

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

MONDAY - MARCH 31, 2025 - 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 31, 2025.

THOSE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Joseph “Joe” DiGiovanni
Mr. Larry Englande
Ms. Georgia Johnson
Dr. Walter “Dub” Lane
Dr. Robert Mercadel
Dr. Tommy Morris
Dr. Francis Petitto
Ms. Kristen Stanley-Wallace

THOSE BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. James “Bill” Newton

THOSE ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Sandy Badinger, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Pat Bolander, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Kathy Esponge, Senior Executive Assistant
Mr. Gilbert Ganuchau, Chief Legal Officer
Mr. Ray Holmes, Chief Nursing Officer
Dr. Charlane Lilies, Vice President Medical Affairs
Lynn Necaie, Quality and Patient Safety AVP
Ms. Holly Sanchez, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Jason Wilson, Chief Operating Officer

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
Mr. Jeff Edge, Ochsner Chief Operating Officer -Northshore and Mississippi Gulf Coast Region

Ms. Laurie Panzeca, SMH Foundation Executive Director
Mr. Jim Tonglet, SMH Foundation Board Chairman

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. Ganuchau 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 MEETINGS

The next Board of Commissioners meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Slidell Memorial Hospital Regional Cancer Center Skyview Conference Room (#302), 1120 Robert Blvd., Slidell, LA.

- a. **Special Meeting on April 7, 2025** – held quarterly in conjunction with the OH/SMH JOA Strategy and Oversight Committee
- b. **Regular Meeting on April 28, 2025** – held monthly

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REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

a. SMH Foundation Executive Director – Laurie Panzeca; Chairman – Jim Tonglet

- **SMH Foundation Annual Report** – Annual report was presented for 2024, sharing the Foundation’s purpose and achievements towards the overall purpose which included grants to SMH (patient programs, equipment technology, and renovations), grant writing and administration for SMH, conducting, sponsoring, and participating in events to raise public awareness of SMH. Highlights were presented with information on years 2024 and 2025 (strategic planning session, three new board members) and special events (Driving Out Cancer Golf Tournament and Rooftop Rendezvous) as well as a summary of ways to give, grants awarded, financial data, sustainability, and 2025 fund raising budget. Will be focusing more on aligning goals and objectives to match those of the hospital’s. Plan to seek out those potential new board members who feel strongly about our hospital and our community. Ms. Badinger extended her appreciation for the hard work and definitely felt a new energy come about within the group.

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. If you have any contractual relationships (employment, lease, etc.) with the hospital, you must also file a Form 405. The deadline for filing, via US mail, fax, or on-line, is May 15, 2025 for calendar year 2024. Fines will occur if not received in a timely manner and it was recommended to Commissioners to keep evidence of submission.

c. Chief Executive Officer – Sandy Badinger

- **SMH/OH JOA Strategy and Oversight Committee** – If you have items you would like to be added to the upcoming meeting agenda which is currently being worked on, please notify Ms. Badinger.

d. Board Chair – Kristen Stanley-Wallace

- **Louisiana Hospital Association Summer Conference Announcement** – This year’s conference will be held on July 21-23, 2025 at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, Alabama. Upon review of the conference materials distributed, please consider attending and inform Ms. Espunge by way of completing the questionnaire provided and returning to her by May 1st for registration purposes as well as preferences on optional activities. A dinner for Commissioners, Senior Leaders, and their spouse/guest will also be planned for July 21st at the Louisiana Lagniappe Restaurant.

SECONDARY BANK DEPOSITORY RESOLUTIONS

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. DiGiovanni to adopt the Resolutions Regarding Authorization of Secondary Bank Depository (Capital One) 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. Petitto

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)

Absent: Mr. Newton

The motion passed.

SALES TAX EXEMPTION RESOLUTION 2025

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Mercadel to adopt the Sales Tax Exemption Resolution 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. Mercadel, Dr. Morris,
Dr. Petitto

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)

Absent: Mr. Newton

The motion passed.

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POLICIES

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

The motion passed.

CONTRACTS

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Johnson to ratify Contracts Received/Signed in February 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. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Dr. Petitto
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. Newton

The motion passed.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. DiGiovanni and seconded by Dr. Morris to approve draft of the February 24, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes 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. Petitto
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. Newton

The motion passed.

FLEXIBLE DIGITAL UROLOGY SCOPES

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. DiGiovanni to approve leasing the Flexible Digital Urology Scopes capital expenditure item at a cost not to exceed \$348,822.87 and to authorize the Chair 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. Morris, Dr. Petitto
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. Newton

The motion passed.

PULMONOLOGY CLINIC RENOVATION, MOB I SUITE 320

PUBLIC BID ACCEPTANCE AND AWARD

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Englande to accept the public bid(s) and to award the contract to Trison Construction, LLC .for the project identified as “1051 Gause Blvd. Suite 320 Renovation (Pulmonology Clinic), RFB #25-03-01C” for the contract sum of Three Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$360,000.00); 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 Trison Construction, LLC 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. Morris, Dr. Petitto
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. Newton

The motion passed.

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**ROBOTICS BENIGN PROSTATIC HYPERPLASIA (BPH) HYDRO RESECTION SYSTEM
PUBLIC BID AUTHORIZATION**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Mercadel to authorize issuance of Public Bid for the Robotics Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH) Hydro Resection System capital equipment purchase 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. Petitto

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)

Absent: Mr. Newton

The motion passed.

PLAN REVISIONS

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Dr. Mercadel to accept all Annual Plans mentioned below, as presented.

- **Infection Prevention and Control Plan 2025**
- **Performance Improvement and Patient Safety Plan 2025**
- **Utilization Management Plan 2025**

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. Petitto

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)

Absent: Mr. Newton

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:

The motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m.

Guest presenters exited the meeting.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Mr. DiGiovanni 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. Morris,
Dr. Petitto

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)

Absent: Mr. Newton

The motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners returned to Open Session at 8:07 p.m.

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MEDICAL STAFF AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGES

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

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

The motion passed.

LOUISIANA HOME CARE OF SLIDELL REPORT

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

The motion passed.

NORTHSHORE REHABILITATION HOSPITAL REPORT

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

The motion passed.

MARKETING/STRATEGIC CONTRACTS

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Englande to approve Marketing/Strategic Contracts for March 2025, excluding C#7597, and to ratify Marketing/Strategic Contracts Received/Signed in February 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. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Dr. Petitto
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. Newton

The motion passed.

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**ROBOTICS BENIGN PROSTATIC HYPERPLASIA (BPH) HYDRO RESECTION SYSTEM
BUDGET APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Mercadel to approve the budget for the Robotics Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH) Hydro Resection System capital equipment purchase 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. Petitto

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)

Absent: Mr. Newton

The motion passed.

COMPLAINTS AND GRIEVANCES ANNUAL REPORT

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Ms. Johnson to accept the Complaints and Grievances Annual 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. Morris,
Dr. Petitto

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)

Absent: Mr. Newton

The motion passed.

QUALITY REPORT

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Ms. Johnson to accept the monthly Quality 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. Morris,
Dr. Petitto

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)

Absent: Mr. Newton

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. Englande to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was *adjourned at 8:09 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 on April 28, 2025)