

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

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 20, 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 Thursday, November 20, 2025.

THOSE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Joseph “Joe” DiGiovanni
Mr. Larry Englande
Dr. Walter “Dub” Lane
Dr. Robert Mercadel
Dr. Tommy Morris
Dr. Francis Petitto (*arrived at 6:29 p.m.*)
Ms. Kristen Stanley-Wallace

THOSE BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Georgia Johnson
Mr. James “Bill” Newton

THOSE ALSO PRESENT:

Ms. Sandy Badinger, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Pat Bolander, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Kathy Esponge, Senior Executive Assistant
Mr. Gilbert Ganuchau, Chief Legal Officer
Mr. Ray Holmes, Chief Nursing Officer
Ms. Nicole Jones, Emergency Department Manager
Dr. Charlane Liles, Vice President Medical Affairs
Mr. Ben Lott, AVP-Associate Administrator
Ms. Marisa Stubbs, Digital Content Specialist
Mr. Jason Wilson, Chief Operating Officer

Dr. Samy Abdelghani, Ochsner Associate Regional Medical Director-St. Tammany East
Mr. Jeff Edge, Ochsner Chief Operating Officer-Northshore and Mississippi Gulf Coast Region
Dr. Alisha Lacour, 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 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.

COMMENDATION – Nicole Jones

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Ms. Badinger presented a Commendation to Ms. Nicole Jones, Emergency Department Manager, for effectively collaborating with multidisciplinary teams and leading the fast-paced and ever-changing environment of the SMH Emergency Department in improving patient care through multiple throughput initiatives, resulting in improved discharge length of stay, admission length of stay, door-to-EKG times, and enhanced stroke care.

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NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

The next Board of Commissioners meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Slidell Memorial Hospital Regional Cancer Center Skyview Conference Room (#302), 1120 Robert Blvd., Slidell, LA.

- a. **Special Meeting on December 1, 2025** – held quarterly in conjunction with the OH/SMH JOA Strategy and Oversight Committee
- 5:30 p.m. in the SMHRCC Skyview Conference Room, Slidell, LA
- b. **Regular Meeting on December 18, 2025** – held monthly
- 6:00 p.m. in the SMHRCC Skyview Conference Room, Slidell, LA

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- a. **Chief Legal Officer – Gil Ganucheau**
 - **SMH Annual Training Reminder** – All required courses are complete with the exception of one Commissioner who will be contacted to review status and inform him of final December 31st deadline.
- b. **Board Chair – Kristen Stanley-Wallace**
 - **Louisiana Hospital Association Winter Healthcare Leadership Symposium** – Announcement was made of the Symposium taking place on February 10-11, 2026 at the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel. Upon review of the agenda please advise Ms. Esponge if interested in attending by completing the questionnaire form provided.

BOARD AND BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE 2026

Upon Ms. Stanley-Wallace presenting this year schedule with changes made on moving the quarterly MFP Committee meetings to a Jan/Apr/July/Oct cycle and keeping the quarterly Finance Committee meetings on a Feb/May/Aug/Nov cycle, a motion was made by Dr. Mercadel and seconded by Dr. Lane to approve the Board and Board Committee Meeting Schedule for the calendar year 2026 as presented. It was also noted that the quarterly SMH/OH JOA Strategy and Oversight Committee meetings would now be held at 5:00 p.m. preceding the 6:00 p.m. SMH Board meetings on a Mar/Jun/Sep/Dec cycle.

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

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

The motion passed.

CANCER CENTER RENOVATION SUITE 360 (Millage CIP Project)

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Englande to accept the public bid(s) and to award the construction contract to M. Natal Contractor, Inc. to complete construction of the project identified as “Cancer Center Renovation Suite 360, RFB #25-11-01C” for the contract sum of Five Hundred Fifty Thousand and Fifty Two Dollars (\$550,052.00) and for a resolution to authorize the Chair of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, or any of them, to execute an agreement between the District and M. Natal Contractor, Inc. 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, Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Ms. Johnson, Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

The motion passed.

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SMH ADMINISTRATION OFFICE RELOCATION/RENOVATION
PUBLIC BID AUTHORIZATION

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Morris to authorize issuance of Public Bid for the construction of the SMH Administration Office Relocation/Renovation project as presented.

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

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

The motion passed.

SMH MAIN ENTRANCE AND MOB I ATRIUM RENOVATION
PUBLIC BID AUTHORIZATION

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Englande to authorize issuance of Public Bid for the construction of the SMH Main Entrance and MOB I Atrium Renovation project as presented.

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

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

The motion passed.

PJ'S COFFEE SHOP BUILDOUT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AUTHORIZATION

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Mercadel to authorize issuance of Request For Proposals for the construction of the PJ's Coffee Shop Buildout project as presented.

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

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

The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes, October 27, 2025** *(Regular Meeting)*
- b. Authorize Chair of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, and the Chief Financial Officer, or any one of them, to execute an Intergovernmental Transfer of funds to the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals as a component of participation in the Low Income and Needy Care Collaboration Program and the Louisiana Physician's Supplemental Payment Program, not to exceed One Hundred Twenty Million Dollars (\$120,000,000.00) during the calendar year 2026; and execute such documents as necessary and appropriate to accomplish the intent of this resolution as presented**
- c. Ratify Contracts Received/Signed in October 2025**

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

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

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

The motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:14 p.m.

All outside guests exited the meeting.

Dr. Petitto arrived at 6:29 p.m. during reports being given in early part of executive session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Dr. Mercadel and seconded by Dr. Lane for the Board of Commissioners to return to open session.

Vote was held as follows:

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

The motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners returned to Open Session at 7:16 p.m.

MEDICAL STAFF AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGES

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

The motion passed.

HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT COALITION PARTICIPATION AND BUDGET

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. DiGiovanni to approve the Hospital Service District Coalition participation and budget as presented.

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

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

The motion passed.

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SMH FINANCIAL REPORT

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

The motion passed.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AT RISK PROCESS USAGE (SMH Main ED Expansion Project)

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Morris to approve the Construction Management At Risk Process Usage (SMH Main ED Expansion Project) as presented.

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

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

The motion passed.

**SMH ADMINISTRATION OFFICE RELOCATION/RENOVATION
BUDGET APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. DiGiovanni to approve the budget for the SMH Administration Office Relocation/Renovation project as presented.

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

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

The motion passed.

**SMH MAIN ENTRANCE AND MOB I ATRIUM RENOVATION
BUDGET APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Mercadel to approve the budget for the SMH Main Entrance and MOB I Atrium Renovation project as presented.

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

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

The motion passed.

**PJ'S COFFEE SHOP BUILDOUT
BUDGET APPROVAL**

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Englande to approve the budget for the PJ's Coffee Shop Buildout project as presented.

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

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

The motion passed.

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EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS PLAN

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Mercadel to approve the Executive Compensation and Benefits Plan, effective December 28, 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, Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Dr. Petitto
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent:	Ms. Johnson, Mr. Newton

The motion passed.

ADDITION TO AGENDA

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. Englande to open the agenda adding an item for discussion related to the proposed Medical Staff Rules and Regulations revision.

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

Affirmative – Yea:	Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Dr. Petitto, Ms. Stanley-Wallace
Negative – No:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Ms. Johnson, Mr. Newton

The motion passed unanimously.

MEDICAL STAFF RULES AND REGULATIONS 2025 REVISION TO SECTION H.i.

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Petitto to approve the Medical Staff Rules and Regulations 2025 Revision to Section H.i. as presented.

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

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

The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Draft of Master Facility Plan Committee Minutes, November 3, 2025**
- b. Approve Draft of Finance Committee Minutes, November 17, 2025**
- c. Accept Draft of Quality Committee Minutes, November 19, 2025**
- d. Accept Master Facility Plan Report**
- e. Accept Quality Report (Hospital)**
- f. Accept FY 2026 Operating/Capital Budget Draft; Final Draft to be presented in December**
- g. Accept Compliance Report**
- h. Accept Louisiana Home Care Financial Report**
- i. Accept Northshore Rehabilitation Hospital Financial Report**
- j. Approve Marketing/Strategic Contracts for November 2025**

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

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

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 Mr. Englande to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was *adjourned at 7:19 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 December 18, 2025)