

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING OF THE HOSPITAL SERVICE  
DISTRICT #2 OF THE PARISH OF ST. MARY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON  
**SEPTEMBER 3, 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, September 3, 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., Angelena Brocato, Jackie Cheramie, William McCarty, Thane Aucoin, Clarence Robinson, Jr. and Barry Dufrene

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

Dr. Cefalu called the meeting to order and welcomed new Board Member, Barry Dufrene.

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. Robinson and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the Minutes of August 6, 2025.

Dr. Cefalu opened the floor for Guest/public comments, to which there were none. Raymond Pisani with Respiratory Therapy at Ochsner St. Mary (OSM) and Bill Decker with the Daily Review attended without comment.

Dr. Cefalu called for the Financial Report. Mrs. Cheramie presented the Financial Report for the period ending July 31, 2025. Upon motion of Mrs. Brocato, second by Mr. McCarty and unanimously carried, the Board approved the financials as presented.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on Pitts & Matte Annual Financial Report. Mr. Matte provided the Board with the Annual Financial Report and briefly gave an overview of the contents of said report and the requirements for the review and the changes for next year's Review/Audit. On motion of Mr. Robinson, second by Mrs. Cheramie and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the Annual Financial Report as submitted.

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 advised that in mid-August OSM hosted the Leadership St. Mary Group that the Chamber puts on every year - Health Fair Day. Brett Hernandez, Physical Therapist (OSM) was a team member this year. OSM also participated in another Chamber event, Commerce Luncheon, which included a presentation from the Youth Prevention Coalition head by Jasmine Dubois and Dwan Navarre is also very active in that Coalition

and it deals a lot with suicide prevention, making healthy choices like not smoking/vaping. Presentations were made by Mrs. Wise and Attorney Bourgeois at the Atchafalaya Intracoastal Coalition (AIC) Meeting and Mrs. Wise will also make a presentation at the Kiwanis Club meeting. Further upcoming annual events were provided by Mrs. Wise. She also advised that OSM is on track with the EMTs starting later this month, credentials were completed, now working on electronic health records with EMTs to be working Tuesdays and Thursdays. Gastrointestinal Services - outpatient will begin late December, two (2) Nurse Practitioners were hired that are working in the Thibodaux market and will be working between OSM and St. Anne. They will be in the Morgan City area two (2) days per week. OSM is also starting an Eccordigram rotation along side Fletcher to expand their radiology services/programs which will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays in which a couple of students will be hosted for about a seven (7) week rotation. Mrs. Wise also advised that the sealing of the building is on schedule to be completed by the end of October and the installation of the HVAC is on schedule.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on OSM architectural, engineering and front entrance overhang. Attorney Bourgeois advised the Board of the issues the contractor discovered regarding the entrance overhang and explained the situation. He reviewed with the Board the Change Orders submitted by ARL and each one was discussed. After discussion, on motion of Mr. Aucoin, second by Mrs. Brocato and unanimously carried, the Board authorized Dr. Cefalu to sign Change Order #1, #2 and #3. Change Order #4 will be tabled and discussed further/decided upon at a later date. Attorney Bourgeois then discussed the two (2) Letters of Proposal for Conceptual Design Services submitted by Grace Design Studios, LLC regarding the OSM Envelope Replacement and OSM Interior Renovations. After a brief discussion, on motion of Mrs. Brocato, second by Mr. Robinson and unanimously carried, the Board authorized Dr. Cefalu to sign both proposal letters. Attorney Bourgeois further stated that the annual evaluation (repair/improvement, etc.) list from Ochsner had much higher numbers than originally submitted. He recommended that this matter be deferred to the next meeting pending his follow up meeting with Ochsner.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on Budget Planning. Attorney Bourgeois stated that in conjunction with the statements made by Mr. Matte, this Agenda item was just a heads up that within in the next month or so we will be working on developing a budget and putting together the first parts of the budget. He advised the Board to review the Local Government Budget Act and the Flowchart of the Statutory Mandates contained in their packets. A brief discussion was then held as to this matter.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action to authorize MOU with Liquidity Services Operations, LLC d/b/a GovDeals for online auction processing of surplus equipment. Attorney Bourgeois discussed the surplus equipment processing with OSM has run into some issues and that he had contacted the parish regarding their use of GovDeals. He advised that he had contacted GovDeals and they will come down, help hospital set up, log items in and process them, which is all legal. They will get their commission based on what is sold. After a brief discussion, on motion of Mr. Aucoin, second by Mrs. Brocato and unanimously carried, the Board authorized Dr. Cefalu to sign the MOU with GovDeals to start the online auction process for the surplus equipment.

Dr. Cefalu stated that item 12 on the Agenda will be passed at this time.

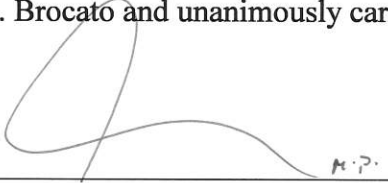
Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action to authorize the creation of a HSD #2 website, to include information on providers not employed by OSM. Attorney Bourgeois discussed the information contained in their packet from Cypress Tech regarding maintaining the website. Further discussions were held as to the costs of the service, to which Attorney Bourgeois said he would obtain further information and the matter will be taken up next month. He also requested that any Board Member who would like to be involved in this matter to contact him.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on pediatric behavioral health services. Attorney Bourgeois said that while he was attending a community event he was approach by the Chamber President and community members/parents regarding concerns about pediatric behavioral health services and/or lack thereof. Further discussions were held as to this matter and the need to have further meetings with OSM and obtain numbers regarding the needs of the community.

Dr. Cefalu presented his Chairman's Report, to which he stated most had been discussed. He again stated the compliments being received as to the beautiful coating on the building, many other positive things being said by patient experience at OSM, leadership is doing a great job and community perception of the hospital is getting better and better.

On motion of Mrs. Cheramie, second by Mrs. Brocato and unanimously carried, the Board retired into Executive Session to discuss strategic planning pursuant to *LA R.S. 46:1071, et seq.*

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



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



Jackie Cheramie, Secretary/Treasurer