

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

TUESDAY - SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.
SLIDELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDERS BUILDING
CONFERENCE ROOM (1ST Floor), 1150 ROBERT BLVD., SLIDELL, LA

The special meeting of the St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 2 Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 in conjunction with the OH/SMH Joint Operating Agreement Strategy and Oversight Committee meeting.

THOSE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Cyril Bethala
Mr. Joseph “Joe” DiGiovanni
Mr. Larry Englande
Ms. Georgia Johnson
Dr. Tommy Morris
Mr. James “Bill” Newton
Ms. Kristen Stanley-Wallace

THOSE BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: (* joined via teleconference; not counted in quorum)

Dr. Walter “Dub” Lane
Dr. Robert Mercadel

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
Mr. Ray Holmes, Interim Chief Nursing Officer
Dr. James Newcomb, Vice President Medical Affairs

Mr. Daniel Ferrari, SOC Designee for President and Chief Executive Officer, OH
Mr. Michael Hulefeld, President and Chief Operating Officer, OH *
Dr. Richard Leblanc, Regional Medical Director, Northshore and Mississippi Gulf Coast Region, OH
Mr. Timothy Riddell, Chief Executive Officer, Northshore and Mississippi Gulf Coast Region, OH

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.

EXECUTIVE/STRATEGIC SESSION

There being no further comments or discussion, a motion was made by Mr. DiGiovanni and seconded by Ms. Johnson for the Board of Commissioners to go into Executive Session in order to discuss 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. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace
Negative – Nay:	None
Abstain:	Mr. Englande (Chair)
Absent:	Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:01 p.m.

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RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

Vote was held as follows:

Affirmative – Yea: Dr. Bethala, Mr. DiGiovanni, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace
Negative – Nay: None
Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners returned to Open Session at 7:42 p.m.

LETTER AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Dr. Morris and seconded by Ms. Stanley-Wallace to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Letter Agreement with Ochsner Clinic Foundation as presented.

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. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace
Negative – Nay: None
Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

RETIREMENT PLAN FIDUCIARY AUTHORIZATION

A motion was made by Mr. DiGiovanni and seconded by Mr. Newton to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute the Retirement Plan Consent Agreement with Ochsner Clinic Foundation as presented.

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. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace
Negative – Nay: None
Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

MISSION, VISION, VALUES ALIGNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Newton and seconded by Ms. Stanley-Wallace to align with and adopt Ochsner’s Mission, Vision, Values statement as presented. A deeper look at adding verbiage addressing “community” will be looked at by both in the near future.

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. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace
Negative – Nay: None
Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)
Absent: Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel

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 Ms. Stanley-Wallace to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was ***adjourned at 7:49 p.m.***

(original signature on file)
LARRY P. ENGLANDE, SR.
CHAIR

(original signature on file)
WALTER J. “DUB” LANE JR.
SECRETARY

(Minutes approved by Board of Commissioners on September 25, 2023)