

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING OF THE HOSPITAL SERVICE
DISTRICT #2 OF THE PARISH OF ST. MARY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON
APRIL 2, 2025

A regular monthly business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District #2 of the Parish of St. Mary was held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 12:00 P.M. in the Media Room of the Morgan City Harbor & Terminal District Building located at 7327 Highway 182, Morgan City, LA 70380.

PRESENT: Dr. William A. Cefalu, Jr., Jackie Cheramie, Angelena Brocato, William McCarty and Thane Aucoin

ABSENT: Donald Stephens

Also present: William E. Bourgeois, Counsel for Hospital Service District #2

Dr. Cefalu called the meeting to order.

Dr. Cefalu lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken. Those Board Members present and those absent listed above.

On motion of Mrs. Brocato, second by Mr. Aucoin and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the Minutes of March 5, 2025.

Dr. Cefalu opened the floor for Guest/public comments. Raymond Pisani with Respiratory Therapy at Ochsner St. Mary (OSM), Dr. Larry Nelson and Jimmy Davis (District #7), David Hill (District #4), Mark Duhon (District #8) St. Mary Parish Council Members and Anthony Baham, Dean of Workforce Programs at South Louisiana Community College (SLCC) attended without comment. Lana M. Fontenot, MBA, CFRE Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement Executive Director of Foundation for SLCC provided the Board with handouts and made a brief presentation as to the Careers in Healthcare Programs that are offered at SLCC, the approximate costs and their scholarship process. Further discussions were held as to her presentation and she was thanked for her appearance.

Dr. Cefalu called for the Financial Report and approval of the payables. Mrs. Cheramie presented the Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2025. Upon motion of Mrs. Brocato, second by Mr. McCarty and unanimously carried, the Board approved the financials/payables as presented.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on Community Outreach and an update on the Oschner St. Mary (OSM) renovations. Mrs. Jennifer Wise, Chief Nursing Officer and CEO of OSM gave a brief update on the past, current/future events/activities scheduled for community outreach. A brief discussion was held as to these matters.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on OSM architectural, engineering and front entrance overhang. Attorney Bourgeois stated that he had a conversation with Barry Lann, with Grace Hebert Curtis Architects, regarding the finalization of Phase I, the specs on the overhang and the sealing of the building. He also provided the Board with a handout regarding the Building Pressurization Study and costs. A brief discussion was held as to these matters.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on medical, nursing and allied health scholarship policies and procedures. Attorney Bourgeois discussed the handouts provided in the Board Members' packets and whether they had any input and/or comments regarding the Application for Scholarship forms and the process. A brief discussion was held regarding said forms/process and Jennifer Wise made several comments regarding OSM scholarships. The issue of the development of foundations were discussed. The Board then requested a break down of costs. The Board tabled this matter pending further information on the costs.

At this time Dr. Cefalu gave his Chairman's Report and stated that all had been covered previously. He was looking forward to the repairs to the hospital and everything is on the right track.

Dr. Cefalu stated that there were no matters to be taken up in Executive Session this date.

With no other business to come before the Board, on motion of Mr. McCarty, second by Mrs. Brocato and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.



William A. Cefalu, Jr., M.D., Chairman



Jackie Cheramie, Secretary/Treasurer