

North Oaks Health System
Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting
September 22, 2021
Minutes

The Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish met on Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in the North Oaks Outpatient Diagnostic Center Auditorium. Chairman Ron Macaluso called the meeting to order.

Members Present:

Ron Macaluso, Chairman
Ann Carruth, DNS, RN, Vice-Chair
Terry Harper
Joycelyn Lee, RPh
Ron Orsi
Angelique Richardson, CPA, NP, CGMA

Members Absent:

Blake Daniels

Others Present:

Michele K. Sutton, FACHE
Mark Anderson
Mac Barrient
Larry Daigle
Marquinn Duke, MD
Kathy Grubb
Jeff Jarreau
Robert Peltier, MD
Kirsten Riney
Joe Thomas/Chief Administrative Officer/Tangipahoa Parish Government
Michael Watkins
Melanie Zaffuto

Approval of Minutes

The following meeting minutes were submitted for approval:

Board of Commissioners: April 23, 2021
Board of Commissioners: July 28, 2021
NORH Board of Managers: August 27, 2021

The minutes were approved by consent as submitted.

Public Input

There were no public requests nor anyone present.

Parish Update

J. Thomas expressed his appreciation for the continued partnership with North Oaks Health System. J. Thomas gave an update on the impact Hurricane Ida had on the parish and the continued recovery plan.

On behalf of the Board, R. Macaluso thanked R. Miller, J. Thomas, Parish Government, and the entire North Oaks team for a great job during the hurricane.

System Update

M. Sutton gave a detailed recap of the many challenges the North Oaks team faced over the last several weeks during the hurricane while also handling the uptick in COVID. The Tangipahoa Government did a phenomenal job during the hurricane. M. Sutton then went on to say she has never been prouder of the Leadership, Executive team, and every employee at North Oaks for a job well done.

COVID Update – Dr. R. Peltier gave an update on COVID and discussed vaccinations. The last several weeks have been very hard on the staff with the uptick in COVID and hurricane Ida. Kudos to the North Oaks Staff for a job well done. Dr. Peltier answered questions from Board members.

On behalf of the Board, R. Macaluso thanked Dr. R. Peltier for his report and M. Sutton for her well-prepared report.

Financial Report

Bond Rating Update – M. Anderson presented a PowerPoint giving details on the Medical Center's current A- BBB+ bond ratings.

At this point, J. Thomas left the meeting.

Medical Staff Applications

North Oaks Medical Center

Medical Staff Applications – M. Duke, MD presented the following medical staff applications as recommended by and subsequent to the review of their respective departments, Bylaws & Credentials and the North Oaks Medical Executive Committee:

Elizabeth Clair, DO: Active/Emergency Medicine

James Denier, MD: Telemedicine/Radiology

Ken Ehrhardt, MD: Active/Pain Medicine

Paul Guisler, MD: Telemedicine/Radiology

Marylynn Nguyen, MD: Active/OB-GYN

Denis Primakov, MD: Telemedicine/Radiology

Upon a motion by J. Lee, seconded by A. Richardson, and unanimously passed, the medical staff applications were approved as recommended by the North Oaks Medical Executive Committee and electronic approval completed in symplr database by President/Chief Executive Officer.

Request for Additional Privileges – M. Duke, MD presented the following additional privileges as recommended by and subsequent to the review of their respective departments, Bylaws & Credentials and the North Oaks Medical Executive Committee:

Nidal Abi Rafeh, MD/Transluminal Aortic Valve Replacement (TAVR)
Rae Pitcher, NP: Perform Aspirations & Injections of Joints, Bursars and Cysts
Ellen Wilson, NP: Insertion of Central Venous Catheters

Upon a motion by A. Carruth, seconded by R. Orsi, and unanimously passed, the additional privileges were approved as recommended by the North Oaks Medical Executive Committee.

North Oaks Rehabilitation Hospital

Medical Staff Applications – R. Peltier, MD presented the following medical staff applications as recommended by the North Oaks Rehabilitation Hospital Medical Executive Committee and Board of Managers:

Jean-Victor Bonnaig, MD: North Oaks Imaging Associates
Ryan Enders, DO: North Oaks Surgical Associates
Farid Zayed, MD: Heart Clinic of Hammond
Matthew Mason, MD: Magnolia Obstetrics and Gynecology
Alexander Richard, MD: Nephrology
David Powers, MD: Nephrology
John Mares, MD: Nephrology
Sean Kalagher, MD: Virtual Radiologic Professionals, LLC
Scott Allen, MD: Virtual Radiologic Professionals, LLC
Abir Abdo, MD: Northshore Internal Medicine Associates

Upon a motion by T. Harper, seconded by A. Carruth, and unanimously passed, the medical staff applications were approved as recommended by the North Oaks Rehabilitation Hospital Medical Executive Committee and Board of Managers.

Advanced Practitioner Applications – R. Peltier, MD presented the following advanced practitioner applications as recommended by North Oaks Rehabilitation Hospital Medical Executive Committee and Board of Managers:

Maia McLin, NP: North Oaks Cardiology
Ashley Ohler, PA: Louisiana Heart Center
Christopher Davis, NP: Nephrology

Upon a motion by T. Harper, seconded by A. Carruth, and unanimously passed, the advanced practitioner applications were approved as recommended by the North Oaks Rehabilitation Hospital Medical Executive Committee and Board of Managers.

Financial Reports

Financial Dashboard - August 2021 Financial Dashboard was submitted and reviewed. M. Anderson stated the audited financials will be presented at the October meeting.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Legislative Auditor Questionnaire – M. Anderson presented the attached annual Legislative Auditor Questionnaire resolution for approval.

Upon a motion by R. Orsi, seconded by A. Richardson, and unanimously approved the annual Legislative Auditor Questionnaire Resolution to be signed by M. Sutton/President/Chief Executive Officer and R. Macaluso/Chair, Board of Commissioners.

Executive Session

Upon a motion by A. Richardson, seconded by T. Harper, and unanimously passed to convene to Executive Session.

At this point, M. Duke, MD, and M. Zaffuto left the meeting.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date of the North Oaks Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in the North Oaks Board Room.

Adjournment

With no further business, upon a motion by T. Harper, seconded by A. Richardson and unanimously passed to adjourn.

Michele K. Sutton, FACHE
President/Chief Executive Officer, North Oaks Health System
Board Secretary

**BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF TANGIPAHOA PARISH

D/B/A NORTH OAKS HEALTH SYSTEM

RESOLUTION

Meeting in regular session on September 22, 2021 the Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish hereby adopts the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish acknowledge that the Legislative Auditor for the State of Louisiana requires an annual Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire to be completed by the District as a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish hereby adopts the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire and all responses thereto for the period designated as FY 2021 (July 1, 2020 -June 30, 2021).

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in regular session of the Board of Commissioners on the 22nd day of September 2021.

Attest: Michele K. Sutton
Secretary, Board of Commissioners

Ron Macaluso
Chair, Board of Commissioners