

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

MONDAY - OCTOBER 30, 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, October 30, 2023.

THOSE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

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

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

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

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 Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Slidell Memorial Hospital Founders Building Conference Room (1st Floor), 1150 Robert Blvd., Slidell, LA.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

a. Commissioners Trustee – Georgia Johnson, Commissioners Trustee

- **SMH Foundation Board Update** – Report included Cancer Center’s partnership with the Covington Foodbank to have products delivered to SMH to maintain a Therapeutic Food Pantry to focus on radiation treatment, newly hired Foundation Associate (Sarah Cusimano), community events, such as, Habitat for Humanity, golf tournament, and Healing Arts Commission painting displays. Report also include summary of grant approvals, and decreased revenue. Upcoming Rooftop Rendezvous event on November 4th will include a football viewing area. Ticket sales are down 50%, as of Foundation’s last meeting earlier this month.

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b. Chief Legal Officer – Gil Ganucheau

- **SMH Annual Training** – Reminder and status on completion was given for all required courses on the OLN portal. The Ethics and Sexual Harassment courses were recently added and will need to be completed by 12/31/23. Printing the certificate of completion for the Ethics training will not be required this year as they will be accessed and uploaded to the Ethic online training site by Ochsner.
- **Act 393 of 2023 Regular Session** – Revision with reference to the Open Meetings Law was made, specifically related to accommodating disabled members of the public who wish to participate in public meetings. Upon their request to participate, they would be able to do so through videoconference. Additionally, if board member is also disabled, they would be able to participate and be counted in quorum for voting purposes. A policy will be created with reference to this new Act 393.

c. Chief Executive Officer – Sandy Badinger

- **Chief Nursing Officer** – Congratulations was extended to Ray Holmes, who accepted the permanent Divisional CNO position.

d. Board Chair – Larry Englande

- **Rooftop Rendezvous** – Reminder of the event on November 4, 2023 from 7:00-11:00 p.m. in the SMH parking garage. Television viewing of the LSU/Alabama game will be available.
- **Board of Commissioners Education Conference/Retreat** – As a follow-up to the retreat which occurred on October 27th, there was a great turn out and a personal thank you was extended to Dr. Riddell, Mr. Hulefeld and Dr. Hart from Ochsner Health as well as other guest speakers from LHA (Paul Salles) and the N.O. Pelicans (Swin Cash). As always, all of the senior team did a great job on integration, clinic integration, and master facility plan update presentations.

**SMH FOUNDERS BUILDING, SUITE 100 RENOVATION
BUDGET APPROVAL, PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE AND AWARD**

A motion was made by Mr. DiGiovanni and seconded by Dr. Lane to approve budget, accept proposals, and to award the construction contract to Billbar Construction to complete construction of the project identified as “Renovation of Suite 100 Founders Building, 1150 Robert Blvd., RFP #23-09-02R” for the contract sum of One Hundred Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$107,800.00) and for a resolution to authorize the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, or any of them, to execute an agreement between the District and Billbar Construction; to appoint said Contractor as agent of the District when purchasing materials to be used in the construction of said project; to authorize execution of “Designation of Construction Contractor as Agent of Governmental Entity and Exemption Certificate” for the subcontractors, identified by Contractor and approved by Slidell Memorial Hospital, involved in construction of said project; and to authorize execution of such documents and to have such additional authority as necessary and appropriate to accomplish the intent of this resolution 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. Lane, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton,
Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

URONAV FUSION BIOPSY SYSTEM

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Dr. Morris to approve the UroNav Fusion Biopsy System capital expenditure at a cost not to exceed \$152,650.00 and to authorize the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, or any of them, to execute an agreement between Slidell Memorial Hospital and GPO vendor selected for said project 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. Lane, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton,
Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

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CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes**
 - **September 25, 2023** (*Regular Meeting*)
 - **October 27, 2023** (*Education Conference/Retreat*)
- b. Approve IC=320 Hand Hygiene Policy Revision**
- c. Accept Quarterly Unaudited Finance Statement Highlights** (Per Act 562/365)
- d. Ratify Signed Contracts Received in September 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. Morris, Mr. Newton,
Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE/STRATEGIC SESSION

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners went into Executive Session at 6:15 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Ms. Stanley-Wallace and seconded by Mr. DiGiovanni 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. Morris, Mr. Newton,
Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

The Board of Commissioners returned to Open Session at 7:22 p.m.

MEDICAL STAFF AND ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGES

A motion was made by Dr. Bethala and seconded by Ms. Johnson 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. Bethala, Mr. DiGiovanni, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton,
Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

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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: Dr. Bethala, Mr. DiGiovanni, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Lane, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton,
Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

SMH MISSION STATEMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Johnson and seconded by Ms. Stanley-Wallace to approve the SMH Mission Statement revision as presented.

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

Affirmative – Yea: (3) Ms. Johnson, Dr. Morris, Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: (4) Mr. DiGiovanni, Mr. Englande, Dr. Lane, Mr. Newton

Abstain: (1) Dr. Bethala (Chair)

Absent: (1) Dr. Mercadel

The motion failed to pass by those present.

SMH RETIREMENT PLAN RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Dr. Lane and seconded by Mr. DiGiovanni to approve the SMH Retirement Plan resolution as presented.

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

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

Negative – No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed unanimously by those present.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a. Accept Draft of Finance Committee Minutes, October 23, 2023**
- b. Accept Draft of Quality Committee Minutes, October 25, 2023**
- c. Accept Quality Report (Hospital)**
- d. Accept Louisiana Home Care Financial Report**
- e. Accept Northshore Extended Care Hospital Financial Report (“NSECH”-Skilled/LTAC Joint Venture)**
- f. Accept Northshore Rehabilitation Hospital Financial Report (“NSR”-Rehab Joint Venture)**
- g. Approve Marketing/Strategic Contracts for October 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. Morris, Mr. Newton,
Ms. Stanley-Wallace

Negative – No: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND FINAL COMMENTS

Dr. Morris wanted to acknowledge that 31 years ago a paperweight was given to him at another retreat at Eli Lilly and Company, which contained a "pair of dimes", focusing on the fact of wanting to make a paradigm shift. He shared that in receiving the SMH/Ochsner Redfish Transition paperweight at the recent SMH Board Retreat, it reminded him of what we are trying to do in our partnership in keeping us aligned with the integration.

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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 7:30 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 November 30, 2023)