

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING OF THE HOSPITAL SERVICE
DISTRICT #2 OF THE PARISH OF ST. MARY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON
JULY 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, July 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. and Barry Dufrene

ABSENT: Thane Aucoin

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. Cheramie, second by Mr. Robinson and unanimously carried, the Board approved and signed the Minutes of June 3, 2026.

Dr. Cefalu opened the floor for Guest/public comments, to which there were none. Raymond Pisani, Respiratory Therapist with Ochsner St. Mary (OSM), Anthony Baham, Dean of Workforce Program for South Louisiana Community College (SLCC) and Bill Decker, Reporter with the Daily Review attended without comment.

Dr. Cefalu called for the Financial Report. Mr. Dufrene presented the Financial Report for the period ending May 31, 2026. On motion of Mr. Robinson, second by Mrs. Cheramie 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 of Jeanerette and LAMP. At this time Dane Robison with Robison Wealth Management gave the Board a brief update on the Unrestricted and Restricted Accounts with Raymond James. He stated that at the beginning of each month each account would be reviewed for the current cash value amounts and any amounts over \$20,000.00 would be wired to the operating account First National Bank of Jeanerette for deposit. A brief discussion was then held as to this procedure. He stated that interest rates are "holding steady." Further discussions were then held as to the First National Bank account and funds being moved to the LAMP account.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action to authorize Officers to sign and certify the

audit questionnaire attestation. Attorney Bourgeois gave a brief explanation as to this matter. On motion of Mr. Dufrene, second by Mr. McCarty and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Officers to sign the Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire.

Dr. Cefalu called for comments from Lana M. Fontenot, MBA, CFRE, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement & External Relations, Executive Director of the Foundation for SLCC and discussion and any action on authorization of Intergovernmental Agreement and Scholarship Agreements associated with the endowment/scholarship fund with the college. Mrs. Fontenot stated that SLCC was excited and humbled by the Hospital Service District #2's approval of an Endowment Scholarship of \$125,000.00 and a \$10,000.00 one time donation for scholarships. She explained the matching of the funds by the State, the process and the deadlines. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the \$10,000.00 donation will be divided into two (2) \$5,000.00 scholarship award. Further discussions were held and after revisions the necessary documents will be signed by all parties. A group picture was taken to commemorate this event/date. Mrs. Fontenot once again thanked the Board for their approval of a Endowment/Scholarship Award.

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 - finalizing with Contractor for the mechanical portion and things are moving forward.
- b. Emergency Generator Replacement - structural engineers are waiting on the geotechnical engineer's report to finalize the structural design for the pad and things are moving forward.
- c. Phase 2
 - i. Domestic & Heating Water - contract was signed, waiting on submittals and things are moving forward.
 - ii. Air Handler Replacements - contract is with Gallo for signature, involves replacement 7 air handlers on the third floor and things are moving forward.
 - iii. Chiller and Cooling Tower Replacement - YKH is still in design phase, they have to contract with a structural engineer to address existing structural issues around the chiller.
- d. MEP Assessment - due to grant/capital outlay applications we need to have an update on the mechanical, electrical and plumbing assessments previously done at the time of the lease, which should be done by the end of the month. Once the report is received we will schedule our annual walk-through of the hospital (possibly at our August meeting).

Grace Design

- e. First floor renovations
 - i. Phase 1 - Kitchen (food service equipment) - progressing and hope to have the design completed by early August.
 - ii. Phase 2 - Cafeteria - ED Entrance - same as above - all in the works.
 - iii. Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment - need to talk more about that and get information from Grace on what is needed, what can be reused and what needs to be purchased.

- f. Replacement of Staff Elevators - preparing to advertize for bids
- g. 1st and 2nd Floor Roofing - preparing to advertize for bids

After a brief discussion, on motion of Mrs. Cheramie, second by Mr. Robinson and unanimously carried, the Board approved/authorized projects "F and G" for bid advertisements.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action to authorize the purchase of a rooftop helistop weather station. Attorney Bourgeois made a brief statement and then referred the Board to the brochure of the Tempest System contained in the meeting packets. After a brief discussion/review of the brochure, on motion of Mr. Dufrene, second by Mrs. Cheramie and unanimously carried, the Board approved the purchase The Tempest System for the rooftop of the hospital.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on Capital Outlay and other grant funding issues. Attorney Bourgeois advised that Michael Knobloch is working hard and making a lot of progress. Mr. Knobloch is now speaking with the "Young Foundation" to pursue grants. James Purpera has provided a Capital Outlay Newsletter/Calendar of Events contained in the meeting packets. Everything is going as planned and they are making progress.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on orthopedic services, Intergovernmental Agreement with HSD #1 of St. Mary Parish (Bayou Bend) and Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with OSM and OrthoLA for orthopedic services collaboration. Attorney Bourgeois made a brief statement and advised that we are making good progress. He advised that OrthoLA has agreed/approved the program, recruitment is needed and the terms necessary to advertized are received and in the process of being done. He also advised that we are waiting on the review and approval of the CEA between OSM and OrthoLA.

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 advised that he received a response from Terrebonne (copy contained in packet for review). All three (3) parties are in agreement and the recruitment will be advertized and thereupon an Intergovernmental Agreement will be drafted/signed by all parties.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on the new CEA with Ochsner on Community Outreach funding. Attorney Bourgeois advised that he reached out to Erika Anderson, Chief Financial Officer of Ochsner Bayou Region and had not heard back from her. Mrs. Jennifer Wise, CEO and Chief Nursing Officer of OSM was present and advised that the Board has voted to pay \$150,000.00 for the outstanding community outreach invoices and going forward will donate \$75,000.00 each year towards community outreach. A new CEA with Ochsner will be drafted/forwarded for approval.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on pediatric behavioral health services. Attorney Bourgeois stated that he had no further information to report.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on HSD #2's web page design. Attorney

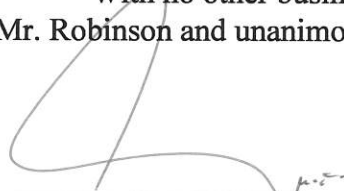
Bourgeois advised that Greg Guarisco was present to provide the Board with a review of the design of the web page. At this time, Mr. Guarisco presented a brief "demo" of the web page he designed. A brief discussion and several suggestions were made by the Board regarding the design of the web page (ie local providers, medical services, etc). The "go live" date was discussed of possibly 45 days. The Facebook page was discussed, the content to be included and that it is still in the design phase. Mrs. Wise offered to share pictures regarding the renovations on the hospital.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on administrative policies and procedures. Attorney Bourgeois advised the Board of our first extensive audit process this year because of the tax millage and the need for administrative policies and procedures. A brief discussion was held as to this matter. Attorney Bourgeois reminded the Board Members to keep their Ethics training current (yearly).

Dr. Cefalu then gave his administrative report. He stated that things are going well and looking forward to marketing with the web site/Facebook page. He has received nothing but compliments and praise from patients regarding care and compliments on the updates on the building. Raymond Pisani was congratulated on being recognized by the Louisiana Respiratory Association. Dr. Cefalu was also congratulated as "Medical Director" for OSM. Attorney Bourgeois stated that he would circulate dates concerning our "walk through" of the facility. It was agreed that Greg Guarisco and Michael Knobloch be invited to attend the walk through of the facility.

Dr. Cefalu stated 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 Mrs. Cheramie, second by Mr. Robinson and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.



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



Barry Dufrene, Secretary/Treasurer