

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

**THURSDAY - MAY 30, 2024 - 6:00 P.M.**  
**SLIDELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDERS BUILDING**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM (1<sup>ST</sup> Floor), 1150 ROBERT BLVD., SLIDELL, LA**

The meeting of the St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2 Board of Commissioners was held on Thursday, May 30, 2024.

**THOSE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Larry Englande  
Ms. Georgia Johnson  
Dr. Tommy Morris  
Mr. James “Bill” Newton  
Ms. Kristen Stanley-Wallace

**THOSE BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Mr. Joseph “Joe” DiGiovanni  
Dr. Walter “Dub” Lane  
Dr. Matthew McElveen  
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. James Newcomb, Vice President Medical Affairs  
Ms. Holly Sanchez, Chief Administrative Officer

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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

**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 MEETINGS**

The next Board of Commissioners meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Slidell Memorial Hospital Founders Building Conference Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor), 1150 Robert Blvd., Slidell, LA.

- a. **Special Meeting on June 3, 2024** – held quarterly in conjunction with the OH/SMH JOA Strategy and Oversight Committee
- b. **Regular Meeting on June 24, 2024** – held monthly

**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- a. **Chief Executive Officer – Sandy Badinger**
  - **SMH Mission, Visions, Values** – Pamphlets, were distributed to Board members, and also to all employees, containing newly adopted Mission, Vision, and Values.

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**b. 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. For those who are registered, a detailed packet will be distributed by Ms. Sponge at the June Board meeting.
- **Board Education Retreat Reminder** – Upon review of responses received, the decision was made to hold the off-site Board Education Conference/Retreat on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Southern Hotel in Covington with a planned dinner to include spouses on Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Riddell will be assisting with content and guest speakers.

**INTRA-AORTIC BALLOON PUMP SYSTEM PUBLIC BID AUTHORIZATION**

A motion was made by Mr. Newton and seconded by Ms. Stanley-Wallace to authorize issuance of Public Bid for the Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump System project as presented.

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

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. DiGiovanni, Dr. Lane, Dr. McElveen, Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

**EEG CART REPLACEMENTS**

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the EEG Cart Replacements capital expenditure at a cost not to exceed \$120,076.00 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. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried as presented.

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

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. DiGiovanni, Dr. Lane, Dr. McElveen, Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

**CATH LAB HEMODYNAMICS REPLACEMENTS**

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Dr. Morris to approve the Cath Lab Hemodynamics Replacements capital expenditure at a cost not to exceed \$253,992.00 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. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried as presented.

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

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. DiGiovanni, Dr. Lane, Dr. McElveen, Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

**RESOLUTION REGARDING AUTHORITY OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER OF OCHSNER CLINIC FOUNDATION**

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Dr. Morris to adopt a resolution regarding Authority of Chief Financial Officer of Ochsner Clinic Foundation (James “Jim” Molloy) for the management and operation of the Slidell Memorial Hospital Managed Care Program as presented.

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

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. DiGiovanni, Dr. Lane, Dr. McElveen, Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Mr. Newton and seconded by Ms. Stanley-Wallace to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes, April 29, 2024**
- b. Approve Policies**
  - **SMH.HR.417 Workforce Influenza Vaccinations** (*new*)
  - **SMH.IC.003 Shared Play and Rehabilitation Equipment Cleaning** (*new*)
  - **SMH.IC.004 Cleaning of Privacy Curtains** (*new*)
- c. Accept Operational Standard**
  - **SMH.ENDO.OS.002 Culturing of Endoscopes** (*new*)
- d. Ratify Signed Contracts Received in April 2024**

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

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. DiGiovanni, Dr. Lane, Dr. McElveen, 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 Dr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Newton 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. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. DiGiovanni, Dr. Lane, Dr. McElveen, Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

**The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:09 p.m.**

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Newton and seconded by Ms. Stanley-Wallace for the Board of Commissioners to return to open session.

Vote was held as follows:

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. DiGiovanni, Dr. Lane, Dr. McElveen, Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

**The Board of Commissioners returned to Open Session at 6:47 p.m.**

**MEDICAL STAFF AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGES**

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Ms. Johnson 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. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. DiGiovanni, Dr. Lane, Dr. McElveen, Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

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**INTRA-AORTIC BALLOON PUMP SYSTEM BUDGET APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Ms. Stanley-Wallace and seconded by Dr. Morris to approve the budget for the Intra-Aortic Balloon Pump System project as presented.

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

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. DiGiovanni, Dr. Lane, Dr. McElveen, Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

**SMH FINANCIAL REPORT**

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Ms. Stanley-Wallace 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. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. DiGiovanni, Dr. Lane, Dr. McElveen, Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

**457(f) PLAN ADMINISTRATION**

A motion was made by Ms. Stanley-Wallace and seconded by Dr. Morris to direct and instruct District’s agent, Ochsner, to act upon 457(f) Plan distributions and payments as well as W-2 correction of Chief Legal Officer account as outlined in resolution as presented.

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

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. DiGiovanni, Dr. Lane, Dr. McElveen, Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Accept Draft of Quality Committee Minutes, May 22, 2024**
- b. Accept Risk/Root Cause Analysis Report**
- c. Accept Quality Report (Hospital)**
- d. Accept Louisiana Home Care Financial Report**
- e. Accept Northshore Rehabilitation Hospital Financial Report (“NSR”-Rehab Joint Venture)**
- f. Approve Marketing/Strategic Contracts for May 2024**

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

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. DiGiovanni, Dr. Lane, Dr. McElveen, 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 Ms. Johnson to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was *adjourned at 6:50 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 June 24, 2024)*