

Jackson Parish Hospital
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2022

The Governing Board of Directors of the Jackson Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 met on Wednesday, February 23, at noon, in the Jackson Parish Hospital Board Room, 165 Beech Springs Road, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Board Members present were: Chris Bowman, Dr. Rebecca Crouch, Shontae Mims, and Angela Curtis. Hospital Staff present were: John Morgan, Dr. Jason Thomas, Bill Stansbury, Dr. William Slusher, Jerry Allen, Sunni Bougues, Shelley Malsam, and Kelsey Thomas.

Bowman called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m., and Morgan gave the Invocation. There were 4 of the 5 members by Act 171 present; therefore, there was a quorum present.

Following a motion by Mims and second by Crouch, the February 23, 2022, meeting agenda was unanimously approved.

Following a motion by Curtis and second by Mims the January 26, 2022, 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. Slusher then presented the initial appointments, reappointments, and terminations as recommended by the Medical Staff. There was a motion by Mims and second by Crouch to approve the initial appointments, reappointments, and termination recommendations as presented. All members present were in favor and the motion carried.

During the Chief Executive Officer's Report, Morgan proposed that Juneteenth Emancipation Day be added to the JPH paid holiday schedule. There was a motion by Mims and second by Curtis to approve Juneteenth being added to the paid holiday schedule. All members present were in favor and the motion carried. Morgan then proposed merit raises for the employees of JPH. Mims then questioned if it would be the same as last year, which is based on the employee's annual evaluation. Morgan informed the Board that it would be the same process that was done last year for the merit raises. There was a motion by Crouch and a second by Mims to authorize the CEO to provide employees with a merit increase as recommend by the CEO. All members present were in favor, and the motion carried. Morgan then presented the board with the Merchant McIntyre Associates contract, noting that they help find federal grants and have identified several grants that would be beneficial to JPH. He then informed the board that the fee will be \$8k a month but with the amount of grants they find, the return on the investment would be high. He then asked the board that we go with Merchant McIntyre for three months and if satisfied, then will continue with a one-year contract. There was a motion by Mims and second by Crouch to approve Merchant McIntyre contract. All members present were in favor and the motion carried.

Dr. Thomas stated that he had nothing to report this month from the COO perspective. Dr. Crouch then raised question as to when the work on the 200 wing will be completed. Thomas then noted that the contractors started last week on three rooms and will be back with supplies the week of February 28th. There was a discussion on this topic.

Stansbury requested a ratification of Special Checks, ACH Debits for the month of January as well as payables for February 10, 2022. There was a motion by Crouch and second by Curtis to ratify the payables for February 10, 2022, and Special Checks and ACH Debits for the month of January. All members present were in favor and the motion carried. Stansbury continued his report by stating that the depreciation could be changed a little once the auditors finish their reports.

Allen presented the ED Patient Arrival to First Documentation to Physician report. Noting that the times are staying consistent month to month, which is averaging the 30-minute mark. He then reviewed the 2021-2022 Telemedicine Visits for the schools and COVID tests performed, and then reviewed the Rural Health Clinic stats with the Board.

Malsam then presented the Board with the Hospital Statistics for the month of January 2022.

At 12:20 p.m., 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 12:35 p.m., 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.

Bowman reported a friend had been in the hospital and praised the hospital and Dr. Ed Mariano.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at 12:00 noon in the hospital board room.

Upon motion by Crouch and second by Mims, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Chris Bowman, Esq.
Governing Board Chairman
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Chief Executive Officer
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