

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

**THURSDAY - MAY 29, 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 Thursday, May 29, 2025.

**THOSE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Joseph “Joe” DiGiovanni  
Mr. Larry Englande  
Ms. Georgia Johnson (*arrived at 6:15 p.m.*)  
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:**

Ms. Sandy Badinger, Chief Executive Officer  
Ms. Jennifer Berger, Director, Enterprise Communications  
Mr. Pat Bolander, Chief Financial Officer  
Ms. Kathy Espunge, Senior Executive Assistant  
Mr. Gilbert Ganucheau, Chief Legal Officer  
Ms. Stephanie Higginbotham, Community Outreach Program Coordinator  
Ms. Vernita Hutton, Special Services Coordinator  
Mr. Ray Holmes, Chief Nursing Officer  
Ms. Holly Sanchez, Chief Administrative Officer  
Ms. Marisa Stubbs, Digital Content Specialist

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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  
Dr. Richard Leblanc, Ochsner Regional Medical Director -Northshore and Mississippi Gulf Coast, and Rush Regions

**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 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 June 2, 2025** – held quarterly in conjunction with the OH/SMH JOA Strategy and Oversight Committee
- b. **Regular Meeting on June 30, 2025** – held monthly

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**COMMENDATIONS – Millage Campaign and Community Outreach**

Ms. Badinger and Ms. Stanley-Wallace presented the below listed employees with Commendations for their diligent work involving both the recent millage campaign and community outreach resulting in a favorable vote by citizens of the District (Wards 6, 7, 8, 9) on May 3, 2025. A sincere thank you was extended to each and every one of these folks who spent countless hours in front of our community and behind the scenes during this campaign.

<b>Jennifer Berger</b>	<b>- Enterprise Communications Director</b>
<b>Marisa Stubbs</b>	<b>- Digital Content Specialist</b>
<b>Stephanie Higginbotham</b>	<b>- Community Outreach Program Coordinator</b>
<b>Vernita Hutton</b>	<b>- Special Services Coordinator</b>

**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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

- **Millage Update** – Shared information on the *Certified Election Returns* received from the Secretary of State (4,446-yes, 4,056-no; 52% / 47%). *Social Media Insights* from the campaign were shared in the packet which shows detailed information on hits/views by users via social media. A huge thank you to Ms. Sanchez and Mr. Ganuchau for their participation in assisting with the presentations throughout the community as there were as many as five in one day, at times. Communication email sent to the entire hospital team was shared conveying gratitude and heartfelt “*Thank You for Support*” for their role in spreading the word to their friends and family.

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

- **Board of Commissioners Education Conference/Retreat** – Will be held on September 5, 2025 at the Southern Hotel in Covington. Upon discussion, it was decided the pre-conference dinner on September 4, 2025 would be held at Del Porto Ristorante.
- **Louisiana Hospital Association Summer Conference** – Reminder of the July 21-23, 2025 conference at the Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach, AL. Information packets will be distributed by Ms. Esponge to those who expressed an interest in attending as we near the conference date.

*Ms. Johnson arrived at 6:15 p.m.*

**COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

Upon Mr. Simpson presenting the Plan and leading discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Englande to accept the Community Health Implementation Plan 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.

**GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS**

**- CANVASSING RETURNS/DECLARING ELECTION RESULTS**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. DiGiovanni to adopt a resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the special election held in St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2, on Saturday, May 3, 2025, to authorize the incurring of debt and issuance of general obligation bonds therein as presented.

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

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

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**LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAX RESOLUTION 2025**

**- ST. TAMMANY PARISH TAX ASSESSOR**

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Newton to adopt a resolution decreasing G.O. Bonds millage rate to 5.99 and providing for the levy and collection of ad valorem tax (5.99 mills) in St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2, to be spread upon the 2025 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. Morris,  
Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

**EXAM/TRAUMA ROOM LIGHTS**

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the Exam/Trauma Room Lights (SMH Main, ED) capital expenditure at a cost not to exceed \$149,347.00 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. Morris,  
Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

**NEUROSURGICAL C-ARM SYSTEM**

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Mr. DiGiovanni to approve the Neurosurgical C-Arm System (SMH Main) capital expenditure at a cost not to exceed \$229,907.00 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. Morris,  
Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

**PATIENT BEDS**

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the Patient Beds (SMH Main, 1200 Unit) capital expenditure at a cost not to exceed \$180,129.00 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. Morris,  
Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes, April 28, 2025**
- b. Ratify Signed Contracts Received in April 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. 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 Mr. Newton 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:

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 6:39 p.m.**

*Guest presenters and outside guests exited the meeting.*

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

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

The motion passed.

**The Board of Commissioners returned to Open Session at 7:30 p.m.**

**MEDICAL STAFF AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGES**

A motion was made by Dr. Petitto and seconded by Dr. Lane 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.

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**SMH FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

**PROPERTY ACQUISITION AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION (Broadmoor Park Subdivision, Lot 9)**

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Ms. Johnson to authorize and direct the acquisition of the Broadmoor Park Subdivision, Lot 9, Square 1 Property for a price not to exceed appraised Fair Market Value; and to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and/or the Chief Executive Officer 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.

**EXECUTIVE CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approve Draft of Master Facility Plan Committee Minutes, May5, 2025**
- b. Approve Draft of Finance Committee Minutes, May 19, 2025**
- c. Accept Draft of Quality Committee Minutes, May 21, 2025**
- d. Accept Master Facility Plan 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 Marketing/Strategic Contracts for May 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. Morris, Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Dr. Mercadel

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 7:32 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 June 30, 2025)***