

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

MONDAY - FEBRUARY 27, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.
SLIDELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDERS BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM (1ST Floor), 1150 ROBERT BLVD., SLIDELL, LA

The meeting of the St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2 Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, February 27, 2023.

THOSE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Cyril Bethala
Mr. Joseph "Joe" DiGiovanni
Mr. Larry Englande
Ms. Georgia Johnson
Dr. Walter "Dub" Lane
Dr. Robert Mercadel
Dr. Tommy Morris
Mr. Bill Newton *(Orienting/Non-Voting Commissioner)*
Mr. Shawn Paretti
Ms. Kristen Stanley-Wallace

THOSE BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

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

Ms. Sandy Badinger, Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Pat Bolander, Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Claire Chitwood, Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Kathy Sponge, Senior Executive Assistant
Mr. Gilbert Ganucheau, Chief Legal Officer
Dr. Matthew McElveen, Vice President Medical Affairs-SMH Physicians Network
Dr. James Newcomb, Vice President Medical Affairs
Ms. Holly Sanchez, Chief Administrative Officer
Ms. Kimberly Walker, Chief Nursing Officer

Mr. Butch Eavenson, QHR Health *
Mr. Dan Hamman, QHR Health *
Dr. Richard Leblanc, Ochsner Regional Medical Director -Northshore East and Mississippi Gulf Coast Region
Dr. Timothy Riddell, 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 Mr. Englande, Chair.

DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Mr. Englande declared a quorum of the Board was present.

PRAYER

Mr. Ganucheau delivered the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Englande led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Mr. Englande welcomed all guests in attendance.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next regular monthly Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Slidell Memorial Hospital Founders Building Conference Room (1ST Floor), 1150 Robert Blvd., Slidell, LA.

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Englande made additional Board of Commissioners Committee Appointments in accordance with the Board Bylaws Article III Section 2 with no dissent and encouraged other Commissioners to advise him if they would also like to be a part of any of the Board Committees.

a. Board Committees

- Finance Committee** – Mr. Paretti, effective February 23, 2023
Mr. Newton, effective with his term beginning July 1, 2023
- Quality Committee** – Mr. Newton, effective with his term beginning July 1, 2023

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

a. Chief Executive Officer – Sandy Badinger

- **St. Tammany Parish Council Members** – List was distributed containing public contact information.

b. Board Chair – Larry Englande

- **Louisiana Hospital Association Winter Healthcare Leadership Symposium Report (Per Act 562/365)** – Attended by Commissioners DiGiovanni, Englande, Johnson, Lane, Newton-orienting, and Stanley-Wallace. Also attended by several senior leaders (Ms. Badinger, Mr. Bolander, Ms. Chitwood, Mr. Ganuchau, Mr. Lott, Ms. Sanchez, and Ms. Walker).

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. DiGiovanni and seconded by Ms. Stanley-Wallace to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes

- **January 30, 2023** (*Regular Meeting*)
- **February 23, 2023** (*Special Meeting*)

b. Adopt Louisiana Legislator Auditor’s Compliance Questionnaire for 2022 Audit Period

c. Adopt Resolutions Regarding Authorization of Bank Depository (Board Officer Changes)

d. Approve Policy Revisions

- **LD-350 Contracts**
- **LD-520 Code of Conduct**
- **LD-540 Employment of Relative (Nepotism) of Board Members and the Senior Mgmt Team**
- **LD-580 Business Courtesies to Potential Referral Sources**
- **PC-124 EMTALA (Emergency Medical Screening, Stabilization, Treat and Transfer)**

e. Approve Contracts for February 2023 and Ratify Signed Contracts Received in January 2023

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

Affirmative – Yea: Dr. Bethala, Mr. DiGiovanni, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris,
Mr. Paretti, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – Nay: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: None

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. Paretti and seconded by Dr. Morris 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: Dr. Bethala, Mr. DiGiovanni, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris,
Mr. Paretti, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – Nay: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: None

The motion passed.

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The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:08 p.m.

Dr. Riddell and Dr. Leblanc exited the meeting after giving Ochsner Update and Physician Recruitment Report during early part of executive session.

Mr. Eavenson and Mr. Hamman, who joined via videoconference briefly, exited the meeting after giving presentation in middle part of executive session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

Vote was held as follows:

Affirmative – Yea: Dr. Bethala, Mr. DiGiovanni, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris,
Mr. Paretti, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – Nay: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: None

The motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners returned to Open Session at 7:52 p.m.

MEDICAL STAFF AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGES

A motion was made by Dr. Bethala and seconded by Dr. Mercadel to approve the Medical Staff and Allied Health Professional Privileges as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Dr. Bethala, Mr. DiGiovanni, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris,
Mr. Paretti, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – Nay: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: None

The motion passed.

OH/SMH JOINT OPERATING AGREEMENT FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Stanley-Wallace to accept the monthly OHS/SMH Joint Operating Agreement Financial Report as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Dr. Bethala, Mr. DiGiovanni, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris,
Mr. Paretti, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – Nay: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: None

The motion passed.

SMH FINANCIAL REPORT

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Stanley-Wallace to accept the monthly SMH Financial Report as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Dr. Bethala, Mr. DiGiovanni, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris,
Mr. Paretti, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – Nay: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: None

The motion passed.

