

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

**THURSDAY - DECEMBER 18, 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, December 18, 2025.

THOSE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Joseph "Joe" DiGiovanni
Ms. Georgia Johnson
Dr. Walter "Dub" Lane
Dr. Robert Mercadel
Dr. Tommy Morris
Mr. James "Bill" Newton
Dr. Francis Petitto
Ms. Kristen Stanley-Wallace

THOSE BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Larry Englande

THOSE ALSO PRESENT: (*joined via video/teleconference)

Ms. Sandy Badinger, Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Jennifer Berger, Director, Enterprise Communications
Mr. Pat Bolander, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Kathy Esponge, Senior Executive Assistant
Mr. Gilbert Ganuchea, Chief Legal Officer
Dr. Charlane Liles, Vice President Medical Affairs
Ms. Krista Rainey, Executive Assistant
Ms. Paula Songy, AVP Nursing
Ms. Marisa Stubbs, Digital Content Specialist

Dr. Samy Abdelghani, Ochsner Associate Regional Medical Director-St. Tammany East
Mr. Jeff Edge, Ochsner Chief Operating Officer-Northshore and Mississippi Gulf Coast Region *
Mr. Jack Fenerty, Ochsner Administrative Fellow
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

Mr. Blake Stockstill
Mrs. Kayla Stockstill
Ms. Blakely Stockstill
Ms. Emerson Stockstill

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. Ganuchea 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.

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NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next regular monthly Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 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 Ganuchea

- **SMH Annual Training Reminder** – Reported that we had 100% completed by Commissioners.

b. Board Chair – Kristen Stanley-Wallace

- **Louisiana Hospital Association Winter Healthcare Leadership Symposium** – Reminder given of the Symposium taking place on February 10-11, 2026 at the Renaissance Baton Rouge Hotel. Full agenda was provided.

POLICIES

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the Policies, as of December 16, 2025 as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris,
Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)

Absent: Mr. Englande

The motion passed.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES (Regular Meeting)

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Dr. Mercadel to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from November 20, 2025 as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Mr. DiGiovanni, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris,
Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)

Absent: 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. DiGiovanni 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: Mr. DiGiovanni, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris,
Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)

Absent: Mr. Englande

The motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:11 p.m.

All guests/presenters exited the meeting.

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RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

Vote was held as follows:

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

The motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners returned to Open Session at 6:46 p.m.

SMH FINANCIAL REPORT

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

The motion passed.

LOUISIANA HOME CARE OF SLIDELL FINANCIAL REPORT

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

The motion passed.

NORTHSORE REHABILITATION HOSPITAL FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Mr. DiGiovanni and seconded by Mr. Newton to accept the monthly 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: Mr. DiGiovanni, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris,
Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (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 December 2025 and to ratify Marketing/Strategic Contracts Received/Signed in November 2025 as presented.

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

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

The motion passed.

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FY 2026 OPERATING/CAPITAL BUDGET

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by to approve the FY 2026 Operating/Capital Budget as presented. There being no comments by the public and after complete discussion, vote was held as follows:

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

The motion passed.

EAST CAMPUS MOB 1 AND 2 BUILDINGS PURCHASE

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Morris to approve the purchase of the East Campus Medical Office Buildings 1 and 2 not to exceed appraised fair market value as presented.

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

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

The motion passed.

EMPLOYEE INCENTIVE COMPENSATION FY 2026

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Mercadel to approve the Employee Incentive Compensation for FY 2026 as presented.

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

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

The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Accept Draft of Quality Committee Minutes, November 19, 2025
- 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: Mr. DiGiovanni, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris,
Mr. Newton, Dr. Petitto
Negative – No: None
Abstain: Ms. Stanley-Wallace (Chair)
Absent: Mr. Englande

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 Dr. Mercadel to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was *adjourned at 6:48 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 January 26, 2026)