

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

MONDAY - APRIL 29, 2024 - 6:00 P.M.
SLIDELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDERS BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM (1ST Floor), 1150 ROBERT BLVD., SLIDELL, LA

The meeting of the St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2 Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, April 29, 2024.

THOSE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Joseph “Joe” DiGiovanni
Mr. Larry Englande
Ms. Georgia Johnson *(arrived at 6:10 p.m.)*
Dr. Walter “Dub” Lane
Dr. Matthew McElveen *(arrived at 6:15 p.m.)*
Dr. Robert Mercadel
Dr. Tommy Morris
Mr. James “Bill” Newton
Ms. Kristen Stanley-Wallace

THOSE BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

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. James Newcomb, Vice President Medical Affairs
Ms. Holly Sanchez, Chief Administrative Officer

Dr. Richard Leblanc, Ochsner Regional Medical Director -Northshore East and Mississippi Gulf Coast Region
Dr. Timothy Riddell, Ochsner Chief Executive Officer -Northshore and Mississippi Gulf Coast Region
Mr. Ken Smith, Ochsner Chief Operating Officer -Northshore and Mississippi Gulf Coast Region
Dr. Zoe Larnard, Ochsner System Chair of Hematology Oncology and Interim Medical Director, OCI
Ms. Emily Lawrence Pirch, Ochsner CoE Vice President, Cancer Center Service Line

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Englande, Chair.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Mr. Englande declared a quorum of the Board was present.

PRAYER

Mr. Ganucheau delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Englande led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Mr. Englande welcomed all guests in attendance.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next regular monthly Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Slidell Memorial Hospital Founders Building Conference Room (1ST Floor), 1150 Robert Blvd., Slidell, LA.

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, via US mail, fax, or on-line, is May 15, 2024 for calendar year 2023. Fines will occur

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if not received in a timely manner and it was recommended to Commissioners to keep evidence of submission.

b. Chief Executive Officer – Sandy Badinger

- **Ochsner’s 20th Annual Spirit of Leadership Award** – As one of the finalists for the non-clinical project of the year, Slidell Memorial Hospital actually won the 2023 Ochsner Health Spirit of Leadership Award for the SMH/Ochsner Integration project “Project Redfish”. Celebration with cake/punch will be made available in both main and east campus cafeterias for team members.
- **Nurses Week and Hospital Week** – Celebrations will occur for team members throughout the weeks of May 6-12 (National Nurses Week) and May 12-18 (National Hospital Week).

c. Board Chair – Larry Englande

- **Louisiana Hospital Association Summer Conference** – Reminder given of the conference being held on July 22-24, 2024 at the Perdido Beach Resort Hotel in Orange Beach, AL. If not yet registered, please contact Ms. Espone by May 1st.

OLYMPUS ENDOSCOPY EQUIPMENT LEASE

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Mercadel to approve the Olympus Endoscopy Equipment Lease to extend over a 36-month period for both SMH Main and SMH East campuses as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton,
Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: Ms. Johnson, Dr. McElveen

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes

- **March 25, 2024** (*Regular Meeting*)
- **April 8, 2024** (*Special Meeting w/SOC*)

b. Accept Plan Revisions for 2024

- **Performance Improvement and Patient Safety Plan**
- **Utilization Management Plan**

c. Accept Operational Standards

- **SMH.IC.OS.310 UV Disinfection Program**
- **SMH.HR.OS.210 Jury Duty or Court Services, rev**

d. Accept Quarterly Unaudited Financial Statement Highlights (Per Act 562/365)

e. Ratify Signed Contracts Received in March 2024

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

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton,
Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: Ms. Johnson, Dr. McElveen

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. Stanley-Wallace and seconded by Dr. Mercadel 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.

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Vote was held as follows:

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton,
Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: Ms. Johnson Dr. McElveen,

The motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:06 p.m.

Ms. Johnson arrived at 6:10 p.m.

Dr. McElveen arrived at 6:15 p.m.

Guest presenters exited the meeting upon giving their presentation.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. DiGiovanni and seconded by Dr. McElveen for the Board of Commissioners to return to open session.

Vote was held as follows:

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. McElveen, Dr. Mercadel,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent:

The motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners returned to Open Session at 7:32 p.m.

MEDICAL STAFF AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGES

A motion was made by Dr. McElveen 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, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. McElveen, Dr. Mercadel,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent:

The motion passed.

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, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. McElveen, Dr. Mercadel,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent:

The motion passed.

457(f) PLAN ADMINISTRATION

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. DiGiovanni to **table** the agenda item until next month's meeting.

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. McElveen, Dr. Mercadel,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent:

The motion passed.

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I-10 SERVICE ROAD PROPERTIES

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. McElveen to accept a letter of intent received with reference to selling of the I-10 Service Road Properties (in part); and to authorize the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, or any of them, to execute said letter of agreement as presented.

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. McElveen, Dr. Mercadel,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent:

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Accept Draft of Finance Committee Minutes, April 22, 2024**
- b. Approve Draft of Executive Committee Minutes, April 22, 2024**
- c. Accept Draft of Quality Committee Minutes, April 24, 2024**
- d. Accept Risk/Root Cause Analysis Report**
- e. Accept Quality Report (Hospital)**
- f. Accept Louisiana Home Care Financial Report**
- g. Accept Northshore Rehabilitation Hospital Financial Report (“NSR”-Rehab Joint Venture)**
- h. Approve Prof. Liability/Malpractice Settlement Request (LHA Trust Funds Claim No. T51X-200823045-40)**
- i. Approve Marketing/Strategic Contracts for April 2024 and Ratify Signed Marketing/Strategic Contracts Received in March 2024**

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. McElveen, Dr. Mercadel,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent:

The motion passed.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND FINAL COMMENTS

As the Board’s Finance Committee Chair, Dr. Lane, with approval from the Board Chair, announced that the Finance Committee would begin to meet on a quarterly basis in months of February, May, August, and November. For 2024, the May meeting will be postponed to June allowing a period of transition. All financial data will continue to be included on each month’s Board agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no final comments by the public or further discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Ms. Johnson to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was *adjourned at 7:36 p.m.*

(original signature on file)
LARRY P. ENGLANDE, SR.
CHAIR

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

(Minutes approved by Board of Commissioners on May 30, 2024)