

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

A regular meeting of the **Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 2, Abbeville General Hospital**, Parish of Vermilion, State of Louisiana was called to order at **6.15 P.M. on Wednesday, October 29, 2025**, by Mr. John Boudreaux, Chairman. Proceedings were taken at their regular meeting place in the Hospital Boardroom of Abbeville General Hospital with the following people present:

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Boudreaux, Chairman
Claude Meeks, M.D.
Kelly Richard
Jody Landry
Daleon Primeaux
Anita Levy
Oswald Broussard, Vice Chairman

STAFF PRESENT: Michael J. Bertrand, Chief Executive Officer
Troy Hair, Chief Financial Officer
Heidi Guidry, Chief Nursing Officer
Rick Faul, M.D. Chief of Staff
Abbey Palombo, Recording Secretary
Donna Adams, Maintenance Director

GUEST PRESENT: Gene Sellers Jr., The Sellers Group

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Anita Levy, seconded by Kelly Richard and unanimously carried, **the minutes of the Regular Board of Commissioners meeting held October 15, 2025, were approved as written.**

AMEND AGENDA

On motion of Anita Levy, seconded by Kelly Richard and unanimously carried, **the board amended the agenda for consideration of the Rural Hospital Coalition 2026 CEA Grant.**

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were reviewed:

- ✓ Off-Site Imaging Updates
- ✓ New HR Building Updates
- ✓ 2024 Performance Updates
- ✓ LHA Fall District Meeting

MEDICAL STAFF REPORT

Claude Meeks, M.D., presented the Medical Staff report

➤ **Credentials Committee Report**

On motion of Jody Landry, seconded by Oswald Broussard and unanimously carried, **the recommendations of the Medical Executive/Credentials Committee were accepted as follows:**

<u>Practitioners Name</u>	<u>Clinical Privileges</u>	<u>Staff Category</u>
Jon Decuir, MD	Cardiology	Consulting Staff
William Chastant, MD	Gastroenterology	Consulting Staff

Lift from Provisional Status

<u>Practitioners Name</u>	<u>For Review</u>	<u>Consider and Recommend Staff Category</u>
Robert Hosse, MD	Pulmonology	Consulting Staff

Reappointment (Two Year Period) Dept of Surgery

<u>Practitioners Name</u>	<u>Clinical Privileges</u>	<u>Staff Category</u>
Whitney Linville, DDS	Pediatric Dentistry	Courtesy Staff
Derek Meaux, CRNA	CRNA	Allied Health Staff

Reappointment (Two Year Period) Dept of Medicine

<u>Practitioners Name</u>	<u>Clinical Privileges</u>	<u>Staff Category</u>
John Rhodes, MD	Gastroenterology	Consulting Staff
Evan Philips, PA	Urgent Care	Allied Health Staff

Approve Practitioners Reappointed by the Medical Board of Direct Radiology and added to the Privilege Agreement

<u>Practitioners Name</u>	<u>Clinical Privileges</u>	<u>Consider and Recommend</u>
Rashmi Hande, MD	Teleradiology / Diagnostic Radiology	Telemedicine Staff

Place on Inactive Status (Removed from Staff)

<u>Practitioners Name</u>	<u>For Review</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Allen Acomb, MD	No longer affiliated with Acadiana Radiology Group	3/19/2025
Blaine Hoppe, MD	No longer affiliated with Acadiana Radiology Group	3/19/2025
Timothy Machen, MD	No longer affiliated with Acadiana Radiology Group	3/19/2025
Dishant Shah, MD	No longer providing services as an affiliated physician of Direct Radiology	9/8/2025
Mohammad Khan, MD	No longer affiliated with Acadiana Radiology Group	9/30/2025
Byron Hebert, CRNA	Retirement	8/1/2025
Melanie Daigle, CRNA	No longer employed by AGH	10/3/2025

➤ **Medical Staff Bylaws Revision**

On motion of Anita Levy, seconded by Claude Meeks, M.D. and unanimously carried, **the board approved the revision to the medical staff bylaws as presented.**

NEW BUSINESS

➤ **Environment of Care Appraisal**

On motion of Jody Landry, seconded by Claude Meeks and unanimously carried, **the board approved the 2024 Environment of Care appraisal as presented by Donna Adams, Maintenance Director.**

➤ **Additions and Renovations to the Maurice Community Care Clinic BIDs**

<u>Contractor Name</u>	<u>Base BID</u>	<u>Alternate No. 1</u>	<u>Alternate No. 2</u>	<u>Alternate No. 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Manuel Commercial, LLC	\$2,370,400.00	\$59,000.00	\$59,250.00	\$6,250.00	\$2,494,900.00
Minvielle Lumber Company, Inc.	\$2,265,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$31,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,349,000.00
Thomson Brothers Construction, Inc	\$2,214,000.00	\$45,900.00	\$59,700.00	\$6,900.00	\$2,326,500.00
Verius Property Group, LLC	\$3,195,000.00	\$72,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$3,343,000.00

On motion of Daleon Primeaux, seconded by Jody Landry and unanimously carried, **the board authorized Gene Sellers to explore various Value Engineering options with Thompson Brothers Construction, Inc, the lowest bid contractor meeting specifications, as allowed by public bid law, to potentially reduce the cost of the Bids to a value closer to the budget while not sacrificing any of the program needs for the facility.**

➤ **October Contract Review**

On motion of Oswald Broussard, seconded by Anita Levy and unanimously carried, **the board approved renewal of the following contracts:**

- ✓ Acadiana Radiology Group - Radiologists Services
- ✓ Aetna Better Health, Inc. - Medicaid CCN
- ✓ Cigna Healthcare of Louisiana, Inc. - PPO
- ✓ Cox Communications
- ✓ Eastridge - Patient Transfer
- ✓ Humana Military Healthcare Services - Managed Care
- ✓ iConvergence Inc. - Standard Cisco Duo Access
- ✓ Imprivita Single Sign On (SSO) - Software License
- ✓ Magnolia Medical - Steripath Device
- ✓ Majestic Medical Solutions - PM - Diagnostic Equipment
- ✓ MedCerts - Affiliation Agreement
- ✓ Myriam Hutchinson, MD - Lease Space - Outreach Center
- ✓ Reliant Medical LLC - 340B Pharmacy Services
- ✓ Southern Louisiana Hepcure, LLC - Hepatitis Clinic Professional Services

- ✓ South Louisiana Community College - All Campuses - Clinical Training Site
- ✓ Spectra Laboratories - Water Analysis - Dialysis
- ✓ Steris Instrument Management - PM Scopes
- ✓ Sysmex America, Inc - PM for Hematology Analyzer

➤ **Engagement Letter – Financial Statement Audit**

On motion of Kelly Richard, seconded by Jody Landry, and unanimously carried, **the board approved the financial state audit engagement letter from Lester, Miller, & Wells, and the fees for service in the amount of \$62,000.00.**

➤ **Engagement Letter - Single Audit**

On motion of Anita Levy, seconded by Kelly Richard and unanimously carried, **the board approved the single audit engagement letter from Lester, Miller, & Wells, and the fees for service in the range of \$5,000.00 - \$ 10,000.00.**

➤ **Engagement Letter – Cost Report**

On motion of Jody Landry , seconded by Oswald Broussard and unanimously carried, **the board approved the Medicare and Medicaid Cost Report engagement letter from Lester, Miller, & Wells, and the fees for service in the amount of \$24,000.00 plus out of pocket cost**

➤ **Engagement Letter – Statewide Agreed Upon Procedures**

On motion of Jody Landry, seconded by Kelly Richard and unanimously carried, **the board approved the Statewide Agreed Upon Procedures audit engagement letter from Lester, Miller, & Wells, and the fees for service in the range of \$6,000.00 - \$9,000.00.**

➤ **Elevator Upgrade**

On motion of Anita Levy, seconded by Kelly Richard and unanimously carried, **the board approved the proposal from Schindler Elevator Corporation to upgrade the last components on Elevator 4 and remove the non-functional, and unnecessary, dumbwaiter accessing Central Sterile, at a total cost of \$169,450.80 (PFI #86).**

➤ **Rural Hospital Coalition**

On motion of Jody Landry, seconded by Oswald Broussard and unanimously carried, **the board accepted the 2026 CEA grant award.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Anita Levy, seconded by Oswald Broussard and unanimously carried, **the Board entered into Executive Session for Approval of Minutes, and Strategic Planning, and Performance Improvement.**

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Anita Levy, seconded by Oswald Broussard and unanimously carried, **the Board adjourned at 8:05 P.M.**

MICHAEL J. BERTRAND, II, MS, MBA
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
SECRETARY / TREASURER

JOHN BOUDREAUX
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD