners ratification of signed contracts received in February 2024 as presented. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE/STRATEGIC SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. DiGiovanni and seconded by Ms. Johnson for the Finance Committee 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. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried and the Committee went into executive session at 5:06 p.m.

*Mr. Newton arrived at 5:18 p.m.*

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Dr. Morris for the Finance Committee to return to open session. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried and the Committee returned to open session at 5:46 p.m.

**REPORTS**

A motion was made by Mr. DiGiovanni and seconded by Mr. Englande to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval/acceptance of the following report(s) as presented. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried.

- a. Northshore Rehabilitation Hospital Financial Report (“NSR” -Rehab Joint Venture)**
- b. SMH Financial Report, February 2024**
- c. Prof. Liability/Malpractice Settlement Requests**
  - LHA Trust Funds Claim No. **T51X-200823045-40**, for approval recommendation
  - LHA Trust Funds Claim No. **T51X-191123283-40**, for acceptance/concurrence recommendation
  - LHA Trust Funds Claim No. **T51X-220424808-20**, for acceptance/concurrence recommendation

**CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS - MARKETING/STRATEGIC FOR APPROVAL/RATIFICATION**

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Dr. Morris to the Board of Commissioners ratification of signed marketing/strategic contracts received in February 2024 as presented. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Englande to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

***(Draft of Minutes accepted by Board of Commissioners on March 25, 2024)***  
***(Minutes approved by Finance Committee on April 22, 2024)***