

Jackson Parish Hospital
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
January 31, 2024

The Governing Board of Directors of the Jackson Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 met on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at noon, in the Jackson Parish Hospital Board Room, 165 Beech Springs Road, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Board members present were: Chris Bowman, Angela Curtis, Shontae Mims, Dr. William Slusher. Hospital Staff present were: John Morgan, Dr. Jason Thomas, Bill Stansbury, Dr. Edward Mariano, Sunni Bougues, Jerry Allen, Shelley Malsam and Kelsey Arnold.

Bowman called the meeting to order at 12:09 pm., and Morgan gave the invocation. There were 4 of the 5 members by Act 321 present; therefore, there was a quorum present.

Following a motion by Curtis and second by Mims, the January 31, 2024 agenda was unanimously approved. All members present were in favor and the motion carried.

Following a motion by Mims and second by Curtis, the December 12, 2023, 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, presented the appointment, reappointment, and resignation/termination recommendations. There was a motion by Slusher and second by Mims to approve the Chief of Staff Report as presented. All members present were in favor and the motion carried.

During the Chief Executive Officer's Report, Morgan gave a friendly reminder to complete the annual ethics training. Next Morgan gave a status update on Dr. Nolan and explained that the entrance to Suite D and E is still being worked on and waiting on State, OPH and Fire Marshall approval.

During the COO/CIO Report, Thomas presented the Radiology X-Ray Room Lease 1 & 2 for approval from GE Healthcare noting that the total price for room 1 will be \$260,485.89 with a \$9k trade-in for the current room and the price for room 2 will be \$269,485.89. Thomas mentioned that he is seeking approval for both leases, they will be for six years and it will be about \$1,000 more a month than the old lease. Bowman asked if it is cheaper to lease than buy and Morgan and Thomas both mentioned that it is better to lease than buy the equipment. There was a motion by Slusher and second by Curtis to approve the Radiology X-Ray Room Lease 1 & 2. All members present were in favor and the motion carried. Thomas then gave a status update on the Endo Building noting that they were expecting to see patients on the 23rd of February, but the Fire Marshal reached out and needed more information which will delay calling the Office of Public Health to come in for the 2nd of three required inspections. Thomas then presented the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Town of Jonesboro to build a water well. LDH said to partner with the city to build the water well and the agreement establishes that JPH will prefund \$750k, the city will build the water well, send the invoices in and get the money back from the EPA and return the money back to the hospital. There was a motion by Mims and second by Curtis to approve the

Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Town of Jonesboro to build a water well. All members present were in favor and the motion carried.

During the CFO Report, Stansbury requested a ratification of Special Checks, ACH Debits for the months of December 2023 and January 2024 as well as payables for December 14, 2023, December 29, 2023, January 11, 2024, and January 25, 2024. There was a motion by Slusher and second by Curtis to ratify the payables for December 14, 2023, December 29, 2023, January 11, 2024, and January 25, 2024, and Special Checks and ACH Debits for the months December 2023 and January 2024. All members present were in favor and the motion carried. Stansbury continued to present financial report. Stansbury presented the Board with a packet of Financials, while also presenting a budget to actual comparison of the Statement of Net Position with the Assets and Liabilities.

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 27.92 minutes.

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

At 12:35 pm, there was a motion by Mims and second by Curtis to enter into an Executive Session to discuss Strategic Planning. All members present were in favor, and the motion carried. At 12:51 pm, there was a motion by Curtis and second by Mims to return to regular session. All members present were in favor, and the motion carried.

There was a motion by Slusher and second by Mims to amend the contract with CSG for \$24,000. All members present were in favor, and the motion carried.

There were no board comments made.

The next regular business meeting will be held Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at noon in the hospital board room.

Upon motion by Curtis and second by Mims, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

Chris Bowman, Esq.
Governing Board Chairman
Jackson Parish Hospital

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