

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

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 30, 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, September 30, 2024.

THOSE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Joseph “Joe” DiGiovanni
Ms. Georgia Johnson
Dr. Walter “Dub” Lane
Dr. Matthew McElveen (*arrived at 6:05 p.m.*)
Dr. Robert Mercadel (*arrived at 6:08 p.m.*)
Dr. Tommy Morris
Mr. James “Bill” Newton
Ms. Kristen Stanley-Wallace

THOSE BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Larry Englande

THOSE ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Sandy Badinger, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Pat Bolander, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Kathy Esponge, Senior Executive Assistant
Mr. Gilbert Ganucheau, Chief Legal Officer
Dr. James Newcomb, Vice President Medical Affairs
Ms. Holly Sanchez, Chief Administrative Officer
Mr. Jason Wilson, Chief Operating Officer

Ms. Veronica Aviles, Ochsner Administrative Fellow -Northshore and Mississippi Gulf Coast Region
Mr. Dayna Hall, Ochsner Manager of Business Operations & Planning -Northshore East and Mississippi Gulf Coast Region
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

CALL TO ORDER

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

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Mr. DiGiovanni declared a quorum of the Board was present.

PRAYER

Mr. Ganucheau delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. DiGiovanni led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Mr. DiGiovanni welcomed all guests in attendance. Ms. Aviles and Mr. Hall introduced themselves and shared a little of their professional background and their Ochsner roles with the Board. Mr. DiGiovanni also welcomed Mr. Wilson, COO-Slidell Division, as the newest member of the Senior Team.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next regular monthly Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 28, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Slidell Memorial Hospital Founders Building Conference Room (1st Floor), 1150 Robert Blvd., Slidell, LA.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

a. Chief Legal Officer – Gil Ganucheau

- **SMH Annual Training via Workday Learning Site** – Still working with the Ochsner IS Provisioning Team on setting up credentials for the Commissioners to access this site.

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b. Board Acting Chair – Joseph DiGiovanni

- **Board of Commissioners Education Conference/Retreat** – Reminder given to submit suggested topics by the end of the week as the agenda is being finalized for the November 8th event at the Southern Hotel.

Dr. McElveen arrived at 6:05 p.m.

FLORIDA AVENUE PARKING LOT PROJECT PUBLIC BID AUTHORIZATION

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Johnson to authorize issuance of Public Bid for the construction of the Florida Avenue Parking Lot Project as presented.

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

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. DiGiovanni (Acting Chair)

Absent: Mr. Englande, Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

Dr. Mercadel arrived at 6:08 p.m.

PATIENT MONITORS (SMH East ASU)

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Stanley-Wallace to approve the Patient Monitors (SMH East ASU) capital expenditure at a cost not to exceed \$126,706.12 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: Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. McElveen, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton,
Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. DiGiovanni (Acting Chair)

Absent: Mr. Englande

The motion passed.

CONTRACTS

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Mercadel to ratify Contracts Received/Signed in August 2024 as presented.

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

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. DiGiovanni (Acting Chair)

Absent: Mr. Englande

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. Stanley-Wallace and seconded by Dr. Morris to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes

- **August 26, 2024** (*Regular Meeting*)
- **September 9, 2024** (*Special Meeting w/SOC*)

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

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. DiGiovanni (Acting Chair)

Absent: Mr. Englande

The motion passed.

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EXECUTIVE/STRATEGIC SESSION

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. DiGiovanni (Acting Chair)

Absent: Mr. Englande

The motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:10 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. Stanley-Wallace and seconded by Dr. Mercadel for the Board of Commissioners to return to open session.

Vote was held as follows:

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. DiGiovanni (Acting Chair)

Absent: Mr. Englande

The motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners returned to Open Session at 7:02 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: Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. McElveen, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton,
Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. DiGiovanni (Acting Chair)

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. DiGiovanni (Acting Chair)

Absent: Mr. Englande

The motion passed.

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LOUISIANA HOME CARE OF SLIDELL REPORT

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. DiGiovanni (Acting Chair)

Absent: Mr. Englande

The motion passed.

NORTHSHORE REHABILITATION HOSPITAL REPORT (“NSR”-Rehab Joint Venture)

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. DiGiovanni (Acting Chair)

Absent: Mr. Englande

The motion passed.

MARKETING/STRATEGIC CONTRACTS

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve Marketing/Strategic Contracts for September 2024 and to ratify Marketing/Strategic Contracts Received/Signed in August 2024 as presented.

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

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. DiGiovanni (Acting Chair)

Absent: Mr. Englande

The motion passed.

FLORIDA AVENUE PARKING LOT PROJECT
BUDGET APPROVAL

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Mercadel to approve the budget for the construction of the Florida Avenue Parking Lot Project as presented.

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

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. DiGiovanni (Acting Chair)

Absent: Mr. Englande

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Accept Draft of Quality Committee Minutes, September 25, 2024**
- b. Accept Quality Report (Hospital)**
- c. Accept Complaints and Grievances Quarterly Update**
- d. Accept Utilization Management Data Quarterly Update**

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

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. DiGiovanni (Acting Chair)

Absent: Mr. Englande

The motion passed.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no final comments by the public or further discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Dr. McElveen to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was *adjourned at 7:04 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 October 28, 2024)