

Jackson Parish Hospital
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2023

The Governing Board of Directors of the Jackson Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 met on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the Jackson Parish Hospital Ambulance Service District Training Center Building at 115 Watts Street, Jonesboro, Louisiana. Board Members present were: Chris Bowman, Angela Curtis, Shontae Mims and Dr. William Slusher. Medical Staff present were: Dr. Sheila Mariano, Dr. Edward Mariano, Dr. Rebecca Crouch and Dr. Dionne Nolan. Hospital Staff present were: John Morgan, Dr. Jason Thomas, Bill Stansbury, Jerry Allen, Sunni Bougues, Shelley Malsam and Kelsey Arnold.

Bowman called the meeting to order at 6:19 p.m., 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 Mims and second by Slusher, the December 12, 2023, meeting agenda was unanimously approved.

Following a motion by Curtis and second by Mims, the October 25, 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. Sheila 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 provided the Board with an overview of the accomplishments within Jackson Parish Hospital and the Rural Health Clinics; while noting that the state of the hospital is very strong, also noting that Jackson Parish Hospital was awarded the 2023 Louisiana Rural Health Association Outstanding Organization. Morgan noted that the census has been up and there were 22 patients in the hospital last week. Morgan praised the employees of JPH for the great work they are doing. Morgan gave updates that are happening at JPH starting with the ER renovation noting that it will be a long process but is being worked on, a new parking lot was added on at Chatham Clinic to help with the volume, and there were two Fire Marshal surveys that had zero deficiencies. Morgan informed the board that JPH was used as a case study as a model of success for Critical Access Hospitals that was presented by Jeff and Patty Harper for the State of Florida. Morgan announced that on December 18th, Congresswoman Julia Letlow will be here for our Groundbreaking Ceremony for the ER Renovation Project. Morgan then introduced Dr. Dionne Nolan who will start on February 5th, 2024, as our new Podiatrist in Suite D. Morgan then gave an update on construction that will be happening with Jonesboro Family Care Clinic. Morgan explained that in order to have Suite D part of our RHC, it had to be connected so there will be an extension made outside of the doors of Suite D and E for this connection.

During the COO/CIO Report, Thomas presented the sign to the Board that will be hung up around the campus during the renovations. Thomas presented the New Employee Parking Lot Bids for the parking lot explaining that it was originally approved at the last board meeting, but when the contract was being written the vendor realized they left \$177k out of their bid so they backed out. Thomas requested approval for the second low bidder of \$877,500. There was a motion by Slusher and second by Curtis to approve the second low bid from Pohlman and Wilbanks. All members present were in favor, and the motion carried. Thomas then presented the Front Elevator Repair Bid for approval and the lowest bid was from Don M. Barron

Construction at \$357,600. There was a motion by Mims and second by Curtis to approve the low bidder at \$357,600. All members present were in favor, and the motion carried. Thomas presented the add on to Suite D and Suite E bid for approval and the lowest bid came in at \$89,300 from Pohlman and Wilbanks. There was a motion by Slusher and second by Mims to approve the low bid of \$89,300 for the add on to Suite D and Suite E.

Stansbury requested a ratification of Special Checks, ACH Debits for the months of October, November and December 2023 as well as payables for November 10, 2023, November 15, 2023, and November 30, 2023. There was a motion by Curtis and second by Mims to ratify the payables for November 10, 2023, November 15, 2023, and November 30, 2023, and Special Checks and ACH Debits for the months of October, November, and December. 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.

There was no Executive Session.

Dr. Slusher welcomed Dr. Nolan to JPH.

Bowman welcomed Dr. Nolan and congratulated the staff of JPH for all the great work.

Curtis gave praise to everyone for doing a good job.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, January 31, 2024, at 12:00 noon in the hospital board room.

Upon motion by Mims and second by Curtis, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Chris Bowman, Esq.
Governing Board Chairman
Jackson Parish Hospital

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