

Jackson Parish Hospital
Governing Board Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2026

The Governing Board of Directors of the Jackson Parish Hospital Service District No. 1 met on Tuesday, August 25, 2026, 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. Members absent were Shontae Mims. Hospital Staff present were John Morgan, Dr. Jason Thomas, Bill Stansbury, Jerry Allen, Sunni Bougues, Shelley Malsam, and Jeannie McBride.

Bowman called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m., and Bougues gave the Invocation. There were 3 of the 5 members by Act 321 present; therefore, there was a quorum present.

Following a motion by Slusher and second by Hutchinson, the August 25, 2026, meeting agenda was unanimously approved.

Following a motion by Hutchinson and second by Slusher, the July 22, 2026, 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.

There was no Chief of Staff report.

There was no CEO report.

During the Chief Operations Officer's Report, Thomas presented a revision to the policy for Infection Control C. Diff Patient Care for approval. There was a motion made by Hutchinson to approve the revised policy. There was a second motion from Slusher. All members present were in favor and the motion carried unanimously. Thomas presented a revision to the policy for Infection Control for Hand Hygiene for approval. There was a motion made by Hutchinson to approve the revised policy. There was a second motion from Slusher. All members present were in favor and the motion carried unanimously. Thomas presented a revision to the policy for Infection Control for Standard Precautions for approval. There was a motion made by Hutchinson to approve the revised policy. There was a second motion from Slusher. All members present were in favor and the motion carried unanimously. Thomas presented a revision to the policy for Infection Control Transmissions-Based Precautions for approval. There was a motion made by Hutchinson to approve the revised policy. There was a second motion from Slusher. All members present were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Stansbury requested a ratification of Special Checks, ACH Debits for the month of July as well as payables for July 22, 2026. There was a motion by Hutchinson and second by Slusher to ratify the payables for July 22, 2026, and Special Checks and ACH Debits for the month of July. All members present were in favor and the motion carried. Stansbury then presented the financials for the month of July 2026. Dr. Slusher reported that the turnaround time for EKGs, Holters and echocardiogram overreads under the current contract was longer than desired. Dr. Slusher requested that the Hospital CEO be granted permission to proceed with contract negotiations for Andy Smith, MD to overread EKGs, Holters, and Echocardiograms, based on recommendation of the Medical Staff. Dr. Smith is employed by St. Francis Medical Center. There was a motion from Hutchinson, with a second motion from Dr. Slusher to begin contracting proceedings with Dr. Andy Smith.

Bowman presented Resolution 2026-4: Resolution Granting Signature and Grant Agreement Authority to the Board for approval. There was a motion from Hutchinson, with a second motion from Slusher to approve the resolution. Roll Call vote was taken recording 3 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 absent.

Slusher – yea
Hutchinson – yea
Bowman – yea
Mims – absent

Allen presented the Board with the clinic statistics for the month of July 2026 as well as the ED Patient Arrival to First Documentation to Physician report.

Malsam then presented the Board with the Hospital Statistics for the month of July 2026.

A motion from Slusher was made to enter into Executive Session at 12:24 p.m. with a second motion from Hutchinson and the motion carried. There was a motion from Slusher, with a second motion from Hutchinson to exit Executive Session at 12:30 p.m. and the motion carried.

Stansbury requested an approval for Board Members and their family to be added to the insurance coverage provided by the hospital through Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana. He stated that this had been approved by the hospital attorney. Bowman requested a motion for Morgan to be granted authority to do contract revisions with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana to include the Board Members. There was a motion from Slusher, with a second motion from Hutchinson, and the motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, September 30, 2026, at 12:00 noon in the hospital board room.

Upon motion by Slusher and second by Hutchinson, the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 12:31 p.m.

Chris Bowman, Esq.
Governing Board Chairman
Jackson Parish Hospital

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