

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

**MONDAY - MARCH 30, 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, March 30, 2026.

**THOSE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**THOSE BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

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

Ms. Sandy Badinger, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. Pat Bolander, Chief Financial Officer  
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

-----  
Ms. Lauri Panzeca, SMH Foundation Director  
Mr. Mike Note, City of Slidell CAO  
Mr. Danny Culpepper - STPSO  
Mr. Jim Tonglet – CPA/SMH Foundation  
Dr. James Butler, SMH Physician

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 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, April 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Slidell Memorial Hospital Regional Cancer Center Skyview Conference Room (#302), 1120 Robert Blvd., Slidell, LA.

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

**MONDAY - MARCH 30, 2026 - 6:00 P.M.**  
**SLIDELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL REGIONAL CANCER CENTER**  
**SKYVIEW CONFERENCE ROOM (#302), 1120 ROBERT BLVD., SLIDELL, LA**

**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- a. **SMH Foundation Executive Director – Laurie Panzeca**
  - **SMH Foundation Annual Report**
- b. **Chief Legal Officer – Gil Ganucheau**
  - **Louisiana Board of Ethics Annual Tier 2.1 Financial Disclosure Statement, Forms 417 and 405–** Reviewed the annual requirements surrounding the filing of Form 417 and Form 405. The deadline for filing, via US mail, fax, or on-line, is May 15, 2026 for calendar year 2026. Fines will occur if not received in a timely manner and it was recommended to Commissioners keep evidence of submission.
- c. **Board Chair – Kristen Stanley-Wallace**
  - **Summer Conference –Perdido Beach**
  - **Louisiana Hospital Association Summer Conference** -Announcement was made of the Conference taking place on July 20-22, 2026 at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, Alabama. Upon review of the conference materials distributed, please advise Ms. Rainey if interested in attending by completing the questionnaire form provided. A dinner for those attending may also be planned but more information will be given at a future date.

**LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAX RESOLUTION 2026**  
**- ST. TAMMANY PARISH TAX ASSESSOR**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Newton to adopt a resolution providing for the levy and collection of ad valorem tax (5.99 mils) in St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2, to be spread upon the 2026 Assessment Roll of said Parish as presented.

There being no comments by the public and after complete discussion, roll call 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:

The motion passed.

**SALES TAX EXEMPTION RESOLUTION 2025**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Johnson to adopt the Sales Tax Exemption Resolution 2026 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. Morris,  
Dr. Miller  
Negative – No: None  
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)  
Absent:

The motion passed.

**Contracts**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Englande to approve the Contracts for March 2026 and to ratify the contracts Received/Signed in February 2026 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:

The motion passed.

**Digital 3D Specimen Radiography System**

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

**MONDAY - MARCH 30, 2026 - 6:00 P.M.**  
**SLIDELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL REGIONAL CANCER CENTER**  
**SKYVIEW CONFERENCE ROOM (#302), 1120 ROBERT BLVD., SLIDELL, LA**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Mercadel to accept the public bid(s) and award the contract to Kub Technologies, Inc. for the project identified as “Digital 3D Specimen Radiography System” for the contract sum of one hundred ninety-six thousand, seven hundred eighty-four dollars (\$196,784) and for a resolution to authorize the Chair of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, or any of them, to execute an agreement between the District and Kub Technologies, Inc. for the construction 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. Mercadel, Dr. Miller,  
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton  
Negative – No: None  
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)  
Absent:

The motion passed.

**Interior Signage of SMH Main**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Johnson to accept the public bid(s) and award the contract to KEEL Enterprises of LA, LLC d/b/a/ ASI Signage Innovations, for the project identified as “Interior Signage of SMH Main” for the contract sum of one hundred two thousand, seven hundred sixty-two dollars (\$102,762) and for a resolution to authorize the Chair of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, or any of them, to execute an agreement between the District and KEEL Enterprises of LA, LLC d/b/a ASI Signage Innovations. for the construction 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. Mercadel, Dr. Miller,  
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton  
Negative – No: None  
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)  
Absent:

The motion passed.

**Pharmacy Leadership Relocation Renovation – Bid#26-03-01C**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Morris to approve the public bid(s) and award the contract to Artigues Construction, for the project identified as “Pharmacy Leadership Relocation Renovation” for the contract sum of one hundred fifty six thousand, eight hundred sixty-two dollars (\$156,862) and for a resolution to authorize the Chair of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, or any of them, to execute an agreement between the District and Artigues Construction. for the construction 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. Mercadel, Dr. Miller,  
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton  
Negative – No: None  
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)  
Absent:

The motion passed.

**SMH Main Ultrasound**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Mercadel to approve the GE Ultrasound for SMH Main capital expenditure at a cost not to exceed \$340,140.80 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 GPO 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. Mercadel, Dr. Miller,  
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton  
Negative – No: None  
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)  
Absent:

The motion passed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**MONDAY - MARCH 30, 2026 - 6:00 P.M.**  
**SLIDELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL REGIONAL CANCER CENTER**  
**SKYVIEW CONFERENCE ROOM (#302), 1120 ROBERT BLVD., SLIDELL, LA**

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

- a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes, February 23, 2026** *(Regular Meeting)*
- b. Accept Plan Revision(s) for 2026**
  - **Infection Prevention and Control Plan**
  - **Utilization Management Plan**
- c. Adopt Sales Tax Exemption Resolution 2026**
- d. Approve Contracts for March 2026 and Ratify Contracts Received/Signed in February 2026**

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:

The motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE/STRATEGIC SESSION**

There being no comments by the public and there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Mercadel and seconded by Dr. Miller 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. Mercadel, Dr. Miller, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton  
Negative – No: None  
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)  
Absent:

The motion passed.

**The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:52 p.m.**

*All guests/presenters exited the meeting.*

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made by Dr. Mercadel and seconded by Ms. Johnson 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. Mercadel, Dr. Miller, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton  
Negative – No: None  
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)  
Absent:

The motion passed.

**The Board of Commissioners returned to Open Session at 7:18 p.m.**

**POLICIES**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Newton to approve/ratify Policies 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. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Dr. Miller  
Negative – No: None  
Abstain: Ms. Johnson, Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)  
Absent: Mr. Newton

The motion passed.

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

**MONDAY - MARCH 30, 2026 - 6:00 P.M.**  
**SLIDELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL REGIONAL CANCER CENTER**  
**SKYVIEW CONFERENCE ROOM (#302), 1120 ROBERT BLVD., SLIDELL, LA**

**MEDICAL STAFF AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGES**

A motion was made by Dr. Miller and seconded by Dr. Mercadel 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:

The motion passed.

**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. Mercadel, Dr. Miller,  
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton  
Negative – No: None  
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)  
Absent:

The motion passed.

**Louisiana Home Care of Slidell Financial Report**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Newton to accept 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. Mercadel, Dr. Miller,  
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton  
Negative – No: None  
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)  
Absent:

The motion passed.

**Northshore Rehabilitation Hospital Financial Report**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Mercadel to accept Northshore Rehabilitation Hospital 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. Mercadel, Dr. Miller,  
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton  
Negative – No: None  
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)  
Absent:

The motion passed.

**Marketing/Strategic Contracts**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Miller to accept the

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:

The motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**MONDAY - MARCH 30, 2026 - 6:00 P.M.**  
**SLIDELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL REGIONAL CANCER CENTER**  
**SKYVIEW CONFERENCE ROOM (#302), 1120 ROBERT BLVD., SLIDELL, LA**

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Dr. Mercadel to approve the Executive Consent Agenda as presented:

- a. **Accept Draft of Quality Committee Minutes, March 25, 2026**
- b. **Accept Patient Experience Report**
- c. **Accept Quality Report (Hospital)**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. DiGiovanni to open the agenda. The vote was held and was unanimous (Or however you show votes on a motion).

A motion was made by Dr. Lane seconded by Mr. DiGiovanni for a resolution to authorize purchase of property located on 11<sup>th</sup> Street and granting authority to the CEO or CFO to negotiate the purchase of the property, and execute any necessary documents to affect the acquisition.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND FINAL COMMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no final comments by the public or further discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Englande to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was *adjourned at 7:22 p.m.*

(original signature on file)                      (original signature on file)  
**KRISTEN R. STANLEY-WALLACE**              **WALTER J. "DUB" LANE JR.**  
**CHAIR**    **SECRETARY**

*(Minutes approved by Board of Commissioners April 27, 2026)*