

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING OF THE HOSPITAL SERVICE
DISTRICT #2 OF THE PARISH OF ST. MARY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON
APRIL 1, 2026

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 1, 2026 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, William McCarty, Clarence Robinson, Jr., Thane Aucoin and Barry Dufrene

ABSENT: Angelena Brocato

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 Mr. McCarty, second by Mr. Aucoin and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the Minutes of March 4, 2026.

Dr. Cefalu opened the floor for Guest/public comments, to which there were none. Dr. Larry Nelson, Anaesthesiologist with Ochsner St. Mary (OSM) attended without comment.

Dr. Cefalu called for the Financial Report. Mrs. Cheramie presented the Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2026. On motion of Mr. McCarty, second by Mr. Aucoin and unanimously carried, the Board approved the financials as presented.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on endowment fund with the college and presentation by Lana M. Fontenot, MBA, CFRE, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement & External Relations and Executive Director for the Foundation for South LA Community College. Attorney Bourgeois introduced and welcomed Mrs. Fontenot. She provided handouts and made a brief presentation regarding Scholarships by means of an Endowment, a Single Contribution and an Annual Contribution. She provided the pros - cons of each method and the possible number of students that could benefit. Mrs. Jennifer Wise, Chief Nursing Officer and CEO of OSM made brief comments regarding the success rate of South Louisiana Community College. Further discussions were held as to the Scholarship pay out amounts versus the Endowment, the time line of the pay outs on the Endowment and the receipt of matching State Funds. On motion of Mrs. Cheramie, second by Mr. Dufrene and unanimously carried, the Board voted to make an endowment of \$100,000.00 and a one time contribution of \$8,000.00 towards the award of scholarships.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on the accounts with Raymond James, First National Bank and LAMP and for adoption of a Resolution to authorize additional viewing authority on accounts. Attorney Bourgeois informed the Board of the opening of the accounts and the requirement of the Resolution. After a brief discussion, on motion of Mr. Dufrene, second by Mrs. Cheramie, with yeas by Dr. William A. Cefalu, Jr., Barry Dufrene, Jackie Cheramie, Clarence Robinson, Thane Aucoin and William McCarty and with Angelena Brocato being absent, the Board voted to adopt the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Hospital Service District No. 2 of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana (the "**DISTRICT**") is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana (the "**State**"); and

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners (the "**Governing Authority**") is the governing authority of the DISTRICT; and

WHEREAS, the DISTRICT has certain accounts with the First National Bank (FNB) of Jeanerette in Morgan City, Investar, Raymond James and LAMP; and,

WHEREAS, District's Board of Commissioners has determined that it must designate additional person(s) with authority to view the accounts' information and balances.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following persons, in addition to any other authority that they may already possess, are hereby granted authority to view the DISTRICT'S financial account information at the above-mentioned institutions:

- 1) Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, William A. Cefalu, Jr., M.D.
- 2) Vice-Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, Angelena S. Brocato
- 3) Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Commissioners, Jackie G. Cheramie
- 4) Member of the Board of Commissioners, Barry Dufrene
- 5) Bookkeeper with Herbert Adams, CPA, Brett Adams
- 6) Bourgeois Law, LCC's legal assistant, Christine Tamporello

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Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on the revision of the District's Investment Policy. Attorney Bourgeois advised that funds from the Raymond James accounts will be moved to the LAMP account as soon as they mature and become liquid. He gave the Board an update on the current cash on hand in the Raymond James accounts and that we are waiting on checks for the First National Bank account. After a brief discussion on the "revised" HSD #2 Investment Policy, on motion of Mrs. Cheramie, second by Mr. Robinson and unanimously carried, the Board approved the revisions to the HSD #2 Investment Policy.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on authorization to reimburse OSM per the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) for emergency pressurization work. Attorney Bourgeois advised that we had received the appropriate invoices from OSM, that we have funds in cash and are awaiting on wiring instructions to forward payment of same. A brief discussion was held. On motion of Mrs. Cheramie, second by Mr. McCarty and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the payment of said invoices per the CEA.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on infrastructure projects. Attorney Bourgeois gave the following updates:

- a) DOAS Unit Normal Power - no change from last months update and project to be completed in early May,
- b) Emergency Generator Replacement (elevation and change order) - discussions were held regarding the elevation and the requirement for flood insurance to be included with the builder's risk policy - amend the contract to waive/remove the need for flood insurance - further discussions were held on the different elevations and costs options provided by Fox-Nesbit. On motion of Mr. Aucoin, second by Mr. Dufrene and with yeas by Dr. William A. Cefalu, Jr., Thane Aucoin, Jackie Cheramie, Barry Dufrene, Clarence Robinson and no by William McCarty and with Angelena Brocato being absent, the Board voted to go with "Option #3" submitted by Fox-Nesbit with the elevation of 8.19 and costs relative to said option.
- c) Phase 2
 - i. Domestic and Heating water - the contract was sent out to AHG on 3/26/2026
 - ii. Air Handler Replacements - the advertising for bids will begin next week with project estimated to be \$2,150,000,
 - iii. Chiller and Cooling Tower Replacement - design will be starting soon and to be out mid-April with a project estimate of \$1.2 - \$1.7 million,
- d) First floor renovations: I. Phase 1 - Kitchen and II. Phase 2 - Cafeteria and Emergency Department Entrance – ongoing coordination with YKH and Grace, proceeding with design development phase of work to be complete by 5/8/2026, bidding documents to be ready early August and status/coordination call with OSM and HSD for review,
- f) Replacement of Staff Elevators - proceeding with bidding documents to be complete by end of April and discussions to be held regarding options to reinstall new equipment above basement level,
- g) 1st and 2nd Floor Roofing - proceeding with bidding documents to be completed by end of May and working with YKH.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on the Intergovernmental Agreement with HSD #1 of St. Mary Parish for orthopedic services collaboration. Attorney Bourgeois stated that the meeting with Bret Allain and Stephanie Guidry went well and a follow up meeting will be held with Ochsner on 4/15/2026.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on the Intergovernmental Agreement with HSD #1 of Terrebonne Parish for urological services collaboration. Attorney Bourgeois stated that Terrebonne is working on recruitment along with our marketing company.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on pediatric behavioral health services. Attorney Bourgeois stated that the meeting has been rescheduled for 4/9/2026.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on the HSD's web page design. Attorney Bourgeois stated that pictures of the Board Members will be taken next month.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on the Cooperative Endeavor Agreements

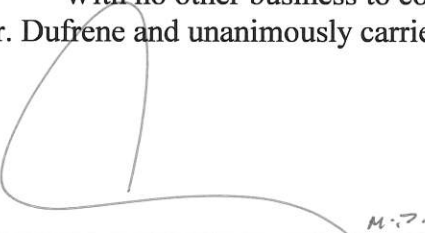
with Ochsner. Attorney Bourgeois stated that he had no further information to provide the Board at this time.

Dr. Cefalu stated he had no additional comments/information to provide for the Administrative Report.

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

Mr. McCarty requested to re-visit Agenda Item #8 regarding discussion and any action on scholarship award approvals. He requested to increase the Endowment and the one time contribution previously voted on and stated his reasons thereof (to help more students). After further discussions, on motion of Mr. McCarty, second by Mr. Robinson and unanimously carried, the Board amended the previous award this date to state that the HSD #2 will make an endowment of \$125,000.00 and a one time contribution of \$10,000.00 towards the award of scholarships with South Louisiana Community College.

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



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



Jackie Cheramie, Secretary/Treasurer