

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

**MONDAY - JULY 28, 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, July 28, 2025.

**THOSE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Joseph “Joe” DiGiovanni  
Mr. Larry Englande  
Ms. Georgia Johnson (*arrived at 6:03 p.m.*)  
Dr. Walter “Dub” Lane  
Dr. Robert Mercadel  
Dr. Tommy Morris  
Mr. James “Bill” Newton  
Dr. Francis Petitto (*arrived at 6:15 p.m.*)

**THOSE BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ms. Kristen Stanley-Wallace

**THOSE ALSO PRESENT:**

Ms. Sandy Badinger, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr. Pat Bolander, Chief Financial Officer  
Ms. Kathy Esponge, Senior Executive Assistant  
Mr. Gilbert Ganuchau, Chief Legal Officer  
Dr. Charlane Liles, Vice President Medical Affairs  
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  
Ms. Lisa Martin, Ochsner Chief Financial Officer -Northshore and Mississippi Gulf Coast Region

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Dr. Morris, Acting Chair.

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

Dr. Morris declared a quorum of the Board was present.

**PRAYER**

Mr. Ganuchau delivered the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Dr. Morris led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS**

Dr. Morris welcomed all guests in attendance.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next regular monthly Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 25, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Slidell Memorial Hospital Regional Cancer Center Skyview Conference Room (#302), 1120 Robert Blvd., Slidell, LA.

**SMH FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT**

Discussion was led by Acting Chair regarding the following appointment with no dissent.

**Hospital Trustee – *Sandy T. Badinger*** (*Chief Executive Officer, not designee, eff. 7/1/25*) to serve term while employed CEO

*Ms. Johnson arrived at 6:03 p.m.*

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**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**a. Chief Legal Officer – Gil Ganucheau**

- **SMH Annual Training via Workday Learning Site** – Five courses have been assigned for completion via Ochsner’s Workday Learning site with others to be added later in the year. A request was made to complete within the next 30 days, with final deadline being September 30, 2025 in order to be in compliance. Printed copies of the course topics, Workday Learning access instructions, and password reset/change instructions were distributed and are also housed on the Board’s Nasdaq Boardvantage portal.

**b. Acting Board Chair – Tommy Morris**

- **Louisiana Hospital Association Summer Conference** – Dr. Morris stated he could not attend this year’s conference due to prior teaching commitment and Mr. Ganucheau mentioned how excellent the presenter/topic was on the last day of the conference. Full report will be on next month’s agenda and conference presentations will be posted on the Board’s portal as soon as they become available by LHA.

**CONTRACTS**

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

The motion passed.

**QUARTERLY UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

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

The motion passed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes, June 30, 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. Mercadel, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Dr. Morris (Acting Chair)
Absent:	Dr. Petitto, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

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 Ms. Johnson 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.

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

The motion passed.

**The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:07 p.m.**

*Dr. Petitto arrived at 6:15 p.m. during executive session.*

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

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

The motion passed.

**The Board of Commissioners returned to Open Session at 7:07 p.m.**

**SMH FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

The motion passed.

**LOUISIANA HOME CARE OF SLIDELL FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

The motion passed.

**NORTHSHORE REHABILITATION HOSPITAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

The motion passed.

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**MARKETING/STRATEGIC CONTRACTS**

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

The motion passed.

**GENERAL LIABILITY SETTLEMENT REQUEST (LHA Trust Funds Claim No. T51X-180721703-20)**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the General Liability Settlement Request (LHA Trust Funds Claim No. T51X-180721703-20) 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, Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Dr. Morris, (Acting Chair)
Absent:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace

The motion passed.

**COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AND LOCAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**  
**– CITY OF SLIDELL/DONAHUE FAVRET**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Englande to approve the Cooperative Endeavor and Local Services Agreement with City of Slidell and Donahue Favret 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, Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Dr. Morris, (Acting Chair)
Absent:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace

The motion passed.

**I-10 E. SERVICE ROAD PROPERTY PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Johnson to accept the Purchase and Sale Agreement with reference to selling the 140 I-10 E. Service Road Property; and to authorize the Chair of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, or any of them, to execute said letter of agreement 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, Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Dr. Morris, (Acting Chair)
Absent:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace

The motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. **Accept Draft of Quality Committee Minutes, July 16, 2025**
- b. **Accept Quality Report (Hospital)**

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Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel,  
Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Dr. Morris, (Acting Chair)

Absent: Ms. Stanley-Wallace

The motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no final comments by the public or further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Englande and seconded by Dr. Mercadel to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was *adjourned at 7:10 p.m.*

(original signature on file) \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOMMY C. MORRIS, JR.**  
**ACTING CHAIR**

(original signature on file) \_\_\_\_\_  
**WALTER J. “DUB” LANE JR.**  
**SECRETARY**

*(Minutes approved by Board of Commissioners on August 25, 2025)*