

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. TAMMANY PARISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 2**  
**dba SLIDELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**  
**QUALITY COMMITTEE**  
**FEBRUARY 22, 2023 – 12:00 P.M.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Cyril Bethala, M.D. (*arrived at 12:15 p.m.*)  
Larry Englande  
Georgia Johnson (Committee Chair)  
Tommy Morris (Committee Vice-Chair)

**OTHER BOC MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bill Newton – *orienting/non-voting*

**THOSE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Robert Mercadel, M.D.

**THOSE ALSO PRESENT:**

Sandy Badinger, Chief Executive Officer  
Ray Balsler, Emergency Department Director  
Claire Chitwood, Chief Operating Officer  
Kathy Esponge, Senior Executive Assistant  
Gilbert Ganucheau, Chief Legal Officer  
Anthony “Andy” Jackson, RN-Performance Improvement Analyst  
James Newcomb, M.D., Vice President Medical Affairs  
Kimberly Walker, Chief Nursing Officer (POC)

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. by Ms. Johnson, Committee Chair.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Englande to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2023 Quality Committee meeting as presented. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next Quality Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

**POLICY REVISION -**

**PC-124 EMTALA (EMERGENCY MEDICAL SCREENING, STABILIZATION, TREAT AND TRANSFER)**

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Englande to recommend to the Board of Commissioners approval of the PC-124 EMTALA (Emergency Medical Screening, Stabilization, Treat and Transfer) Policy Revision as presented. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE/STRATEGIC SESSION**

A motion was made by Mr. Englande and seconded by Dr. Morris for the Quality 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 12:06 p.m.

*Dr. Bethala arrived at 12:15 p.m.*

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Mr. Englande for the Quality Committee to return to open session. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried and the Committee returned to open session at 1:18 p.m.

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**QUALITY REPORT (Hospital)**

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Dr. Bethala to recommend to the Board of Commissioners acceptance of the Quality Report (Hospital) as presented. After full and complete discussion, the motion carried.

**QUALITY REPORT (SMH Physicians Network)**

A motion was made by Dr. Bethala and seconded by Dr. Morris to recommend to the Board of Commissioners acceptance of the Quality Report (SMH Physicians Network) 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 Mr. Englande and seconded by Dr. Morris to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

*(Draft of Minutes accepted by Board of Commissioners on February 27, 2023)*  
*(Minutes approved by Quality Committee on March 22, 2023)*