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

MONDAY - July 27, 2026 - 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, July 27, 2026.

THOSE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:
Ms. Jean Cefalu
Dr. Walter "Dub" Lane
Dr. Robert Mercadel
Dr. Tommy Morris
Mr. James "Bill" Newton
Ms. Kristen Stanley-Wallace

THOSE BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:
Mr. Joseph "Joe" DiGiovanni
Mr. Larry Englande
Dr. Matthew Miller

THOSE ALSO PRESENT:
Ms. Sandy Badinger, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Pat Bolander, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Gilbert Ganucheau, Chief Legal Officer
Mr. Ray Holmes, Chief Nursing Officer
Ms. Krista Rainey, Executive Assistant
Mr. Jason Wilson, Chief Operating Officer
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Dr. Samy Abdelghani, Ochsner Associate Regional Medical Director-St. Tammany East
Mr. Jeff Edge, Ochsner Chief Operating Officer-Northshore and Mississippi Gulf Coast Region
Dr. Richard Leblanc, Ochsner Regional Medical Director-Northshore and Mississippi Gulf Coast, and Rush Regions
Mr. Blake Sistrunk, Ochsner Business Operations and Planning Manager-Northshore and Mississippi Gulf Coast Region
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Ms. Mandy Barnes
Ms. Shannon Cuccia
Ms. Stephanie Ferry
Ms. Helen Hearty
Dr. Stephen Lambert
Ms. Rachel Litchliter
Dr. Richelle Schiro
Mr. Grant Schluter

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 MEETING

The next regular monthly Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 31, 2026 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. **Jean Cefalu** – New appointment; oath administered on July 1, 2026 to complete expired term unexpired four-year term with less than two years remaining, commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2030 (vacated by Georgia Johnson).

b. **Walter "Dub" Lane** – Re-appointment; 3rd four-year term commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2030.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

a. **Board Chair – Kristen Stanley-Wallace**
   - LHA Summer Conference 2026

General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026
A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Newton for a resolution to consider and take action with respect to adopting a resolution approving the acceptance of the bid for the purchase of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026, of St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2, and providing for other matters in connection therewith
There being no comments by the public and after complete discussion, vote was held as follows:

Affirmative – Yea:	Ms. Cefalu Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Dr. Miller

The motion passed.

S&P Report
A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Cefalu for a motion for a resolution to accept the S&P Report as presented.
There being no comments by the public and after complete discussion, vote was held as follows:

Affirmative – Yea:	Ms. Cefalu Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Dr. Miller

The motion passed.

Quarterly Unaudited Financial Statement Highlights (Per Act 562/365)
A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Newton for a resolution to accept the Quarterly Unaudited Financial Statement Highlights (Per Act 562/365) as presented
There being no comments by the public and after complete discussion, vote was held as follows:

Affirmative – Yea:	Ms. Cefalu Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Dr. Miller

The motion passed.

EP Cath Lab Equipment Upgrade – Catheter Navigation & Mapping System
A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Morris for a resolution to go out for public bid for the EP Cath Lab Equipment Upgrade – Catheter Navigation & Mapping System as presented. There being no comments by the public and after complete discussion, vote was held as follows:

Affirmative – Yea:	Ms. Cefalu Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton

Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Dr. Miller

The motion passed.

EP Cath Lab Equipment Upgrade – Siemens ARTIS icono vision floor CA

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Mercadel for a resolution to approve the purchase of equipment: Siemens ARTIS icon vision floor CA on GPO in the amount of nine hundred sixty-seven thousand, four hundred sixty-seven dollars ($967,467.00).

Affirmative – Yea:	Ms. Cefalu Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Dr. Miller

The motion passed.

EP Cath Lab Equipment Upgrade – GE CardioLab Altix AI.i EP Recording System

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Mercadel for a resolution to approve the purchase of equipment: GE CardioLab Altix Ali EP Recording system in the amount of three hundred eighty-one thousand, nine hundred ninety-nine dollars ($381,999.00) on GPO.

Affirmative – Yea:	Ms. Cefalu Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Dr. Miller

The motion passed.

EP Cath Lab Equipment Upgrade- GE Venue Ultrasound Go R6 FOCUS

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Mercadel for a resolution to approve the purchase of equipment: GE Venue Ultrasound Go R6 FOCUS on GPO in the amount of one hundred five thousand two hundred twenty-four dollars ($105,224.00)

Affirmative – Yea:	Ms. Cefalu Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Dr. Miller

The motion passed.

Cath Lab #2 Renovation (EP Cath Lab)

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Mercadel to go to public bid for the EP Cath Lab Construction as presented

Affirmative – Yea:	Ms. Cefalu Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Dr. Miller

The motion passed.

A motion was made to table the SMH Third Floor Renovation and SMH Main Entrance & MOB 1 Atrium Renovation until executive session for further discussion.

SMH Third Floor Renovation

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Mercadel for a resolution award the construction contract for SMH Third Floor Renovation to Smith Construction Co. in the amount of five hundred thirty-one thousand, three hundred-eleven dollars ($531,311.00) as presented.

Affirmative – Yea:	Ms. Cefalu Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Dr. Miller

SMH Main Entrance & MOB 1 Atrium Renovation
A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Cefalu for a resolution award the construction contract for SMH Main Entrance & MOB 1 Atrium Renovation to Landis Construction Co., LLC in the amount of two million, thirty thousand dollars ($2,030,000.00) as presented.

Affirmative – Yea:	Ms. Cefalu Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Dr. Miller

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA
A motion was made by Dr. Mercadel and seconded by Dr. Morris to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

a. **Approve Board Meeting Minutes, June 29, 2026** *(Regular Meeting)*
b. **Approve Contracts for July 2026 and Ratify Contracts Received/Signed in June 2026**

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

Affirmative – Yea:	Ms. Cefalu Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Dr. Miller

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

The motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:24 p.m.

All guests/presenters exited the meeting.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION
A motion was made by Dr. Mercadel and seconded by Mr. Newton for the Board of Commissioners to return to open session.
Vote was held as follows:

Affirmative – Yea:	Ms. Cefalu Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Dr. Miller

The motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners returned to Open Session at 7:16 p.m.

SMH FINANCIAL REPORT
A motion was made by Dr. Lane 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:	Ms. Cefalu Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Dr. Miller

The motion passed.

Louisiana Home Care of Slidell Financial Report
A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Morris 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:	Ms. Cefalu Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Dr. Miller

The motion passed.

Northshore Rehabilitation Hospital Financial Report
A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Mercadel 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:	Ms. Cefalu Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Dr. Miller

The motion passed.

Marketing/Strategic Contracts
A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Morris to accept the Marketing/Strategic Contracts as presented.
There being no comments by the public and after complete discussion, vote was held as follows:

Affirmative – Yea:	Ms. Cefalu Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Dr. Miller

The motion passed.

EP Cath Lab #2 Equipment and Renovation Budget Approval
A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Mercadel to accept budget as presented.
There being no comments by the public and after complete discussion, vote was held as follows:

Affirmative – Yea:	Ms. Cefalu Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Dr. Miller

The motion passed.

SMH Third Floor Renovation Budget Approval
A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Cefalu to approve the new budget as presented.
There being no comments by the public and after complete discussion, vote was held as follows:

Affirmative – Yea:	Ms. Cefalu Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Dr. Miller

The motion passed.

SMH Main Entrance & MOB 1 Atrium Renovation Budget Approval – open agenda
A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Mercadel to reject the proposed bid.
There being no comments by the public and after complete discussion, vote was held as follows:

Affirmative – Yea:	Ms. Cefalu Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Dr. Miller

SMH Main Entrance & MOB 1 Atrium Renovation Budget Approval

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Newton to change the scope of the project presented and go out for public bid with the project revised.

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

Affirmative – Yea:	Ms. Cefalu Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Dr. Miller

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Newton to reject the proposed bid and go back out for public bid under a new scope/revised project name due to bids being over budget.

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

Affirmative – Yea:	Ms. Cefalu Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Dr. Miller

The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE CONSENT AGENDA

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

- **a. Approve Draft of Master Facility Plan Committee Minutes, July 6, 2026**
- **b. Accept Draft of Quality Committee Minutes, July 15, 2026**
- **c. Accept Quality Report (Hospital)**

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

Affirmative – Yea:	Ms. Cefalu Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Dr. Miller

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 Dr. Mercadel to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was ***adjourned at 7:25 p.m.***

(original signature on file)	*(original signature on file)*
KRISTEN R. STANLEY-WALLACE	**WALTER J. "DUB" LANE JR.**
CHAIR	**SECRETARY**

(Minutes approved by Board of Commissioners August 31, 2026)