

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING OF THE HOSPITAL SERVICE
DISTRICT #2 OF THE PARISH OF ST. MARY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON
JULY 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, July 2, 2025 at 12:00 P.M. in the Administrative Conference Room on the 2nd Floor of Ochsner St. Mary Hospital located at 1125 Marguerite Street, Morgan City, LA 70380.

PRESENT: Dr. William A. Cefalu, Jr., Angelena Brocato, William McCarty, Thane Aucoin and Clarence Robinson, Jr.

Jackie Cheramie arrived after Roll Call

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. McCarty and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the Minutes of June 4, 2025.

Dr. Cefalu opened the floor for Guest/public comments. Raymond Pisani with Respiratory Therapy at Ochsner St. Mary (OSM), Dr. Larry Nelson, Anaesthesiologist with OSM and Steve Nosaka, Registered Municipal Advisor with Trinity Capital Resources attended without comment. Mr. Ken Bernhard VP Development with Optimum Energy was present and stated that he had previously met with Ochsner. He then made further comments and provided Attorney Bourgeois with a Memorandum of Understanding for review/consideration by the Board.

Dr. Cefalu called for the Financial Report. Mrs. Cheramie presented the Financial Report for the period ending May 31, 2025. Upon motion of Mr. Aucoin, second by Mr. Robinson and unanimously carried, the Board approved the financials as presented. At this time Dane Robison with Robison Wealth Management made a brief presentation regarding Commonwealth Financial Network being sold and HSD #2 accounts being transferred back to Raymond James Financial. Further discussions were held as to this matter and the current interest rate, the cash on hand and the length of time for the transfer process.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on Community Outreach. 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. She stated that the annual gumbo cook-off "Roux Rumble" is scheduled for 11/1/2025 to benefit the Alzheimer's Association. She also stated

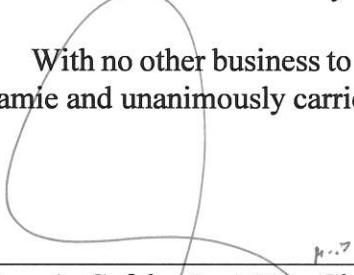
that there are two (2) applicants for the Medical Apprenticeship Program and a brief discussion was held. The OSM Cafeteria will be serving "Chick fil a" on Thursdays and due to the high demand more product will be available.

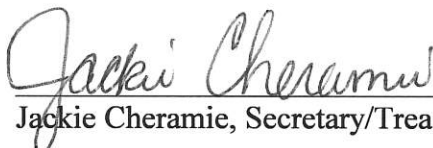
Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on OSM architectural, engineering and front entrance overhang. Barry Lann with Grace Hebert Curtis Architects provided the Board with a copy of the Facility Repairs Assessment Annual Report for OSM (2024 calendar year and partially 2025) and provided a power point presentation for all in attendance. Time lines for repairs (sealing of the building and entrance overhang) and the status of the building should a hurricane arrive prior to the completion of the said repairs were discussed. Further discussions were then held as to other upcoming repairs/improvements, those in the future and the costs. Attorney Bourgeois stated that after this meeting, the Board will conduct its annual "Walk Through" of the facility and view some of the items/repairs discussed this date. Future meetings will be held regarding the scope of spending over the next five (5) years and a plan for payment of these expenditures.

Dr. Cefalu gave his Chairman's Report. Attorney Bourgeois reminded the Board that ULL's College of Nursing and Health Sciences Dean Lisa Broussard will be attending our August meeting along with area Allied Health Department High School Guidance personnel to make them aware of our scholarship programs. He further stated that he and Jennifer Wise will give a joint presentation at the August meeting of Atchafalaya Intercoastal Coalition (AIC) for an update on what has been done since the passage of the millage, to thank them for their support and further inform the public of the current and upcoming repairs/improvements/new services at OSM. Dr. Cefalu stated that he has been receiving positive feedback from patients/the public regarding the Leap Frog Rating of OSM and the exterior coating/sealing of the building. Mrs. Brocato discussed keeping the public informed of the improvements to the hospital and other news worthy items prior to the receipt of their "tax bill." Attorney Bourgeois informed the Board of the approval/receipt of the Sales Tax Exemption Certificate for HSD #2 for a period of three (3) years. He requested that the Board Members notify him of any specific questions/concerns from the public that should be addressed at the upcoming AIC presentation.

Upon motion of Mr. Robinson, second by Mr. McCarty and unanimously carried, the Board retired into Executive Session to discuss strategic planning pursuant to *LA R.S. 46:1071, et seq.* and have their Annual OSM Facility Tour.

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


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


Jackie Cheramie, Secretary/Treasurer