

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of St. Tammany Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 was held March 25, 2025 in the Boardroom of St. Tammany Parish Hospital in Covington, Louisiana.

# **Members Present**

Mr. John Evans, Chairman

Mr. Tom Davis, Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. Wilson Bulloch, III

Ms. Kasey Hosch

Mr. Ed Dillard

Sue Osbon, Ph.D.

Merrill Laurent, MD

Mr. Dale Jenkins

## **Also Present**

Ms. Joan Coffman, President & CEO

Mr. Jack Khashou, Senior VP, COO

Ms. Kerry Milton, Senior VP, CNO

Ms. Kelly Rabalais, AVP Communication & Strategy

Dr. Mike Hill, VP Quality & Utilization Management

Mr. Jeff Schoen, STHS Legal Counsel

Ms. Mimi Gaudet, Recording Secretary

Ms. Sandra DiPietro, Senior VP, CFO

Dr. Patrick Torcson, Senior VP, CMO

Mr. Bill Jones, STHS Legal Counsel

Mr. Jack Khashou, VP STQN/STCC

Ms. Midge Collett, Chief Legal Officer

Ms. Katherine Riecke, STHS Legal Counsel

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u> The meeting was called to order at 12:30p.m. by Mr. John Evans, Chairman. A quorum was present.

## **PRESENTATION**

<u>Discharge Process Improvement Update</u> Mathilde Lyon, STHS Telemetry Medicine Director, and Dr. Andrew Baier, hospital medicine provider, gave an update on the health system's discharge process improvement plan which was established to assist with patient throughput here at the hospital. Strategies for improvement were presented along with an overview of structured, interdisciplinary rounds that are currently conducted on all units. Of note, the hospital's length of stay index has decreased from prior year as a result of the strategies implemented by the discharge process team.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made by Mr. Davis, duly seconded by Ms. Hosch to accept the items presented under the Consent Agenda without deliberation or discussion. Motion Carried Without Dissent.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Annual Personal Financial Disclosures & Ethics Training [Information] Midge Collett presented information regarding the 2024 Disclosure Form and STHS Ethics Statement. The State requires Board Members to complete a Tier 2.1 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement, which was provided for each Board Member, along with a copy of the instructions. In addition, hard copies of the STHS Disclosure Form and Ethics Statement was also provided to Board Members. Ms. Collett reminded Board Members that it is a requirement for them to take one hour of training per calendar year on the Code of Governmental Ethics. Board members can submit their disclosure forms directly through the state of Louisiana, or the hospital can submit the forms on their behalf. The board accepted this information as presented.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** Upon motion by Mr. Davis, duly seconded by Dr. Osbon, the Board entered Executive Session to discuss strategic planning and marketing activities and personnel matters and to

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receive the records and proceedings of the Hospital's medical staff, confidential medical records, medical records statistics, Quality Committee and Safety Council minutes and reports, Medical Staff applications for appointments and reappointments, and any other records and documents related thereto, all pursuant to any of the following: (i) LSA-R.S. 42:17 (Exceptions to open meetings), (ii) LSA-R.S. 44:7(D) [Hospital records]; (iii) LSA-R.S. 42:16 (Executive sessions); (iv) The Enhanced Ability to Compete Law (LSA- R.S. 46:1071 et. seq.); or (v) records that relate to the personal privacy of individuals who serve on the Board or at St. Tammany Parish Hospital and are protected by the Louisiana Constitution, Article I, Section 5.

Motion Carried Without Dissent.

1:02p.m.

**Entered Executive Session** 

3:49 p.m.

Returned to Open Session

#### **MOTIONS**

- 1. MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL ITEMS IN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION CONSENT AGENDA. Motion was made by Mr. Jenkins, duly seconded by Mr. Bulloch, to accept all items as presented in the Executive Session Consent Agenda. The Motion Carried Without Dissent.
- 2. MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS AND CREDENTIALING RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2025. Motion was made by Dr. Laurent, duly seconded by Mr. Bulloch to accept March 19, 2025. The Motion Carried Without Dissent.
- 3. MOTION TO ACCEPT ALL OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MEDICAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF MARCH 19, 2025. Motion was made by Dr. Laurent, duly seconded by Ms. Hosch to accept all other recommendations of the Medical Executive Committee of March 19, 2025. The Motion Carried Without Dissent.
- 4. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 6, 2025. Motion was made by Dr. Osbon, duly seconded by Mr. Jenkins to accept the minutes of the Quality Committee Meeting of March 6, 2025. The Motion Carried Without Dissent.
- 5. MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH STELLE-R DEVELOPMENT FOR THE NORTHLAKE SURGICAL ASSOCIATES TEMPORARY LOCATION PROJECT, AS PRESENTED AND AS RECOMMENDED BY THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 11, 2025. A motion was made by Mr. Bulloch, duly seconded by Mr. Jenkins, to move forward with Steel-R Development for the Northlake Surgical Associates temporary location project, as presented and as recommended by the Facilities Committee meeting of March 11, 2025. The Motion Carried Without Dissent.
- 6. MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AS PRINTED. A motion was made by Ms. Hosch duly seconded Dr. Osbon, to approve the resolution regarding the Nursing & Allied Health Scholarship Program as printed. A roll call vote was taken, and the Motion Carried Without Dissent.

In Favor of Approval: Messrs. Jenkins, Davis, Bulloch and Evans; Dr. Osbon, Ms. Hosch and Dr. Laurent

Abstentions: none

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7. MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE STHS MONEY HILL CLINIC AS PRINTED. A motion was made by Mr. Bulloch duly seconded Mr. Davis, to approve the resolution regarding the STHS Money Hill Clinic as printed. A roll call vote was taken, and the Motion Carried Without Dissent.

In Favor of Approval: Messrs. Jenkins, Davis, Bulloch and Evans; Dr. Osbon, Ms. Hosch and Dr.

Abstentions: none

8. MOTION TO APPROVE THE 2024 CORPORATE COMPLIANCE PLAN. A motion was made by Mr. Davis duly seconded Ms. Hosch, to approve the 2024 Corporate Compliance program. A roll call vote was taken, and the Motion Carried Without Dissent.

In Favor of Approval: Messrs. Jenkins, Davis, Bulloch and Evans; Dr. Osbon, Ms. Hosch and Dr.

Laurent

Abstentions: none

Minutes Approved By:

John Evans, Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Date of Approval