

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

MONDAY - JUNE 30, 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, June 30, 2025.

THOSE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Joseph “Joe” DiGiovanni
Mr. Larry Englande
Ms. Georgia Johnson
Dr. Walter “Dub” Lane
Dr. Robert Mercadel
Dr. Tommy Morris
Ms. Kristen Stanley-Wallace

THOSE BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. James “Bill” Newton
Dr. Francis Petitto

THOSE ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Sandy Badinger, Chief Executive Officer
Dr. Gregory Berault, SMH OB/GYN Physician/Department Chair
Mr. Pat Bolander, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Rachel Dixon, OH System Marketing
Ms. Liz Glover, Medical Staff Services Director
Ms. Kathy Espunge, Senior Executive Assistant
Mr. Gilbert Ganucheau, Chief Legal Officer
Mr. Ray Holmes, Chief Nursing Officer
Dr. Edward Lirette, SMH ED Physician/Department Chair
Ms. Michelle Pichon, Medical Staff Services Credentialing Specialist
Dr. Andrew Pizza, SMH ED Physician/Medical Director
Ms. Holly Sanchez, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Marisa Stubbs, Digital Content Specialist
Mr. Jason Wilson, Chief Operating Officer

Dr. Samy Abdelghani, Ochsner Associate Regional Medical Director, St. Tammany East
Mr. Jeff Edge, Ochsner Chief Operating Officer -Northshore and Mississippi Gulf Coast Region
Ms. Lisa Martin, Ochsner Chief Financial Officer -Northshore and Mississippi Gulf Coast Region

Ms. Stephanie Ferry, Raymond James & Associates
Mr. Lester Richoux, LaPorte CPAs and Advisors
Mr. C. Grant Schlueter, Foley & Judell

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, including the introduction of Lisa Martin, new Chief Financial Officer for Ochsner’s Northshore and Mississippi Gulf Coast Region.

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RECOGNITION OF EDWARD J. LIRETTE, M.D.

On behalf of Slidell Memorial Hospital's Medical Executive Committee, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Pizza, and Dr. Berault presented a recognition plaque to Dr. Lirette for his many years of dedication to the hospital, the community, and his peers as well as his service in numerous leadership roles on the medical staff. Also, on behalf of the SMH Board of Commissioners and Senior Leaders, Ms. Badinger and Ms. Stanley-Wallace presented Dr. Lirette a plaque recognizing his role as a well- respected physician and leader in the emergency department of Slidell Memorial Hospital.

COMMENDATION – HOLLY P. SANCHEZ

On behalf of the Board of Commissioner, Ms. Stanley-Wallace and Ms. Badinger presented a Commendation to Ms. Sanchez for her fourteen years of service at Slidell Memorial in various roles, most currently as Chief Administrative Officer. Ms. Sanchez was extremely instrumental in educating the community on two separate millage campaigns and leading the team through the successful completion of the new Patient Tower and Surgical Services 3-story addition (on time and on budget) and also through other projects, such as, successful completion of various computer system upgrades, 1100 wing renovation, design of the women and infant center and 14th street parking throughout her time here at Slidell Memorial hospital. Ms. Sanchez will be greatly missed.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next regular monthly Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Slidell Memorial Hospital Regional Cancer Center Skyview Conference Room (#302), 1120 Robert Blvd., Slidell, LA.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OATHS OF OFFICE

- a. **Larry P. Englande Sr.** – Re-appointment; 3rd and final four-year term commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2029.
- b. **Tommy C. Morris, Jr.** – Re-appointment; 2nd four-year term commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2029.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- a. **Commissioners Trustee – Joe DiGiovanni**
 - **SMH Foundation Board Update** – Report included updates on grants (\$146K requested, \$94K approved, \$88K already funded) as well new process set up to ensure timely funding going forward. Update also given on Fit as a Firefighter Camp, Rooftop Rendezvous (in November), a new vendor representative fundraising event . Updates were provided to the Foundation Board by Ms. Badinger on MD Anderson and other projects. Berger also gave an overview of her support to the Foundation from a communications perspective.
- b. **Chief Legal Officer – Gil Ganucheau**
 - **SMH Required Annual Training** – Information will be shared next month of required courses to be completed.
- c. **Board Chair – Kristen Stanley-Wallace**
 - **Louisiana Hospital Association Summer Conference** – Reminder given to those attending the conference (July 21-23) and information packets were distributed by Ms. Esponge.

**FY 2024 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 Mr. Englande to accept the FY 2024 Independent Auditor's Report on Audited Financial Statements and the 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:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

The motion passed.

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GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2025

- INCURRING OF DEBT AND ISSUANCE OF BONDS

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Morris authorizing the incurring of debt and issuance of Thirty-One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$31,500,000) of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025, of St. Tammany Parish Hospital Services District No. 2; prescribing the form, terms and conditions of said Bonds; designating the date, denomination and place of payment of said Bonds; providing for the payment thereof in principal and interest; and providing for other matters in connection therewith as presented.

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

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

The motion passed.

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2025

- ADVERTISING FOR ELECTRONIC BIDS FOR PURCHASE

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Johnson authorizing the advertising for electronic bids for the purchase of Thirty-One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$31,500,000) of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2025, of St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2, and providing for other matters in connection therewith as presented.

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

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

The motion passed.

RADIATION THERAPY QA EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE PUBLIC BID AUTHORIZATION

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by D. Mercadel to authorize issuance of Public Bid for the Radiation Therapy QA Equipment and Software capital equipment 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. Mercadel, Dr. Morris

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)

Absent: Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

The motion passed.

ZOLL PATIENT DEFIBRILLATORS

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Morris to approve the Zoll Patient Defibrillators (SMH Main and East) capital expenditure at a cost not to exceed \$686,280.40 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. Mercadel, Dr. Morris

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)

Absent: Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

The motion passed.

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COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT – THE SLIDELL LIONS CLUB

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. DiGiovanni to approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with The Slidell Lions Club 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. Mercadel, Dr. Morris
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

The motion passed.

POLICIES

A motion was made by Dr. Mercadel and seconded by Dr. Morris to approve the Policies, as of June 9, 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, Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Johnson, Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

The motion passed.

CONTRACTS

A motion was made by Mr. DiGiovanni and seconded by Dr. Lane to ratify the Contracts received/signed in May 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. Mercadel, Dr. Morris
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

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. Approve Board Meeting Minutes**
 - **May 29, 2025** (*Regular Meeting*)
 - **June 2, 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. Mercadel, Dr. Morris
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

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

The motion passed.

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The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m.

Guest presenters exited the meeting.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

The motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners returned to Open Session at 8:03 p.m.

MEDICAL STAFF AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGES

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

The motion passed.

RADIATION THERAPY QA EQUIPMENT AND SOFTWARE BUDGET APPROVAL

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Englande to approve the budget for the Radiation Therapy QA Equipment and Software capital equipment 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. Mercadel, Dr. Morris
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

The motion passed.

SMH HEART CENTER STRUCTURAL ROOF REPAIRS

- BUDGET REVISION RATIFICATION FOR CHANGE ORDER NO. .1

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Johnson to ratify the budget revision for the SMH Heart Center Structural Roof Repairs for Change Order No. 1 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. Mercadel, Dr. Morris
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

The motion passed.

SMH FINANCIAL REPORT

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

The motion passed.

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LOUISIANA HOME CARE OF SLIDELL FINANCIAL REPORT

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

The motion passed.

NORTHSHORE REHABILITATION HOSPITAL FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. DiGiovanni to accept the monthly Northshore Rehabilitation Hospital Financial Report (“NSR”-Rehab Joint Venture) 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. Mercadel, Dr. Morris
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

The motion passed.

MARKETING/STRATEGIC CONTRACTS

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Morris to approve Marketing/Strategic Contracts for June 2025 and to ratify Marketing/Strategic Contracts Received/Signed in May 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. Mercadel, Dr. Morris
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

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, June 25, 2025**
- b. Accept Patient Experience Report**
- c. Accept Quality Report (Hospital)**
- d. Accept Physician Recruitment Report**

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

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 8:04 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 July 28, 2025)