

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

**TUESDAY - DECEMBER 19, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.**  
**SLIDELL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDERS BUILDING**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM (1<sup>ST</sup> 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, December 19, 2023 in conjunction with the OH/SMH Joint Operating Agreement Strategy and Oversight Committee meeting.

**THOSE BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

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:**

Dr. Cyril Bethala  
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 Esponge, Senior Executive Assistant  
Mr. Gilbert Ganucheau, Chief Legal Officer  
Mr. Ray Holmes, Chief Nursing Officer  
Dr. James Newcomb, Vice President Medical Affairs  
Ms. Holly Sanchez, Chief Administrative Officer

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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  
Mr. Ken Smith, Chief Operating 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. Stanley-Wallace 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: Mr. DiGiovanni, Ms. Johnson, Dr. Morris, Mr. Newton, Ms. Stanley-Wallace  
Negative – Nay: None  
Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)  
Absent: Dr. Bethala, 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. DiGiovanni and seconded by Ms. Johnson for the Board of Commissioners to return to open session.

Vote was held as follows:

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

Negative – Nay: None

Abstain: Mr. Englande (Chair)

Absent: Dr. Bethala, Dr. Lane, Dr. Mercadel

The motion passed.

**The Board of Commissioners returned to Open Session at 7:23 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no final comments by the public or further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. DiGiovanni and seconded by Dr. Morris to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was *adjourned at 7:24 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 December 21, 2023)*