

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

MONDAY - AUGUST 26, 2024 - 6:00 P.M.
SLIDELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDERS BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM (1ST 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, August 26, 2024.

THOSE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

THOSE BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

THOSE ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Sandy Badinger, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Pat Bolander, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Kathy Espouse, 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

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 (1st Floor), 1150 Robert Blvd., Slidell, LA.

- a. **Special Meeting on September 9, 2024** – held quarterly in conjunction with the OH/SMH JOA Strategy and Oversight Committee
- b. **Regular Meeting on September 30, 2024** – held monthly

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REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

a. Commissioners Trustee – Georgia Johnson

- **SMH Foundation Board Update** – Report included items discussed at the last Foundation Board meeting which consisted of presentation by Christopher Breland, RN-Manager with overview of Cardiac Rehab Services. Various programs, projects, and grants discussion included Golf Tournament results, Fit as a Firefighter Camp results, Art Project for New Tower, Monthly Tours, Benevolent Fund, Pinking of the Fountain Event (Oct. 1, 5-7pm), HOG Breast Cancer Awareness Event (Oct. 1), and Rooftop Rendezvous Event (Nov. 2, 5:30-9:30pm). Financial update and CEA review were also topics discussed during the Foundation Board meeting.

b. Chief Legal Officer – Gil Ganucheau

- **SMH Annual Training via Workday Learning Portal** – Annual education instructions will be coming soon and will include information on accessing Workday Learning site and required courses.

c. Board Chair – Larry Englande

- **SMH Board Education Conference/Retreat** – Will be held on November 8 at the Southern Hotel, with pre-conference dinner planned for November 7. Be sure to inform Ms. Esponge if you plan to attend and if you will need overnight accommodations.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes, July 29, 2024

b. Ratify Signed Contracts Received in July 2024

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

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent:

The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE/STRATEGIC SESSION

There being no comments by the public and there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Stanley-Wallace and seconded by Dr. Mercadel 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, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. McElveen, Dr. Mercadel,
Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent:

The motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:11 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Dr. McElveen for the Board of Commissioners to return to open session.

Vote was held as follows:

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent:

The motion passed.

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The Board of Commissioners returned to Open Session at 7:24 p.m.

MEDICAL STAFF AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGES

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent:

The motion passed.

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent:

The motion passed.

RETIREMENT PLAN RECORD-KEEPER TRANSITION

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Stanley-Wallace to approve the Retirement Plan Record-Keeper Transition as presented.

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

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent:

The motion passed.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION AUTHORIZATION RESOLUTION (Broadmoor Park Subdivision)

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. McElveen to authorize and direct the acquisition of the Broadmoor Park Subdivision, Lots 6, 7, 8, Square 1 Property for a price not to exceed appraised Fair Market Value; and to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and/or the Chief Executive Officer to execute such documents and to have such additional authority as necessary and appropriate to accomplish the intent this resolution as presented.

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

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent:

The motion passed.

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INCENTIVE COMPENSATION

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. DiGiovanni to authorize and direct additional incentive compensation in an amount not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) per employee at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer and as outlined in said resolution as presented.

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

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent:

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Draft of Executive Committee Minutes, August 12, 2024**
- b. Approve Draft of Master Facility Plan Committee Minutes, August 14, 2024**
- c. Accept Draft of Finance Committee Minutes, August 19, 2024**
- d. Accept Draft of Quality Committee Minutes, August 21, 2024**
- e. Accept Master Facility Plan Report**
- f. Accept Quality Report (Hospital)**
- g. Accept Louisiana Home Care Financial Report**
- h. Accept Northshore Rehabilitation Hospital Financial Report (“NSR”-Rehab Joint Venture)**
- i. Approve Marketing/Strategic Contracts for August 2024 and Ratify Signed Marketing/Strategic Contracts Received in July 2024**

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

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent:

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. Stanley-Wallace to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was *adjourned at 7:25 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 September 30, 2024)