

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING OF THE HOSPITAL SERVICE
DISTRICT #2 OF THE PARISH OF ST. MARY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON
JUNE 3, 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, June 3, 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. and Thane Aucoin

ABSENT: Barry Dufrene

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. Robinson and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the Minutes of May 6, 2026.

Dr. Cefalu opened the floor for Guest/public comments, to which there were none. Lea Hebert, member of Ochsner St. Mary (OSM) Governing Board and Bill Decker, Reporter with the Daily Review attended without comment.

Dr. Cefalu called for the Financial Report. Mrs. Cheramie presented the Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 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 the accounts with Raymond James, First National Bank and LAMP. Attorney Bourgeois advised there was nothing to report other than First National Bank requesting that documents be signed in accordance with the "new officers being appointed" on May 6, 2026.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on infrastructure projects. Attorney Bourgeois gave a brief update on each of the following:

YKH Consulting Engineers

- a. DOAS Unit Normal Power - substantial completion status
- b. Emergency Generator Replacement - elevation, soil boring and pay Application #1. On motion of Mr. McCarty, second by Mr. Aucoin and unanimously carried, the Board voted to approve the payment of Application #1 to DXI Electric.
- c. Phase 2
 - i. Domestic & Heating Water - YKH is receiving bids
 - ii. Air Handler Replacements On motion of Mr. Robinson, second by Mr. Aucoin and unanimously carried, the contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, Gallo.
 - iii. Chiller and Cooling Tower Replacement - YKH has starting designs for the project

Grace Design

- d. First floor renovations
 - i. Phase I - Kitchen (food service equipment) - working on designs
 - ii. Phase 2 - Cafeteria, ED Entrance - working on designs
 - iii. Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment - working on designs - waiting for more information
- f. Replacement of Staff Elevators - will be ready for public bidding next week
- g. 1st and 2nd Floor Roofing - will be ready for public bidding next week

On motion of Mr. McCarty and second by Mrs. Cheramie and unanimously carried, the Board approved that the Replacement of Staff Elevators and 1st and 2nd Floor Roofing be submitted for public bid and advertised accordingly.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on Capital Outlay and other grant funding issues, including consulting proposals from James Purpera Governmental Consulting and Knobloch Professional Services, LLC. Attorney Bourgeois addressed the Board regarding how detailed and technical the Capital Outlay/ grant process is and the need for someone with “expertise.” Mr. Michael Knobloch was present and briefly addressed the Board regarding the grant process and he further highly recommended James Purpera. After a brief discussion, on motion of Mrs. Cheramie, second by Mr. Aucoin and unanimously carried, the Board voted to approve the proposals and retain the services of James Purpera Governmental Consulting and Knobloch Professional Services, LLC. The Board recommended that Mr. Robinson be the “head” contact person.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on Intergovernmental Agreement with HSD #1 of St. Mary Parish and CEA with OSM for orthopedic services collaboration. Attorney Bourgeois stated that this matter will be taken up in Executive Session.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on Intergovernmental Agreement with HSD #1 of Terrebonne Parish and CEA with OSM for urological services collaboration. Attorney Bourgeois gave a brief update on the discussions with Terrebonne and stated that they are working on terms and conception issues. He also stated that the matter will be discussed further in Executive

Session.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on pediatric behavioral health services. Attorney Bourgeois advised that he had no additional information to provide other than they were still gathering information and speaking with providers out of town.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on HSD's web page design and proposal from Greg Guarisco (The Bearded Marketer). Attorney Bourgeois made brief comments to the Board and introduced Mr. Guarisco. Mr. Guarisco then made a brief presentation to the Board and provided each Board Member with a copy of his Marketing Assessment. After discussions, on motion of Mr. Aucoin, second by Mr. McCarty and unanimously carried, the Board voted to accept the proposal and retain Mr. Guarisco for the HSD's web page design and selected "Option B."

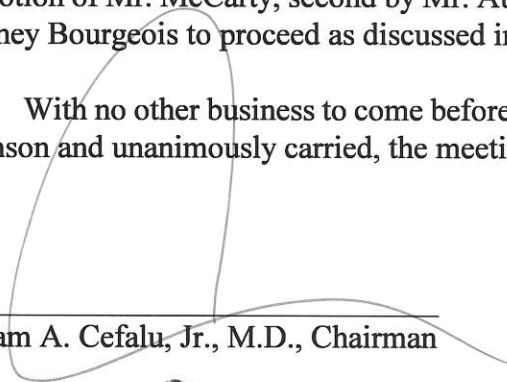
Dr. Cefalu then gave his Administrative Report. OSM was recognized as *Hospital of the Year* for a hospital with less than 200 patient beds and received an "A" rating on Leaps Frog score. Raymond Pisani, Respiratory Therapist at OSM was recognized by the Louisiana Respiratory Association.

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

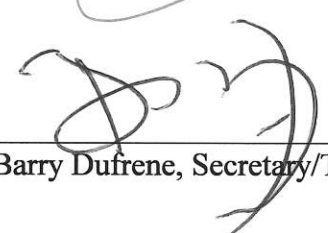
Upon resuming from Executive Session, Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on the Cooperative Endeavor Agreements with Ochsner, including outstanding community outreach subsidies. On motion of Mrs. Cheramie, second by Mr. McCarty and unanimously carried, the Board authorized Attorney Bourgeois to proceed as discussed in Executive Session.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on matters discussed in Executive Session. On motion of Mr. McCarty, second by Mr. Aucoin and unanimously carried, the Board authorized Attorney Bourgeois to proceed as discussed in Executive Session regarding with Ortho LA.

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



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



Barry Dufrene, Secretary/Treasurer