

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. TAMMANY PARISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 2**  
**dba SLIDELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**NOVEMBER 18, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joseph “Joe” DiGiovanni  
Georgia Johnson (*arrived at 5:18 p.m.*)  
Walter “Dub” Lane (Committee Chair)  
Tommy Morris  
Kristen Stanley-Wallace

**OTHER BOC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

N/A

**THOSE MEMBERS ABSENT:** (*\* joined via video/teleconference; not counted in quorum*)

Larry Englande  
James “Bill” Newton

**THOSE ALSO PRESENT:**

Veronica Aviles, Administrative Fellow  
Sandy Badinger, Chief Executive Officer  
Pat Bolander, Chief Financial Officer  
Kathy Sponge, Sr. Executive Assistant  
Gilbert Ganucheau, Chief Legal Officer  
Holly Sanchez, Chief Administrative Officer  
Ray Wilson, Chief Operating Officer

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C. Grant Schlueter, Foley & Judell LLP

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Dr. Lane, Committee Chair.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. DiGiovanni and seconded by Ms. Stanley-Wallace to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2024 Finance Committee meeting as presented. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Finance Committee meeting is to be determined upon review/approval of the full 2025 meeting schedule by the Board.

*Ms. Johnson arrived at 5:18 p.m.*

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF PUBLIC MEETING FOR  
SPECIAL ELECTION / G.O. BOND CONSIDERATION**

Upon discussion led by Mr. Schlueter, a motion was made by Ms. Stanley-Wallace and seconded by Dr. Morris to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the announcement of District’s plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling a special election to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds at its meeting on December 19, 2024 as presented. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried.

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**SMH IMAGING CENTER MRI REPLACEMENT PROJECT**  
**EQUIPMENT APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Mr. DiGiovanni and seconded by Ms. Stanley-Wallace to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the SMH Imaging Center MRI Replacement Project Equipment at a cost no to exceed \$2,705,645.00 (two machines) and to authorized the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, or either of them, to execute an agreement between Slidell Memorial Hospital and GPO vendor selected for equipment purchases of said project as presented. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried.

**SMH IMAGING CENTER MRI REPLACEMENT PROJECT**  
**PUBLIC BID AUTHORIZATION FOR CONSTRUCTION COMPONENT**

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Ms. Stanley-Wallace to recommend to the Board of Commissioners authorization to public bid for the Construction Component of the SMH Imaging Center MRI Replacement Project as presented. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried.

**CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS FOR APPROVAL/RATIFICATION**

A motion was made by Mr. DiGiovanni and seconded by Dr. Morris to recommend to the Board of Commissioners ratification of signed contracts received in October 2024 as presented. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE/STRATEGIC SESSION**

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Dr. Morris for the Finance Committee 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. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried and the Committee went into executive session at 5:55 p.m.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Stanley-Wallace for the Finance Committee to return to open session. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried and the Committee returned to open session at 6:16 p.m.

**SMH IMAGING CENTER MRI REPLACEMENT PROJECT**  
**BUDGET APPROVAL FOR CONSTRUCTION COMPONENT**

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Mr. DiGiovanni to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the budget for the Construction Component of the SMH Imaging Center MRI Replacement Project as presented. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried.

**457(f) PLAN ADMINISTRATION – 2025 New Plan Resolution**

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Mr. DiGiovanni to recommend to the Board of Commissioners adoption of the 457(f) New Plan Resolution as presented. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried.

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**FY 2025 OPERATING/CAPITAL BUDGET DRAFT REVIEW**

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Mr. DiGiovanni to recommend to the Board of Commissioners acceptance of the FY 2025 Operating/Capital Budget Draft Review as presented. A final draft will be presented in December to the full Board for approval. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried.

**REPORTS**

A motion was made by Ms. Stanley-Wallace and seconded by Ms. Johnson to recommend to the Board of Commissioners acceptance of the following report(s) as presented. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried.

- a. Louisiana Home Care of Slidell Financial Report**
- b. Northshore Rehabilitation Hospital Financial Report (“NSR” -Rehab Joint Venture)**
- c. SMH Financial Report, October 2024**

**CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS - MARKETING/STRATEGIC FOR APPROVAL/RATIFICATION**

A motion was made by Mr. DiGiovanni and seconded by Dr. Morris to the Board of Commissioners approval of marketing/strategic contracts for November 2024 and ratification of signed marketing/strategic contracts received in October 2024 as presented. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further discussion to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Mr. DiGiovanni to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

*(Draft of Minutes accepted by Board of Commissioners on November 21, 2024)*  
*(Minutes approved by Finance Committee on December 11, 2024)*