

**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, February 18, 2026**, by Mr. Oswald Broussard, Chairman. Proceedings were taken at their regular meeting place in the Hospital Boardroom of Abbeville General Hospital with the following people present:

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Michael J. Bertrand, Chief Executive Officer  
Troy Hair, Chief Financial Officer  
Gilbert Pellerin, M.D. Chief of Staff  
Abbey Palombo, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Anita Levy, seconded by John Boudreaux and unanimously carried, **the minutes of the Regular Board of Commissioners meeting held January 28, 2025, were approved as written.**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The following communications were reviewed:

- ✓ Employee Retention Tax Credit
- ✓ Update on Transformation Funding
- ✓ Group Health Renewal Update

**MEDICAL STAFF REPORT**

Gilbert Pellerin, 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:**

**Approve Initial Appointments (Twelve Month Provisional) Dept. of Surgery**

<u>Practitioners Name</u>	<u>For Review</u>	<u>Consider and Recommend Staff Category</u>
<b>Alexis Waguespack, MD</b>	Orthopedic Surgery	Consulting Staff

**Lift from Provisional Status**

<u>Practitioners Name</u>	<u>For Review</u>	<u>Consider and Recommend Staff Category</u>
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Sydney Pontiff, PA

ED Physician Assistant

Allied Health  
Staff**Reappointment (Two Year Period) Dept of Surgery**Practitioners NameFor ReviewConsider and  
Recommend Staff  
Category**Maxie Trahan, MD**

General Surgery

Courtesy Staff

**Reappointment (Two Year Period) Dept of Medicine**Practitioners NameFor ReviewConsider and  
Recommend Staff  
Category**Jude Cope, DO**

Pediatrics

Active Staff I

**Approve Practitioners Reappointed by the Medical Board of Direct Radiology and added to the Privilege Agreement**Practitioners NameClinical PrivilegesConsider and Recommend**Suzanne Aquino, MD**

Teleradiology / Diagnostic Radiology

Telemedicine Staff

**Bhavika Trivedi, MD**

Teleradiology / Diagnostic Radiology

Telemedicine Staff

**Practitioners Granted Temporary Privileges (90 Day Period)**Practitioners NameClinical PrivilegesEffective Date**Christopher Fontenot,  
MD**

Urology

2/18/2026

**Abigail Garner, PA**

ED Physician Assistant

3/1/2026

**NEW BUSINESS****➤ February Contract Review**

On motion of Anita Levy, seconded by Kelly Richard and unanimously carried, **the board approved renewal of the following contracts and tabled Baymark, Special Care Hospital Management:**

- ✓ Abbott Diabetes Care Sales Corporation - Diabetes Care Reagent Program
- ✓ Acadian Ambulance Service - Ground Transportation
- ✓ ActivTrak
- ✓ Arxium - PM Unit Dose Machine
- ✓ AYA Healthcare - Staffing Service
- ✓ Biomedical Support Services - Ultrasound Unit LogiqE9
- ✓ Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana
- ✓ Caswell Orthopedic Clinic, Inc - Final
- ✓ Cervey, LLC - 340B Optimizer Software
- ✓ Compassus Hospice - Hospice Care
- ✓ Everbridge, Inc. - Mass Communication Software
- ✓ Gueydan Memorial Guest Home - Patient Transfer
- ✓ Iberia Medical Center - Discounted Services
- ✓ Jacob Karr, MD - Specialty Clinic Lease
- ✓ Johnston Law Firm, LLC - Legal Counsel
- ✓ Klout 9 - Social Media Management

- ✓ Lafayette Surgical Specialty Hospital - Patient Transfer
- ✓ Lofton Medical Services - BLS Training
- ✓ Managed Healthcare Associates - GPO Pricing
- ✓ MedQ - Dictation Software
- ✓ Nalco Water - Water Treatment Program
- ✓ Peoples Health Plan (Hospital)- Managed Care
- ✓ Sierra Health & Life Insurance Co - Medicare Select Provider
- ✓ Spectrio, LLC - Digital Signage Support Services
- ✓ SunRX(340B Holdings, LLC - 340B Pharmacy Program
- ✓ Ultraling Healthcare Solutions, Inc. - Storage of Cardiology Exams
- ✓ USA Managed Care Organization, Inc. - PPO
- ✓ Vermilion Cardiology Associates, LLC - Dr. Valentino, Simpson, Leleux
- ✓ Vermilion Speech & Language Therapy, LLC - Speech Therapy Services
- ✓ Walgreens Co - 340B Contract Pharmacy Services

➤ **Surgery Clinic – EHR Build**

On motion of Kelly Richard, seconded by Daleon Primeaux, and unanimously carried, **the board approved the implementation of a new Electronic Health Record (EHR) system at our general surgery clinic, helping to modernize our surgical workflows, ensure regulatory compliance, and enhance patient safety for a cost of \$75,384.21.**

➤ **Gulf Coast Bank Account**

On motion of Daleon Primeaux, seconded by Jody Landry, and unanimously carried, **the board approved the new operating account at gulf coast bank and the closure of the account ending in 1086, due to repeated instances of fraudulent items impacting the account.**

➤ **Panda iRes Warmer**

On motion of John Boudreaux, seconded by Claude Meeks, M.D., and unanimously carried, **the board approved the purchase of a neonatal radiant warmer from GE Healthcare, equipped with an oxygen blender to ensure that our neonatal care capabilities meet current clinical standards and anticipated patient needs at a total cost of \$23,565.53(PFI #114).**

➤ **Education Assistance Application**

On motion of Daelon Primeaux, seconded by Kelly Richard, and unanimously carried, **the board approved the education assistance application for Kaylee Broussard, RN, OB Director, who is completing her MSN-Nurse Executive Program at Chamberlain University for total amount of \$25,332.00 to be paid at the end of each semester per policy.**

➤ **Zoll Defibrillators**

On motion of Claude Meeks, M.D., seconded by Kelly Richard, and unanimously carried, **the board approved the purchase of two R series Defibrillators and three rechargeable lithium batteries needed to provide life-saving services needed in emergency situations at a cost of \$ 26,254.30. (PFI #111).**

➤ **December Financial Report**

Troy Hair, Chief Financial Officer, presented the December Financial Report. The detail in comparison to budget was reviewed.

⇒ **Updated Sales Tax Plan for Improvement**

The Board reviewed the updated Sales Tax Plan for Improvement

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**Other Business**

➤ **Compliance Dashboard**

On motion of Jody Landry, seconded by Daleon Primeaux and unanimously carried, **the 4th Quarter Compliance Dashboard 2025 was accepted as presented.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Anita Levy, seconded by Daleon Primeaux and unanimously carried, **the Board adjourned at 7:26 P.M.**

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

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**OSWALD BROUSSARD  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**