

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the **Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 2, Abbeville General Hospital**, Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana was called to order at **6.15 P.M. on Wednesday, November 19, 2025**, by Mr. John Boudreaux, Chairman. Proceedings were taken at their regular meeting place in the Hospital Boardroom of Abbeville General Hospital with the following people present:

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Boudreaux, Chairman
Claude Meeks, M.D.
Kelly Richard
Jody Landry
Daleon Primeaux
Anita Levy

MEMBERS ABSENT: Oswald Broussard, Vice Chairman

STAFF PRESENT: Michael J. Bertrand, Chief Executive Officer
Troy Hair, Chief Financial Officer
Heidi Guidry, Chief Nursing Officer
Rick Faul, M.D. Chief of Staff
Abbey Palombo, Recording Secretary

GUEST PRESENT: Gene Sellers Jr., The Sellers Group
Shirin Hebert, M.D.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Anita Levy, seconded by Jody Landry and unanimously carried, **the minutes of the Regular Board of Commissioners meeting held October 29, 2025, were approved as written.**

AMEND AGENDA

On motion of Anita Levy, seconded by Daleon Primeaux and unanimously carried, **the board amended the agenda for consideration of Resolution Concerning Executive Sessions for Board of Commissioners and Joint Conference Committee.**

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were reviewed:

- ✓ Rural Health Transformation Fund
- ✓ Beckers Hospital Review - Inside Providence's plan for 340B rebate disruption 2024 Performance Updates

MEDICAL STAFF REPORT

Rick Faul, M.D. Chief of Staff, presented the Medical Staff report

➤ **Credentials Committee Report**

On motion of Claude Meeks, M.D. , seconded by Jody Landry and unanimously carried, **the recommendations of the Medical Executive/Credentials Committee were accepted as follows:**

Lift from Provisional Status

<u>Practitioners Name</u>	<u>For Review</u>	<u>Consider and Recommend Staff Category</u>
Scott Revell, MD	General Surgery	Active Staff I
Lisa Mazoch, MD	Emergency Medicine	ER Staff

Reappointment (Two Year Period) Dept of Surgery

<u>Practitioners Name</u>	<u>Clinical Privileges</u>	<u>Staff Category</u>
Craig Gauthier, MD	OB/GYN	Courtesy Staff
Adrienne Harst, DDS	Pediatric Dentistry	Courtesy Staff
Hannah Noto, DDS	Pediatric Dentistry	Courtesy Staff

Reappointment (Two Year Period) Dept of Medicine

<u>Practitioners Name</u>	<u>Clinical Privileges</u>	<u>Staff Category</u>
Trung Le, MD	Emergency Medicine	Consulting Staff

Practitioners Granted Temporary Privileges (90 Day Period)

<u>Practitioners Name</u>	<u>Clinical Privileges</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Alyce Johnston	CRNA	11/11/2025

Approve Change in Category Requests

<u>Practitioners Name</u>	<u>For Review</u>	<u>Consider and Recommend Staff Category</u>
Myriam Hutchinson, MD	Request to move from Active Staff I to Active Staff II based on age and years in practice	Active Staff II
Chukwudi Uchendu, MD	Request to move from ER Staff to Courtesy due to call schedule	Courtesy Staff

Approve Additional Privilege Requests

<u>Practitioners Name</u>	<u>For Review</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Chukwudi Uchendu, MD	Family Practice	11/19/2025

Place on Inactive Status (Removed from Staff)

<u>Practitioners Name</u>	<u>For Review</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Vernon Valentino, MD	Retirement	10/26/2025
Masood Siddiqui, DO	No longer providing services as an affiliated physician of Direct Radiology	10/31/2025
Vitaly Izgur, MD	No longer providing services as an affiliated physician of Direct Radiology	10/22/2025

William Phillips, MD Nicholas Broussard, CRNA	No longer providing services as an affiliated physician of Direct Radiology No longer employed by AGH	10/17/2025 5
Jamie Gauthier, APRN	No longer employed by Supervising Physician	12/1/2025 5/14/2025

ARCHITECT REPORT

➤ Additions and Renovations to the Maurice Community Care Clinic

Gene Sellers, Jr presented the board with the possible savings from the Value Engineering exercise that could potentially reduce the bid cost by over \$109,000.00 such that the awarded bid would only be around 5% over the base bid estimate rather than the 10% value on bid date.

On motion of Claude Meeks, M.D., seconded by Jody Landry, and unanimously carried, **the board authorized Gene Sellers Jr. to clarify the additional potential saving involving the sprinkler system, and to work with Thompson Brothers Construction to extend his bid an additional thirty (30) days.**

NEW BUSINESS

➤ November Contract Review

On motion of Anita Levy, seconded by Claude Meeks, M.D. and unanimously carried, **the board approved renewal of the following contracts:**

- ✓ Blue Cross-Blue Shield Association - Distinction Center for Maternity
- ✓ Cervey, LLC - 340B Third Party Administrator
- ✓ Change Healthcare - Interqual Software License
- ✓ Charity Health Training Institute - Lab Clinical Training
- ✓ Computrition, Inc. - Software License Agreement
- ✓ Cummins Sales and Service - PM for Generators & ATS Switches
- ✓ CVS Pharmacy, Inc. - 304B Program
- ✓ Eagle Pest Control and Chemical, Inc. - Pest Control Service
- ✓ Gulf Coast Bank - Fiscal Agent
- ✓ Gulf Coast Dietetic Internship Program - Dietetic Internship Program
- ✓ Healthy Blue - Provider Quality Incentive Program
- ✓ Heart of Hospice - Hospice Care
- ✓ Humana Health Plan of Louisiana - PPO
- ✓ Kaptel - Safe Room Telecommunication Service
- ✓ Lamm Family Care Hospice - Hospice Care
- ✓ Magellan Behavioral Health, Inc - Managed Care Network
- ✓ Managed Care Incentive Payment (MCIP) Program - QIN Network Program
- ✓ McDermott Consulting - MDH Coalition-RHC-Federal
- ✓ McNeese State University - Dietetic Internship Program
- ✓ McRoberts Security Technologies - Child Protection Security System
- ✓ MGMA - MD Database Access
- ✓ Nationwide Anesthesia Services, Inc.
- ✓ Nurses Direct, LLC - Staffing Contract

- ✓ Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center - Patient Transfer
- ✓ Phillip Noel, MD - Medical Director - Sleep Lab
- ✓ Quidel Corporation - POC Blood Testing Meter
- ✓ RL Datex – Occurrence Reporting
- ✓ Ronald Lahasky, MD - Employment - Medical Director RHC
- ✓ Ronald Lahasky, MD - RHC Nursing Home Visits
- ✓ Southern Lithotripsy, LLC
- ✓ Target Health - Clinical Patient Outreach
- ✓ Target Health - Virtual Population Agreement
- ✓ The Health Law Center - Legal Services
- ✓ The Pathology Laboratory, Inc. (Relia Path) - Pathology Services
- ✓ Total Administrative Service Corporation (TASC) - Flexible Spending Plan
- ✓ Vermilion Parish Policy Jury - Discounted Services for VP Inmates

➤ **Water Softener Replacement**

On motion of Daleon Primeaux, seconded by Claude Meeks, M.D., and unanimously carried, **the board approved the replacement of the hospital water softener, including surgery as a result of consistent water quality issues; as the unit is over 10 years old, and parts are becoming obsolete and very costly to repair, from Drinking Water, Inc, at a cost of \$21,315.33 (PFI # 85).**

➤ **Potential Cancer Center**

Dr. Shirin Hebert spoke to the board about the potential of a future cancer center at Abbeville General Hospital.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Anita Levy, seconded by Jody Landry and unanimously carried, **the Board entered into Executive Session for Approval of Minutes, and Strategic Planning, and Performance Improvement.**

Other Business

➤ **Compliance Dashboard – 3rd Quarter**

On motion of Jody Landry, seconded by Kelly Richardand unanimously carried, **the compliance dashboard for the 3rd quarter of 2025 was accepted as presented.**

➤ **Resolution Concerning Executive Sessions for Board of Commissioners and Joint Conference Committee**

On motion of Anita Levy, seconded by Kelly Richardand unanimously carried, **the board approved the following resolution:**

WHEREAS, the Board has been advised of concerns of the Medical Staff with respect to the performance of the District's Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Board to conduct a thorough review of any concerns of the Medical Staff and related Medical Staff action and to obtain a response from the affected executive; and

WHEREAS, the Board Chairman, in compliance with the governing body bylaws, has convened the Joint Conference Committee to discuss these issues; and

WHEREAS, because the concerns expressed by the Medical Staff and related Board investigation will address the character and professional competence of the person involved, the Board has elected to require that all such discussions, whether they take place in the Joint Conference Committee or in the Board of Commissioners meeting, be strictly confidential and be conducted in Executive Session in compliance with LSA R.S. 42:17A(1);

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that all discussions related to the performance of the District's Executive Director be deemed strictly confidential and shall be conducted solely in Executive Sessions of the Joint Conference Committee and Executive Sessions of the Board of Commissioners and that the Medical Staff will be permitted to attend such Executive Sessions.

6 Yeas

0 Nays

1 Absent

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Jody Landry, seconded by Kelly Richard and unanimously carried, **the Board adjourned at 8:06 P.M.**

**MICHAEL J. BERTRAND, II, MS, MBA
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SECRETARY / TREASURER**

**JOHN BOUDREAUX
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**