

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

**MONDAY - JUNE 24, 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 Monday, June 24, 2024.

**THOSE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**THOSE BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** (\* *joined via video/teleconference; not counted in quorum*)

Mr. Joseph “Joe” DiGiovanni \*  
Dr. Matthew McElveen  
Dr. Robert Mercadel

**THOSE ALSO PRESENT:** (\* *joined via video/teleconference*)

Ms. Sandy Badinger, Chief Executive 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

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Mr. Lester Richoux, Laporte CPAs and Business Advisors  
Ms. Dylan Thriffiley, Ochsner VP-Compliance Officer  
Mr. Mike Gambrell, STPHSD No. 2 (SMH) Appointing Authority  
Councilman Jeff Corbin, STPHSD No. 2 (SMH) Appointing Authority  
Senator Bob Owen, STPHSD No. 2 (SMH) Appointing Authority  
Representative Stephanie Berault, STPHSD No. 2 (SMH) Appointing Authority

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 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 Monday, July 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Slidell Memorial Hospital Founders Building Conference Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor), 1150 Robert Blvd., Slidell, LA.

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**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- a. **Commissioners Trustee – Georgia Johnson**
  - **SMH Foundation Board Update** – Report included announcement of two new Trustees, enrollment (96 of 100) for Fit as a Firefighter Camp, update on benevolent fund integration with Ochsner, financials for year ending 2023, funding, vendor decrease, and Foundation upcoming events
- b. **Chief Legal Officer – Gil Ganucheau**
  - **SMH Annual Training via Workday Learning Site** – Announcement was made of the new Workday Learning site which replaced the older Ochsner Learning Network site. There will be more information to come on accessing this new site as well as course assignments required for completion in 2024.
- 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. For those who are registered, a packet was distributed containing detailed information and confirmations.

**FY 2023 INDEPENDENT AUDITOR’S REPORT ON  
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

Upon Mr. Richoux presenting report and leading discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Stanley-Wallace to accept the FY 2023 Independent Auditor’s Report on Audited Financial Statements and Louisiana Legislative Auditor’s Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures as presented.

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

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

Negative – Nay: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

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

The motion passed.

**MAMMOGRAPHY MACHINE (SMH Imaging)**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the Mammography Machine capital expenditure at a cost not to exceed \$366,503.81 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 or LA State contract 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: Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – Nay: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

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

The motion passed.

**ULTRASOUND MACHINES (SMH Imaging)**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Stanley-Wallace to approve the Ultrasound Machines (SMH Imaging) capital expenditure at a cost not to exceed \$254,100.00 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 or LA State contract 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: Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – Nay: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

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

The motion passed.

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**POLICIES**

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Dr. Morris to approve the below stated policies with note of two policy deletions as presented.

- **SMH.IC.007 Mandatory Diseases and Conditions Reporting in Louisiana** (*new*)
- **SMH.IC.008 Isolation Policy** (*new*)
- **SMH.IC.021 Reportable Diseases** (*deletion*)
- **SMH.IC.070 Isolation Precautions** (*deletion*)

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

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

Negative – Nay: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

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

The motion passed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes**

- **May 30, 2024** (*Regular Meeting*)
- **June 3, 2024** (*Special Meeting w/SOC*)

**b. Ratify Signed Contracts Received in May 2024**

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

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

Negative – Nay: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: Mr. DiGiovanni, 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 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: Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – Nay: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

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

The motion passed.

**The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:21 p.m.**

*Members of the public exited the meeting.*

*Remaining guest presenter exited the meeting at the conclusion of her compliance presentation in early part of executive session*

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

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

Vote was held as follows:

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

Negative – Nay: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

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

The motion passed.

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**The Board of Commissioners returned to Open Session at 7:26 p.m.**

**COMPLIANCE REPORT**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Newton to accept the semi-annual Compliance Report as presented.

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

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

Negative – Nay: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

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

The motion passed.

**MEDICAL STAFF AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGES**

Upon Dr. Newcomb presenting this item in the absence of Dr. McElveen, a motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Stanley-Wallace 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: Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – Nay: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

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

The motion passed.

**SMH FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

Negative – Nay: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

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

The motion passed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Accept Draft of Quality Committee Minutes, June 19, 2024**
- b. Approve Draft of Executive Committee Minutes, June 10, 2024**
- c. Accept Draft of Finance Committee Minutes, June 20, 2024**
- d. Accept Utilization Management Data Quarterly Update**
- e. Accept Complaints and Grievances Quarterly Update**
- f. Accept Risk/Root Cause Analysis Report**
- g. Accept Quality Report (Hospital)**
- h. Accept Louisiana Home Care Financial Report**
- i. Accept Northshore Rehabilitation Hospital Financial Report (“NSR”-Rehab Joint Venture)**
- j. Approve Marketing/Strategic Contracts for June 2024**

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

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

Negative – Nay: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: Mr. DiGiovanni, Dr. McElveen, 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. Newton to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was *adjourned at 7:28 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 July 29, 2024)*