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

MONDAY - September 28, 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, September 28, 2026.

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

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

THOSE ALSO PRESENT:
Ms. Sandy Badinger, Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Jennifer Berger, Director, Enterprise Communications
Mr. Pat Bolander, Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Gilbert Ganucheau, Chief Legal Officer
Mr. Ray Holmes, Chief Nursing Officer
Dr. Charlane Liles, Vice President Medical Affairs
Ms. Krista Rainey, Executive Assistant
Ms. Marisa Stubbs, Digital Content Specialist
Mr. Jason Wilson, Chief Operating Officer
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Dr. Samy Abdelghani, Ochsner Associate Regional Medical Director-St. Tammany East
Dr. Alisha Lacour, Ochsner Chief Executive 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
Mr. Blake Sistrunk, Ochsner Business Operations and Planning Manager-Northshore and Mississippi Gulf Coast Region
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Mr. Benjamin Galloway
Mr. Todd Schmalz
Ms. Erin Salazar
Ms. Jeanne Pichon
Mr. Craig Rushon
Ms. Sue Rushon

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 6:01 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

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The next regular monthly Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Slidell Memorial Hospital Regional Cancer Center Skyview Conference Room (#302), 1120 Robert Blvd., Slidell, LA.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

a. **Chief Legal Officer – Gil Ganucheau**
   - **SMH Annual Training Reminder**

b. **Chief Executive Officer – Sandy Badinger**

c. **Board Chair – Kristen Stanley-Wallace**

SMH Admin Office Relocation Project
A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Cefalu to award the public bid construction project for the SMH Admin Office Relocation Project to Cox Parker Contractors, LL Cin the amount of three million, five hundred five thousand dollars ($3,505,000.00) 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. Miller, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande

The motion passed.

ADA Ramp – Cancer Center
A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Morris to approve the RFP contract project identified as SMH RCC ADA Ramp – Cancer Center, RFP #26-08-01R, in the sum of One hundred seventy-eight thousand, eight hundred dollars ($178,800.00) 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. Miller, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande

The motion passed.

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

a. **Approve Board Meeting Minutes, August 31, 2026** *(Regular Meeting)*

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

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

The motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:13 p.m.

All guests/presenters exited the meeting.

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

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

The motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners returned to Open Session at 7:17 p.m.

MEDICAL STAFF AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGES
A motion was made by Dr. Miller 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:	Ms. Cefalu, Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Miller, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande

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

The motion passed.

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

The motion passed.

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

The motion passed.

Marketing/Strategic Contracts
A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Cefalu to approve the Marketing/Strategic Contracts for September 2026 and to ratify Marketing/Strategic Contracts Received/signed in August 2026 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. Miller, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande

The motion passed

457F Plan
A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Newton to approve the Funding of the 457F Plan 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. Miller, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande

The motion passed

SMH Administration Office Relocation Budget Approval
A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Morris to accept the budget revision for the SMH Administration Office Relocation Project 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. Miller, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande

The motion passed

ADA Ramp – Cancer Center Budget Approval
A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Miller to approve the budget for the ADA Ramp – Cancer Center 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. Miller, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande

The motion passed

SMH Benefit Changes 2027
A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Newton to approve the SMH Benefit Changes 2027 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. Miller, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande

The motion passed

SMH Bond Millage Revised Budget Approval
A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Morris to approve the budget for the ADA Ramp – Cancer Center 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. Miller, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande

The motion passed

General Liability Settlement Authority Request (LHA Trust Funds Claim No. TX1X-170921079-40 and TX1X-170921078-40)
A motion was made by Dr. Miller and seconded by Dr. Mercadel to approve the Gen. Liab Settlement Request (LHA Trust Funds Claim No. TX1X-170921079-40 and TX1X-170921078 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. Miller, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande

The motion passed

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

a. **Accept Draft of Quality Committee Minutes, September 23, 2026**
b. **Accept Patient Experience Report**
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. Miller, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande

The motion passed

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND FINAL COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT
There being no final comments by the public or further discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Ms. Cefalu to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was ***adjourned at 7:21 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 October 26, 2026)