

Jackson Parish Hospital
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2025

The Governing Board of Directors of the Jackson Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 met on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, in the Jackson Parish Hospital Board Room, 165 Beech Springs Road, Jonesboro, Louisiana to conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the 2025 Operating Budget. Board Members present were: Chris Bowman, Dr. William Slusher, and Kim Hutchinson. 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 public hearing to order at 12:04 p.m.

Bowman called for public comments on the 2025 Operating Budget.

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

Upon a motion by Slusher and second by Hutchinson, the public hearing was closed at 12:05 p.m.

The Governing Board of Directors of the Jackson Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 met on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at noon, in the Jackson Parish Hospital Board Room, 165 Beech Springs Road, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Board Members present were: Chris Bowman, Dr. William Slusher, and Kim Hutchinson. Hospital Staff present were: John Morgan, Jason Thomas, Bill Stansbury, Dr. Edward Mariano, Sunni Bougues, Jerry Allen, Shelley Malsam and Kelsey Arnold.

Bowman called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m., 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 Hutchinson and second by Slusher, the September 24, 2025, meeting agenda was unanimously approved.

Following a motion by Hutchinson and second by Slusher, the August 27, 2025, 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 Hutchinson 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 began by presenting the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for FYE September 30, 2025, noting that the questionnaire is a required part of a financial audit of Louisiana state and local government and public agencies and that upon completion, the questionnaire must be presented to and adopted by the Governing Body through formal resolution in an open meeting. There was a motion by Hutchinson and second by Slusher to adopt the Audit Compliance Questionnaire FYE September 30, 2025. All members present were in favor and the motion carried. The foregoing resolution was read aloud in full by Bowman; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

Slusher-AYE

Hutchinson-AYE
Bowman-AYE

There were 3-AYES, 0-NAYS, 0-Abstained, and 1-Absentee Member

Morgan then presented the JPH Paid Holiday Schedule noting it is the same as last year. There was a motion by Slusher and second by Hutchinson to approve the JPH Paid Holiday Schedule. All members present were in favor and the motion carried. Morgan then mentioned that on September 11, 2025, we got our temporary ER licensed by the State surveyors. Morgan then gave a construction update, noting that on September 29th they will begin with the abatement of asbestos in the old ER. Morgan noted that once everything is completed, JPH will have a Grand Opening. Morgan gave a friendly reminder to complete annual ethics training.

Stansbury presented the JPH FY26 Operating Budget. The foregoing resolution was read aloud in full; there was a motion by Hutchinson and second by Slusher to adopt Resolution # 2025-6 as presented, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

Slusher-AYE
Hutchinson-AYE
Bowman-AYE

There were 3-AYES, 0-NAYS, 0-Abstained, and 1-Absentee Members.

Stansbury requested a ratification of Special Checks, ACH Debits for the months of August and September 2025 as well as payables for September 4, 2025, and September 20, 2025. Bowman had a question about QHR Health, LLC and Malsam explained that it is Ovation Healthcare, LLC that who do our contracts with insurance and it was five months' worth of invoices. There was a motion by Hutchinson and second by Slusher to ratify the payables for September 4, 2025, and September 20, 2025 and Special Checks and ACH Debits for the months of August and September. All members present were in favor and the motion carried. Stansbury continued to present financial reports. Stansbury mentioned that next Friday we will be doing our inventory count and will have an auditor in the building. Stansbury noted that he will not have financials at next month's meeting. 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. Bougues then presented the ED Patient Arrival to First Documentation to Physician report. Noting that the average is 22.82 minutes.

Malsam then presented the Board with the Hospital Statistics for the month of August 2025.

The next regular business meeting will be held Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at 12:00 noon in the hospital board room.

Upon motion by Hutchinson and second by Slusher, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Chris Bowman, Esq.
Governing Board Chairman
Jackson Parish Hospital

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