

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

**MONDAY - APRIL 28, 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, April 28, 2025.

**THOSE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**THOSE BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

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

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Ms. Aisha Pujadas-Walsh, Ochsner Compliance Manager

**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 Thursday, May 29, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Slidell Memorial Hospital Regional Cancer Center Skyview Conference Room (#302), 1120 Robert Blvd., Slidell, LA.

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**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**a. Chief Legal Officer – Gil Ganucheau**

- **Louisiana Board of Ethics Annual Tier 2.1 Financial Disclosure Statement, Forms 417 and 405** – Reminder given of the annual requirements surrounding the filing of Form 417 and Form 405. The deadline for filing is May 15, 2025 for calendar year 2024. Fines will occur if not filed timely.

**b. Chief Executive Officer – Sandy Badinger**

- **Millage Update** – Senior leaders, including Ms. Badinger, Ms. Sanchez, Mr. Ganucheau, met with approximately 74 separate groups (internal and external). Print and radio advertising placed throughout the campaign as well as a live broadcast on the Lake 94.7 radio podcast with host Charles Dowdy and interview resulting in article by Slidell Independent's editor Kevin Chiri. Sent 14,000 direct mailers to the chronic voters and 2,000 to employees who reside in one of the District's taxing wards. Emails were sent to all SMH/Ochsner employees and will also be sent to all Ochsner corporate employees residing in hospital's district by Mike Hulefeld, President and COO of Ochsner Health. Employee rally will be held with on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> on the garage rooftop and a small election poll watch event will be held on Saturday evening, May 3<sup>rd</sup> as to monitor results as they come in. A recognition is planned for the Board meeting next month (win or lose) to the Community Outreach Services employees who worked tirelessly in heading up the millage campaign. Ms. Stanley-Wallace extended her appreciation to all the Team for such an excellent job in leading the millage campaign (pass or fail) throughout the community.
- **MD Anderson Cancer Center** – Advertisement shared with the Board regarding MD Anderson's advertisement in bringing worldwide class cancer care to Slidell through partnerships meeting extremely specific protocol approvals. Volume is expected to grow by 8% and a more detailed plan will be forthcoming, including proposed building signage.

**c. Board Chair – Kristen Stanley-Wallace**

- **Louisiana Hospital Association Summer Conference** – Reminder given of the conference dates and location (July 21-23, 2025 at the Perdido Beach Resort Hotel). If anyone has not yet turned in the registration questionnaire to Ms., Esponge, please do so by May 1, 2025.

**QUARTERLY UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT HIGHLIGHTS (Per Act 562/365)**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Newton to accept the Quarterly Unaudited Financial Statement Highlights 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. Morris,  
Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

**CONTRACTS**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. DiGiovanni to ratify Contracts Received/Signed in March 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. Morris,  
Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

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**ROBOTICS BENIGN PROSTATIC HYPERPLASIA (BPH HYDRO RESECTION SYSTEM  
PUBLIC BID ACCEPTANCE AND AWARD**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Englande to accept and approve the bid by Procept for the price of \$499,999.00, with a one-year limited warranty, for the acquisition of one HYDROS Robotic System and associated accessories; 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 a contract or purchase order for acquisition of a HYDROS Robotic System in an amount not to exceed the bid price and are further authorized to execute such documents and to have such additional authority as necessary and appropriate to accomplish the intent of this resolution 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. Morris, Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes**
  - **March 31, 2025** (*Regular Meeting*)
  - **April 7, 2025** (*Special Meeting w/SOC*)

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

The motion passed.

**The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:28 p.m.**

*Mr. Englande exited the meeting at 7:35 p.m. during executive session.*

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Newton for the Board of Commissioners to return to open session.

Vote was held as follows:

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

The motion passed.

**The Board of Commissioners returned to Open Session at 7:58 p.m.**

**COMPLIANCE REPORT**

Upon previous discussion led by Ms. Pujadas-Walsh in executive session, a motion was made by Mr. DiGiovanni and seconded by Ms. Johnson to accept the Compliance Report as presented. Request was made to have future reports go to the Board's Finance Committee on a quarterly basis.

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

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

Negative – No: None  
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)  
Absent: Mr. Englande, Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

*Mr. Englande returned to the meeting at 7:59 p.m.*

**MEDICAL STAFF AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGES**

A motion was made by Dr. Petitto and seconded by Dr. Morris 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. Morris,  
Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

Negative – No: None  
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)  
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

**NORTHSHORE BUSINESS & INDUSTRY MEMORANUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

A motion was made by Mr. DiGiovanni and seconded by Mr. Newton to approve the Northshore Business & Industry Memorandum of Understanding 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. Morris,  
Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

Negative – No: None  
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)  
Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

**SMH INSURANCE RENEWAL**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the Northshore Business & Industry Memorandum of Understanding 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. Morris,  
Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

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 Dr. Morris 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. Morris,  
Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

**LOUISIANA HOME CARE OF SLIDELL REPORT**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Petitto 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. Morris,  
Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

**NORTHSHORE REHABILITATION HOSPITAL REPORT (“NSR”-Rehab Joint Venture)**

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

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 Mr. Newton to approve Marketing/Strategic Contracts for April 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. Morris,  
Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

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. Englande to approve the Executive Consent Agenda as presented:

**a. Accept Draft of Quality Committee Minutes, April 23, 2025**

**b. 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. Morris,  
Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

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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. Englande to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was *adjourned at 8:00 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 May 29, 2025)*