

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

**MONDAY - OCTOBER 27, 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, October 27, 2025.

**THOSE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Joseph “Joe” DiGiovanni  
Mr. Larry Englande  
Ms. Georgia Johnson  
Dr. Walter “Dub” Lane  
Dr. Robert Mercadel (*arrived at 6:04 pm.*)  
Dr. Tommy Morris  
Mr. James “Bill” Newton  
Ms. Kristen Stanley-Wallace

**THOSE BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Dr. Francis Petitto

**THOSE ALSO PRESENT:**

Ms. Sandy Badinger, Chief Executive Officer  
Ms. Julie Bissel, Manager-Nursing ICU Unit  
Mr. Pat Bolander, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr. Scott Dassau, Director-Nursing ICU Unit  
Ms. Michelle Davis, Director-Patient Experience Advisor  
Ms. Julie Diodene, AVP-Nursing  
Ms. Kathy Sponge, Senior Executive Assistant  
Mr. Gilbert Ganuchau, Chief Legal Officer  
Mr. Ray Holmes, Chief Nursing Officer  
Dr. Charlane Liles, Vice President Medical Affairs  
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  
Mr. Blake Sistrunk, Ochsner Business Operations and Planning Manager-Northshore and Mississippi Gulf Coast Region  
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Ms. Leslie Goertz, ICU RN (Recognized Employee)  
Mr. Michael Goertz, Ms. Goertz’s Husband  
Ms. Natalie Goertz, Ms. Goertz’s Daughter  
Ms. Deborah Kuchler, ICU Patient’s Wife

**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. Ganuchau 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.

*Dr. Mercadel arrived at 6:04 p.m.*

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**COMMENDATION**

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Ms. Badinger presented a Commendation to Ms. Goertz, RN on the ICU Unit, for her service to Slidell Memorial Hospital while caring for acutely ill patients in the cardiac, medical, and surgical ICU settings. Ms. Goertz exemplifies compassion, patient-centered care while mentoring new nurses. She demonstrates empathy, especially during difficult times. Ms. Goertz sings to her patients and families which helps transform painful moments into experiences of peace and dignity. Her dedication, advocacy, and mentorships make her an invaluable role model for both patients and colleagues. Ms. Goertz thanked everyone present and was humbled by the kind words shared by her senior team members and also by Ms. Kuchler, a former ICU patient's wife, who wanted to be present for this occasion and share a few words of her own regarding the care her late husband received.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next regular monthly Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2025 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. Commissioners Trustee – Joe DiGiovanni**

- **SMH Foundation Board Update** – Report included status of grants approved, recap of donations, opportunities, grants awarded, important fundraising dates remaining in 2025, and “Bras for a Cause” Saints Raffle information.

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

- **SMH Annual Training Reminder** – Status given that all but three Commissioners have completed all the required courses. Reminder was given that all courses must be completed by September 30, 2025 via the Workday Learning site. Instructions to access the Workday Learning were previously distributed and can also be viewed via the Board's Nasdaq Boardvantage Portal under the Board Education or Miscellaneous Info folder.

**CONTRACTS**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Englande to ratify the Contracts Received/Signed in September 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, Dr. Morris,  
Mr. Newton

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Petitto

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, Dr. Morris,  
Mr. Newton,

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Petitto

The motion passed.

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes, September 29, 2025 (Regular Meeting)**
- b. Accept Medical Staff Committee Appointments 2026**

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

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

The motion passed.

**The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:15 p.m.**

*All guests/presenters exited the meeting.*

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

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

The motion passed.

**The Board of Commissioners returned to Open Session at 7:35 p.m.**

**MEDICAL STAFF AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGES**

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

The motion passed.

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**SMH FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

The motion passed.

**LOUISIANA HOME CARE OF SLIDELL FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

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

The motion passed.

**SMH/OH/MD ANDERSON CANCER PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Mercadel to approve the SMH/OH/MD Anderson Cancer Program Participation Agreement (C#8855) as amended, with final version to be executed by the Chief Executive Officer.

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

The motion passed.

**MARKETING/STRATEGIC CONTRACTS**

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

The motion passed.

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**SCOPE PROCESSING ROOM RENOVATION PROJECT**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the project budget, accept the proposal(s) and to award the construction contract to MCC-Trison Group for completion of the project identified as “Scope Processing Room Renovation”, RFP #25-08-01R” for the contract sum of One Hundred Fifty Six Thousand Dollars (\$156,000.00) and for a resolution to authorize the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, or any of them, to execute an agreement between the District and MCC-Trison Group to appoint said Contractor as agent of the District when purchasing materials to be used in the construction of said project; to authorize execution of “Designation of Construction Contractor as Agent of Governmental Entity and Exemption Certificate” for the subcontractors, identified by Contractor and approved by Slidell Memorial Hospital, involved in construction of said project; and to authorize execution of such documents and to have such additional authority as necessary and appropriate to accomplish the intent of this resolution 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, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton,
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Dr. Petitto

The motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- a. Accept Draft of Quality Committee Minutes, October 22, 2025**
- b. Accept Apparent Cause-Analysis Report**
- c. Accept Quality Report (Hospital)**

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

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 Mr. Englande to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was *adjourned at 7:38 p.m.*

(original signature on file)  
**KRISTEN R. STANLEY-WALLACE**  
**CHAIR**

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

*(Minutes approved by Board of Commissioners on November 20, 2025)*