

**North Oaks Health System
Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting
August 23, 2023
Minutes**

The Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish met on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in the North Oaks Board Room. Chairman Ron Macaluso called the meeting to order.

Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Michele K. Sutton, FACHE
Mark Anderson
Mac Barrient
Jessica Bennett
John Derenbecker
Justin Fowlkes, MD
Kathy Grubb
Jeff Jarreau
Melanie Zaffuto
Joe Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer/Tangipahoa Parish Government

Approval of Minutes

The following meeting minutes were submitted for approval:
Board of Commissioners: July 19, 2023

The minutes were approved by consent as submitted.

Public Input

There was no public request nor anyone present.

Parish Update

On behalf of the Board, R. Macaluso congratulated Joe Thomas, Robby Miller, and their entire team for their recent re-election.

J. Thomas gave kudos to the entire Tangipahoa Parish Government team. We have a good team. J. Thomas shared that sales tax revenue is down from this time last year. Motor vehicle sales are slowly declining. He gave an update on various projects throughout the Parish, which included the new fairgrounds, roundabouts on Hoover Road and on Dunson Road and Highway 22. J. Thomas answered questions from Board members.

R. Macaluso thanked J. Thomas and R. Miller on behalf of the Board.

At this point, J. Thomas left the meeting.

Medical Staff Applications

North Oaks Medical Center

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

Kunal Agrawal, MD: Telemedicine/Neurology
Stephen Arbogast, MD: Telemedicine/Neurology
Walter Bringaze, MD: Active/CVT Surgery
Stefanie Cheang, MD: Consulting/Pediatric Cardiology
Minghua Hao, MD: Consulting/Pediatric Cardiology
Mae Igi, MD: Active/Radiology (North Oaks)
Steven Jones, MD: Active/North Oaks Orthopedics
Lee Morris, MD: Telemedicine/Radiology (North Oaks)
Derek Palmer, MD: Active/North Oaks Shock Trauma
Mark Rocco, MD: Active/Radiology (North Oaks)
Ruchir Shah, MD: Telemedicine/Neurology
Terry Stelly, MD: Active/CVT Surgery
Luke Wall, MD: Active/Allergy and Immunology (CHNOLA)

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

Advanced Practitioner Applications – J. Fowlkes, MD presented the following advanced practitioner applications as recommended by and subsequent to the review of their respective departments, Bylaws & Credentials and the North Oaks Medical Executive Committee:

Megan Box, NP: North Oaks Family Medicine-Hammond
Olivia Buquoi, PA: North Oaks Cardiology
Laine Dyson, CSFA: North Oaks
Donna Foster, PA: North Oaks Cardiology
Brent Graham, NP: North Oaks Shock Trauma
Matthew Ivanyisky, PA: Baton Rouge Radiology

Upon a motion by R. Orsi, seconded by T. Harper, and unanimously passed, the advanced practitioner 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 – J. Fowlkes, MD presented the following request for additional privileges as recommended by and subsequent to the review of their respective departments, Bylaws & Credentials and the North Oaks Medical Executive Committee.

Whitney Lashua, NP: Central Line (Venous Catherter) Placement

Upon a motion M. Mobley, seconded by R. Orsi, and unanimously passed, the additional privileges for Whitney Lashua, NP, were approved as recommended by the North Oaks Medical Executive Committee.

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

Jeremy Russell, PA: Thoracentesis

Upon a motion T. Harper, seconded by J. Lee, and unanimously passed, the additional privileges for Jeremy Russell, PA, were approved as recommended by the North Oaks Medical Executive Committee.

Request for Revised Privileges – J. Fowlkes, MD presented the following request for revised privileges as recommended by and subsequent to the review of their respective departments, Bylaws & Credentials and the North Oaks Medical Executive Committee.

Orthopedic Technologist (OTC) Privileges - add Non-Core OT-SC to existing privileges

Upon a motion M. Mobley, seconded by T. Harper, and unanimously passed, the revised privileges, were approved as recommended by the North Oaks Medical Executive Committee.

A Carruth asked for the career path of an Orthopedic Technologist – Surgery Certified (OT-SC). The path was provided.

At this point, J. Fowlkes left the meeting.

Financial Report

Financial Dashboard – M. Anderson presented a PowerPoint giving details on the Medical Center's current A bond rating and the July YTD 2023 Financials. M. Anderson answered questions from Board members. The Board applauded.

On behalf of the Board, R. Macaluso thanked M. Anderson for his presentation.

M. Sutton expressed how proud she is of the North Oaks team for the outstanding job they did in 2023. This was a very hard year. Board unanimously agreed.

Upon a motion by R. Orsi, seconded by T. Harper, and unanimously passed, the July 2023 Financial Dashboard was approved as submitted.

Unfinished Business – None to report.

New Business

Authorized Signers Resolution – R. Macaluso presented the attached resolution.

Upon a motion by J. Lee, seconded by M. Mobley, and unanimously passed to approve the authority for financial transactions resolution.

Executive Session

Upon a motion by T. Harper, and seconded by R. Orsi, and unanimously passed to convene into Executive Session.

At this point, M. Barrient, J. Bennett, and M. Zaffuto left the meeting.

Regular Session


Upon a motion by R. Orsi, and seconded by T. Harper, and unanimously passed to convene to Regular Session.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date of the North Oaks Board of Commissioners will be held on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in North Oaks Board Room.

Adjournment

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



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

**HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT #1 OF
TANGIPAHOA PARISH d/b/a
NORTH OAKS HEALTH SYSTEM**

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District No.1 of Tangipahoa Parish, recognizes the need for certain hospital administration officers to have the ability to transact business, on behalf of the Board, the Board resolves as follows:

As of January 1, 2017, President/Chief Executive Officer, Michele K. Sutton shall be, and is hereby, designated authorized agent for North Oaks Health System and all its affiliated entities (collectively "NOHS") with sole and exclusive authority [except to the extent outlined below] to bind NOHS to any and all contractual, financial, and other operational commitments of whatever kind within the guidelines, policies, and other parameters set forth by the Board of Commissioners.

The Board authorizes the Chief Operations Officer, Michael Watkins, and Chief Financial Officer, Mark Anderson (or any person whom may succeed these individuals in such referenced executive positions) to execute contracts at the request of the CEO in her absence, and contracts thereby executed shall be effective and binding on NOHS as if executed by the CEO.

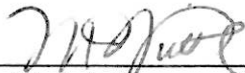
NOHS policy requires no less than two authorized signatures on all checks issued by NOHS, and the Board hereby designates Ms. Sutton, Mr. Watkins, and Mr. Anderson as authorized persons to so sign NOHS checks.

Except as identified above, no other persons, whether previously designated as authorized or not, shall have authority to perform the referenced actions as an agent of NOHS.

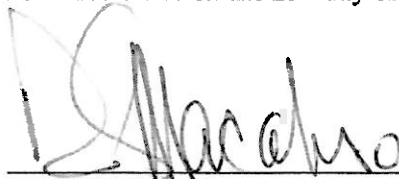
To the extent legally required for a North Oaks Health System affiliated entity to carry out its business operations, the Board authorizes the authorized officers then in place with such affiliated entity to execute documents needed to transact the business of the entity,

To the extent not in conflict with the matters addressed herein or in conflict with guidelines, policies, and parameters set by the Board or established in law, the Board authorizes the CEO to authorize and delegate other leadership of NOHS to carry out necessary acts and functions consistent with the effective and efficient operations of NOHS.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED by the Board of Commissioners on the 23rd day of August 2023, at which a quorum was present and voting.



ATTEST: Michele K. Sutton
Secretary of the Board of Commissioners



ATTEST: Ron Macaluso
Chairman, Board of Commissioners