

Jackson Parish Hospital
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
October 30, 2024

The Governing Board of Directors of the Jackson Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 met on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at noon, in the Jackson Parish Hospital Board Room, 165 Beech Springs Road, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Board members present were: Chris Bowman, Angela Curtis, and Dr. William Slusher. Hospital Staff present were: John Morgan, Dr. Jason Thomas, Dr. Edward Mariano, Sunni Bougues, Jerry Allen, Shelley Malsam and Kelsey Arnold.

Bowman called the meeting to order at 12:16 pm., and Morgan gave the invocation. There were 3 of the 5 members by Act 321 present; therefore, there was a quorum present.

Following a motion by Curtis and second by Slusher, the October 30, 2024 agenda was unanimously approved. All members present were in favor and the motion carried.

Following a motion by Slusher and second by Curtis, the September 25, 2024, Regular Business Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved. All members present were in favor and the motion carried.

There were no members of the public present; therefore, there were no public comments.

Dr. Edward Mariano, Chief of Staff, reported that Dr. Kristina and Caleb Stanfield from Green Clinic came to October's Med Staff meeting to introduce themselves.

During the Chief Executive Officer's Report, Morgan gave a construction update noting that in a month or so the metal stud walls should be up inside and the roofers will be coming Monday. Morgan said that he went and spoke to the Jonesboro Study Guild group on Monday night and gave them updates on the hospital. Morgan gave an update on the Water Well construction project, noting that we are now waiting on the town to complete things on their end. Morgan asked the Board to approve updates that need to be made to Jackson Parish Hospital Family Care Clinic. Morgan presented the low bid from Pohlman & Wilbanks at \$53,000 to do the updates that are needed at the clinic. There was a motion by Curtis and second by Slusher to approve the construction updates at the Jackson Parish Hospital Family Care Clinic by Pohlman & Wilbanks. All members present were in favor and the motion passed. Morgan then informed the board that the BCBS rate increased 2.3 percent and asked the Board if JPH could cover the increase for the employees at the cost of \$38,934. There was a motion by Slusher and second by Curtis to approve JPH covering the BCBS rate increase of \$38,934. All members present were in favor and the motion passed. Morgan gave a friendly reminder to complete the annual Ethics training.

During the COO/CIO Report, Thomas presented the quote for the nurse call expansion at the cost of \$273,795.00. Thomas explained that it will extend our system and are required to have one in both Endo and the ER areas, and this will keep our system together. There was a motion

by Curtis and second by Slusher to approve the ER Nurse Expansion quote. All members present were in favor and the motion passed. Thomas then presented the CSG contract increase addendum explaining that when CSG took over in 2021 they did 1,900 meals, in 2022 they did 2,675 meals, 2023 they did 3,650 meals and in 2024 they have done over 5,000 meals per month. Thomas explained that the Chef Manager has requested to add another staff member to help serve during lunch and increase wages for some of the staff. The contract addendum is in the amount of \$62,769 for the annual increase. There was a motion by Slusher and second by Curtis to approve the CSG contract increase addendum. All members present were in favor and the motion carried.

During the CFO Report, Morgan requested a ratification of Special Checks, ACH Debits for the months of September and October 2024 as well as payables for September 19, 2024, October 3, 2024, and October 17, 2024. There was a motion by Curtis and second by Slusher to ratify the payables for September 19, 2024, October 3, 2024, and October 17, 2024, and Special Checks and ACH Debits for the months of September and October 2024. All members present were in favor and the motion carried.

Allen reviewed the Rural Health Clinic stats with the Board. Allen presented the ED Patient Arrival to First Documentation to Physician report. Noting that the average is 25.57 minutes.

Malsam then presented the Board with the Hospital Statistics for the month of September.

At 12:35pm, there was a motion by Curtis and second by Slusher to enter into an Executive Session to discuss Strategic Planning. All members present were in favor, and the motion carried. At 12:41pm, there was a motion by Curtis and second by Slusher to return to regular session. All members present were in favor, and the motion carried.

There was a motion by Slusher and second by Curtis to authorize Morgan to negotiate contracts for the full-time and temporary Hospitalist that are coming due before the next Board meeting. All members present were in favor, and the motion carried.

Resolution 2024-7 in Recognition and Appreciation of Distinguished Service by Angela Curtis was presented to the board. There was a motion by Slusher and second by Curtis to approve the Resolution in Recognition and Appreciation of Distinguished Service by Angela Curtis. All members present were in favor, and the motion carried. The resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: (3)

NAYS: (0)

ABSTAINED: (0)

ABSENT: (1) Mims

The next regular business meeting will be held Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:00pm at the Jackson Parish Ambulance Service Building.

Bowman commented that Angela Curtis will be truly missed and wished her well.

Upon motion by Curtis and second by Slusher, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Chris Bowman, Esq.
Governing Board Chairman
Jackson Parish Hospital

John L. Morgan, MBA, RN
Chief Executive Officer
Jackson Parish Hospital