

**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, March 25, 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  
Heidi Guidry, Chief Nursing Officer  
Gilbert Pellerin, M.D., Chief of Staff  
Abbey Palombo, Recording Secretary

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Jody Landry, seconded by Anita Levy and unanimously carried, **the minutes of the Regular Board of Commissioners meeting held March 11, 2026, 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 FY27 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Request.**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The following communications were reviewed:

- ✓ LDH 2026 Measure Specifications - MCIP
- ✓ Gulf Coast Bank Notice
- ✓ Governing Board Self Evaluation Summary

**MEDICAL STAFF REPORT**

Gilbert Pellerin, M.D. Chief of Staff, presented the Medical Staff report

➤ **Credentials Committee Report**

On motion of John. Boudreaux, seconded by Claude Meeks, M.D. 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>Sammie Ashley, CRNA</b>	CRNA	Allied Health Staff
<b>Daniel Simar, CRNA</b>	CRNA	Allied Health Staff

#### Approve Initial Appointments (Twelve Month Provisional) Dept. of Medicine

<u>Practitioners Name</u>	<u>For Review</u>	<u>Consider and Recommend Staff Category</u>
<b>Saurabh Singhal, MD</b>	Neurology	Active Staff I

#### Lift from Provisional Status

<u>Practitioners Name</u>	<u>For Review</u>	<u>Consider and Recommend Staff Category</u>
<b>Rita Boustany, MD</b>	Pediatric / Nursery Care and Physician - Clinic	Active Staff I
<b>Lauren Grace Lege, PA</b>	Clinic Physician Assistant and Urgent Care Physician Assistant	Allied Health Staff

#### Reappointment (Two Year Period) Dept of Surgery

<u>Practitioners Name</u>	<u>For Review</u>	<u>Consider and Recommend Staff Category</u>
<b>Amy Lynn Schunemeyer, DPM</b>	Podiatry	Consulting Staff

#### Reappointment (Two Year Period) Dept of Medicine

<u>Practitioners Name</u>	<u>For Review</u>	<u>Consider and Recommend Staff Category</u>
<b>Katie Porche, APRN</b>	Psychiatry	Allied Health Staff

#### Approve Practitioners Appointed by the Board at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center for Neonatology Program

<u>Practitioners Name</u>	<u>For Review</u>	<u>Consider and Recommend Staff Category</u>
<b>Thomas Soltau, MD</b>	Neonatology	Telemedicine Staff

#### Approve Practitioners Reappointed by the Medical Board of Direct Radiology and added to the Privilege Agreement

<u>Practitioners Name</u>	<u>Clinical Privileges</u>	<u>Consider and Recommend Staff Category</u>
<b>Robert Berger, MD</b>	Teleradiology / Diagnostic Radiology	Telemedicine Staff
<b>Dennis Burton, MD</b>	Teleradiology / Diagnostic Radiology	Telemedicine Staff
<b>Elizabeth Dubovsky, MD</b>	Teleradiology / Diagnostic Radiology	Telemedicine Staff

<b>Mark Faltaous, MD</b>	Teleradiology / Diagnostic Radiology	Telemedicine Staff
<b>Laura Hotchkiss, MD</b>	Teleradiology / Diagnostic Radiology	Telemedicine Staff
<b>Alan Itkin, MD</b>	Teleradiology / Diagnostic Radiology	Telemedicine Staff
<b>Tepe Popovich, MD</b>	Teleradiology / Diagnostic Radiology	Telemedicine Staff

**Practitioners Granted Temporary Privileges (90 Day Period)**

<u>Practitioners Name</u>	<u>Clinical Privileges</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
<b>Thomas Soltau, MD</b>	Neonatology / Telemedicine	3/9/2026

**Practitioners Granted Additional Temporary Privileges (30 Day Period)**

<u>Practitioners Name</u>	<u>Clinical Privileges</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
<b>Sammie Ashley, CRNA</b>	CRNA	3/2/2026
<b>Daniel Simar, CRNA</b>	CRNA	3/22/2026

**Place on Inactive Status (Removed from Staff)**

<u>Practitioners Name</u>	<u>For Review</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
<b>Kristen Ashby, MD</b>	No longer needed for coverage under Direct Radiology	2/11/2026
<b>Rashmi Hande, MD</b>	No longer needed for coverage under Direct Radiology	2/27/2026
<b>Asti Pilika, MD</b>	No longer needed for coverage under Direct Radiology	2/27/2026

**NEW BUSINESS**

➤ **Biennial Review of Governing Body Bylaws**

On motion of Jody Landry, seconded by Daleon Primeaux and unanimously carried, **the Board approved the Governing Body Bylaws as presented.**

➤ **Client Bill Agreement – Metal Coatings**

On motion of Anita Levy seconded by Claude Meeks, M.D. and unanimously carried, **the board approved the client bill agreement with Metal Coatings, LLC., as presented.**

➤ **Corporate Resolution**

On motion of Kelly Richard, seconded by Daleon Primeaux and unanimously carried, **the board resolved:**

**WHEREAS, Hospital Service District Law, bylaws and policies of HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 2 OF VERMILION PARISH d/b/a Abbeville General Hospital make the Director of the hospital its chief executive officer.**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Michael J. Bertrand, II, Director of Abbeville General Hospital be and he is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Hospital Service District to control and direct all business affairs of the district. By way of extension and not of limitation, these duties shall include the keeping of the accounts of the district, making**

necessary purchase of equipment, supplies and materials, making major and minor repairs to physical facilities.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that Michael J. Bertrand, II be authorized to receive and receipt for and keep a correct accounting of all gifts, bequests, grants-in-aid, and other revenues received by the district and with the consent of the commission, to expend the proceeds of all such gifts, bequests, grants-in-aid and other revenues for the purpose designated in this chapter and subject to any conditions that may be imposed in any act of donation or any law providing grants-in-aid or other revenues for such purpose.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that and all persons shall at all times be protected in recognizing Michael J. Bertrand, II as the representative of this Hospital Service District as the officer having the general power and authority to act for the District and for the purposes described herein.

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that nothing contained herein shall revoke or modify the authority granted to any other person or any other officer of this corporation by any prior resolution or by the by-laws of this corporation.

➤ **SCSI Call Bell Upgrades**

On motion of Kelly Richard, seconded by Jody Landry, and unanimously carried, **the board approved the upgrade of the call bell systems and labor required for the Intensive Care Unit(ICU), Obstetrics (OB), and 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor patient care units, helping to improve patient safety and outcomes, enhancing staff efficiency, and improving patient and family satisfaction, at a total cost of #68,393.58(PFI #35, #71. & #118).**

➤ **Omnicell – Infusion Center**

On motion of Anita Levy, seconded by John Boudreaux, and unanimously carried, **the board approved the new purchase and installation of an Omnicell cabinet adding needed storage and security of medications, and improving workflow processes in the Infusion Center at a cost of \$45,569.53(PFI# 124) plus yearly support at a cost of 996.00.**

➤ **BiPAP - Cardiopulmonary**

On motion of Anita Levy, seconded by Jody Landry and unanimously carried, **the board approved the purchase of a one (1) Panther %N Ventilator/BiPBP from Solutions in Critical Care, replacing a current BiPAP that is nearing end of life, making repairs difficult and in some cases impossible because replacement parts are no longer readily available, at a total cost of \$16,460.00 (PFI # 49). Replacing this equipment helps Abbeville General in continuing to provide high-quality, safety, and evidenced based care.**

➤ **Linet Labor Bed Mattresses**

On motion of Daleon Primeaux, seconded by Claude Meeks, M.D., and unanimously carried, **the board approved the replacement of three (3) torn labor bed mattress at a cost of \$10,927.41(PFI #144).**

➤ **FY27 Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS) Request**

On motion of Jody Landry, seconded by Claude Meeks, M.D. and unanimously carried, **the board approved the submittal of CDS funding application through US Senator John Kennedy's office for FY 2027.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of John Boudreaux, 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 Report**

On motion of Kelly Richard , seconded by Daleon Primeaux and unanimously carried, **the Board accepted the 2025 Annual Compliance Appraisal, and the 2026 Work Plan as presented.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Anita Levy, seconded by John Boudreaux and unanimously carried, **the Board adjourned at 7:19 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**