

MINUTES OF THE **SPECIAL** SESSION MEETING OF THE HOSPITAL SERVICE
DISTRICT #2 OF THE PARISH OF ST. MARY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HELD ON
AUGUST 26, 2026

A **special** business meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District #2 of the Parish of St. Mary was held on Wednesday, August 26, 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., William McCarty, Clarence Robinson, Jr., Barry Dufrene, Thane Aucoin and Jackie Cheramie

ABSENT: Courtney Bissonnette

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.

Dr. Cefalu called for Guest/public comments. Lea Hebert, Member of Ochsner St. Mary (OSM) Governing Board and Jennifer Wise, Chief Nursing Officer and CEO of OSM were present without comment. Monica Mancuso, Member of OSM Advisory Board was present and briefly addressed the Board Members. She was very complimentary of the "Social Media" presence, thanked the Board for paying attending to grants and applying for funds and very grateful for the Board's recruiting endeavors to provide more services to meet the needs of the community.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on the Annual Audit Report from 2025 by Pitts & Matte. Tim Matte reviewed/explained the reports with the Board Members. Booklets were provided to each Board Member (Agreed Upon Procedures Report and Report on Internal Control of Financial Reporting Compliance and Other Matters). After a brief discussion, on motion of Mrs. Cheramie, second by Mr. Robinson and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the reports as submitted by Pitts & Matte.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on administrative policies and procedures.

a. budgeting, purchasing, disbursements, contracting, ethics, debt service and prevention of sexual harassment. Attorney Bourgeois discussed these matters and advised that written policies/procedures will be developed and brought before the Board for approval.

b. delegation of non-officer for review of bank reconciliation statements. Attorney Bourgeois advised the Board of his recommendations as to this matter. After a brief discussion, on motion of Mr. Dufrene, second by Mrs. Cheramie and unanimously carried, the Board voted to delegate Mr. Robinson to review the bank reconciliation statements.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on accounts with Raymond James, First National Bank and LAMP and to open a second account with LAMP for debt service. Attorney Bourgeois advised that it is a requirement of the bond covenants to segregate funds in a special account for debt service. After a brief discussion, on motion of Mrs. Cheramie, second by Mr. Aucoin and unanimously carried, the Board approved the opening of a second account with LAMP for debt service.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on infrastructure projects:

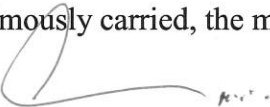
Grace Design - replacement of Staff Elevators - award contract to low bidder. Attorney Bourgeois advised the Board that only one (1) bid was submitted and reviewed the documents contained in their packets regarding the submission and the timeline. After a brief discussion, on motion of Mr. Dufrene, second by Mrs. Cheramie and unanimously carried, the Board awarded the contract to A1 Pinnacle Elevator, LLC and authorized Dr. Cefalu to sign the necessary contract documents.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on Capital Outlay and other grant funding issues. Michael Knobloch addressed the Board regarding his efforts on Capital Outlay and for obtaining grants for various purposes/projects and the upcoming deadlines. Attorney Bourgeois made a brief statement regarding "naming rights" to the Young Foundation should we receive said grant and a possible family picture placed in their honor. He further stated that Capital Outlay requests will be made for the purchase of the new above ground emergency generator fuel tank and the exterior panels. Further discussions were held as to award/receipt of the funding and the procedures that will follow. After a brief discussion, on motion of Mr. Robinson, second by Mrs. Cheramie and unanimously carried, the Board authorized Dr. Cefalu to sign the Capital Outlay Application documents. Mr. Knobloch further discussed the restrictions on the grant applications and Capital Outlay applications. He also discussed the attempts to obtain a UEI number and getting the run around with the Federal government. Further discussions were held as to this matter.

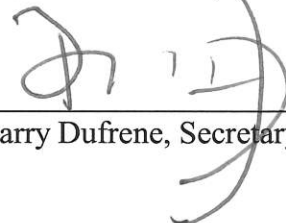
Dr. Cefalu stated there was nothing to submit for the Administrative Report.

Dr. Cefalu called for discussion and any action on the Annual Facility Tour scheduling. Attorney Bourgeois advised that based on the poll taken of the Board Members the October 29, 2026 at noon was more feasible. Notices will be sent out to the Board Members and when we issue our Agenda for the 10/7/2026 regular monthly meeting we will have the 10/29/2026 date as an additional Executive Session. Further discussions were held as to the 10/29/2026 Tour and other parties that will be present.

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. Aucoin and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.



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



Barry Dufrene, Secretary/Treasurer