

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

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 25, 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, September 25, 2023.

THOSE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Larry Englande
Dr. Walter “Dub” Lane
Dr. Robert Mercadel
Dr. Tommy Morris
Mr. James “Bill” Newton
Ms. Kristen Stanley-Wallace

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

Dr. Cyril Bethala
Mr. Joseph “Joe” DiGiovanni
Ms. Georgia Johnson

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. Matthew McElveen, Vice President Medical Affairs-SMH Physicians Network
Dr. James Newcomb, Vice President Medical Affairs
Ms. Holly Sanchez, Chief Administrative Officer

Ms. Emily Lawrence Pirch, Ochsner Cancer Services Vice President
Dr. Brian Moore, Ochsner Cancer Institute Director and Associate Medical Director, South Shore 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, October 30, 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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REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- a. **Chief Legal Officer – Gil Ganucheau**
 - **SMH Annual Training** – Reminder and status on completion was given for required courses which were to be completed by 8/31/23 via the OLN education portal. Those 3 who have outstanding courses will be notified individually. The Ethics and Sexual Harassment type courses will be added on October 1st and will need to be completed by 12/31/23.
- b. **Chief Executive Officer – Sandy Badinger**
 - **Nightingale Awards** – Recent celebration in Baton Rouge; had 5 nurses from the region plus board member Georgia Johnson nominated for this award.
 - **District Nursing Association Awards** – SMH and Ochsner hosted award banquet; 24 nurses from all over St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes.
 - **Light the Night Event by Leukemia & Lymphoma Society** – Being held on Friday, October 13th at Lafreniere Park. Beautiful event so please try and attend and/or donate to his cause.
- c. **Board Chair – Larry Englande**
 - **Board of Commissioners Education Conference/Retreat** – Reminder given on event being held at the Southern Hotel on October 27, 2023 with dinner the evening before with spouses included. Guest speakers will include Mr. Hulefeld and Dr. Hart from Ochsner and Mr. Salles from LHA. Please respond to Ms. Esponge on any inquiry you should receive as head counts for guest room and meals will need finalizing soon.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. **Approve Board Meeting Minutes**
 - **August 28, 2023** (*Regular Meeting*)
 - **September 5, 2023** (*Special Meeting w/SOC*)
- b. **Ratify Signed Contracts Received in August 2023**

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

Affirmative – Yea: Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Bethala, Mr. DiGiovanni, Ms. Johnson,

The motion passed.

FINAL COMMENTS

Dr. McElveen announced the “Pinking Out” event taking place at the SMH Regional Cancer Center at 5:30 p.m. on October 3, 2023. This is always a fun and celebratory event for cancer patients and survivors who take part in pinking out the fountain located in front of the Cancer Center.

EXECUTIVE/STRATEGIC SESSION

There being no further comments by the public and there being no further discussion, a motion was made by Dr. Mercadel and seconded by Ms. Stanley-Wallace 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. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Bethala, Mr. DiGiovanni, Ms. Johnson,

The motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:10 p.m.

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Ochsner guest speakers exited the meeting after giving Cancer Services presentation during early part of executive session.

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: Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Bethala, Mr. DiGiovanni, Ms. Johnson,

The motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners returned to Open Session at 7:49 p.m.

MEDICAL STAFF AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGES

A motion was made by Dr. Mercadel and seconded by Dr. Morris 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: Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Bethala, Mr. DiGiovanni, Ms. Johnson,

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 by the public and after complete discussion, vote was held as follows:

Affirmative – Yea: Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Bethala, Mr. DiGiovanni, Ms. Johnson,

The motion passed.

RETIREMENT PLAN PROPOSALS

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Morris to approve changes to the Slidell Memorial Hospital Retirement Plans as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Bethala, Mr. DiGiovanni, Ms. Johnson,

The motion passed.

FLORIDA AVENUE PROPERTY ACQUISITION

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Ms. Stanley-Wallace to authorize the Chief Executive Officer or Chairman of the Board to execute all documents necessary to acquire the property identified as Lot 2 LeVol Heights as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Bethala, Mr. DiGiovanni, Ms. Johnson,

The motion passed.

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CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Accept Draft of Finance Committee Minutes, September 18, 2023**
- b. Approve Draft of Executive Committee Minutes, September 18, 2023**
- c. Accept Draft of Quality Committee Minutes, September 20, 2023**
- d. Accept Quality Report (Hospital)**
- e. Accept Louisiana Home Care Financial Report**
- f. Accept Northshore Extended Care Hospital Financial Report (“NSECH”-Skilled/LTAC Joint Venture)**
- g. Accept Northshore Rehabilitation Hospital Financial Report (“NSR”-Rehab Joint Venture)**
- h. Approve Marketing/Strategic Contracts for September 2023 and Ratify Signed Marketing/Strategic Contracts Received in August 2023**

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

Affirmative – Yea: Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Bethala, Mr. DiGiovanni, Ms. Johnson,

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. Lane to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was *adjourned at 7:45 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 October 30, 2023)