

**North Oaks Health System  
Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting  
October 25, 2023  
Minutes**

The Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish met on Wednesday, October 25, 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

**Others Present:**

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

R. Macaluso shared that A. Richardson resigned from the Board effective yesterday. On behalf of the Board, we appreciate her dedication serving on the Board. We commend her for recognizing that her work and personal obligations are interfering with her commitment to the Board.

R. Macaluso asked the Board members permission to write a thank you letter to A. Richardson, on behalf of the Board. Everyone one agreed.

T. Harper asked that each member personally sign the letter. R. Macaluso will draft the letter for each member to sign.

On behalf of the Board, R. Macaluso stated that A. Richardson will be missed, and it was a pleasure to serve on the Board alongside her.



## **Approval of Minutes**

The following meeting minutes were submitted for approval:  
Board of Commissioners: September 28, 2023

**The minutes were approved by consent as submitted.**

## **Public Input**

There was no public request nor anyone present.

## **Miscellaneous**

M. Sutton shared that our first Fall Festival was a huge success with over 400 in attendance. M. Sutton shared a slideshow. Our employees have asked for this to be an annual event.

## **Parish Update**

J. Thomas was in attendance to give an update on various projects throughout the Parish. He shared that the roundabout at Hoover Road is coming along nicely, and they are getting ready to start widening Hoover Road to Highway 22. Sales taxes have flatlined. Car sales are down, which is normal for this time of year. The Hammond Airshow was a great success with a large crowd. He announced the three new council members. J. Thomas updated the Board about the Tangipahoa Parish response to the Interstate 55 mass casualty incident. He had nothing but positive things to talk about our first responders and North Oaks and the coordination of all agencies. He could not be prouder of all involved.

On behalf of the Board, R Macaluso expressed thanks to R. Miller, J. Thomas, and all agencies who assisted with the horrific crash on Monday. He thanked J. Thomas for attending today's meeting.

## **Executive Session**

Upon a motion by J. Lee, and seconded by M. Mobley, and unanimously passed to convene into Executive Session.

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

## **Regular Session**

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

## **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:

Neil Bhathela, DO – Telemedicine/Neurology (Sevaro)  
Lisa Colon, MD – Active/OB-GYN  
Mario Giudici, MD – Telemedicine/Radiology (StatRad)  
Neal Prakash, MD – Telemedicine/Neurology (Sevaro)

**Upon a motion by M. Mobley, seconded by R. Orsi, and 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:

Hannah Bass, NP – North Oaks Urology  
Brittany Brumfield, NP – North Oaks Pediatrics  
Carlos Mendoza, NP – North Oaks Neurology  
Courtney Reid, NP – NIMA

**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.**

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

See Attachment A for a detailed list of physician reappointment applications

**Upon a motion by R. Orsi, seconded by J. Lee, and unanimously passed, the physician reappointment applications in Attachment A were approved as recommended by the North Oaks Medical Executive Committee.**

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

See Attachment B for a detailed list of advanced practitioner reappointment applications

**Upon a motion by M. Mobley, seconded by T. Harper, and unanimously passed the advanced practitioner reappointment applications in Attachment B 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:

Devin Neill, OT-SC (Orthopedic Technologist – Surgery Certified)

**Upon a motion by T. Harper, seconded by M. Mobley, and unanimously passed, the additional privileges for Devin Neill, OT-SC, were approved as recommended by the North Oaks Medical Executive Committee.**

***Call Waiver Request*** – J. Fowlkes, MD presented the following call waiver as recommended by and subsequent to the review of their respective departments, Bylaws & Credentials and the North Oaks Medical Executive Committee:

Dorothy Lewis, MD – General Surgery

**Upon a motion by T. Harper, seconded by R. Orsi, and unanimously passed, the call waiver for Dorothy Lewis, MD was approved as recommended by the North Oaks Medical Executive Committee.**

### **New Business**

***Medical Staff Credentialing Process Education*** – R. Peltier, MD gave a PowerPoint presentation providing details on North Oaks credentialing process. He answered questions from the Board members.

***Approval of Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Results*** - Upon a motion by J. Lee, seconded by M. Mobley, and unanimously approved the independent accountant report for fiscal year 2023 as submitted by Horne Group.

On behalf of the Board, R. Macaluso thanked M. Sutton and her team and M. Anderson and his team for an excellent audit with no findings.

### **Financial Report**

***Financial Dashboard*** – September 2023 Financial Dashboard was submitted and reviewed.

**The September 2023 Financial Dashboard was approved by consent as submitted.**

**Unfinished Business** – None to report.

### **Executive Session**

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



### **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 Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in North Oaks Board Room.

### **Adjournment**

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

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



**Medical Staff Reappointments  
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**Attachment A (Page 1 of 2)**

**Emergency Medicine**

- William Taylor Allen, MD
- Jacob Baker, MD
- Timothy Marcus, MD

**Family Practice**

- Haroon Iqbal, MD
- Michelle Sliva, MD

**Medicine**

- Abir Abdo, MD
- Nidal Abi Rafeh, MD
- William Luke Alls, MD
- Robert Andres, MD
- Leonidas Aragos, MD
- Rainier Batiste, DO
- Dennis Booth, MD
- Barry Breaux, MD
- Erica Brown-Jackson, MD
- LaSandra Barton, MD
- April Carter, MD
- K. Lance Caulfield, MD
- Wonestta Collins, MD
- Wesley Cook, MD
- Lauren Davis, MD (Sleep Medicine)
- Charles Ducombs, MD
- Jherie Ducombs, MD
- Andrew Elson, MD
- Bruce Ennis, MD
- Justin Fowlkes, MD
- Carl Gauthier, MD
- Lawrence Gensler, MD
- Sean Gipson, MD
- Sonia Granera, MD
- Jason Hayes, MD
- Frank Henchy, MD
- Joseph Heneghan, MD
- Edward Hernandez, MD
- Haley Hunt, MD
- Faheem Iqbal, MD
- Shahed Jameel, MD
- Lisa Jaubert, MD
- Sheldon Johnson, MD
- Goerge Keshelava, MD
- Abdul Khan, MD
- Georges Khoueiry, MD
- William Kopfler, MD

**Medicine Continued**

- Konstantin Kovtun, MD
- Laura Leonards, MD
- Victor Linden, MD
- Zachary Liner, MD
- Corey Majors, MD
- Jon Mares, MD
- Noah McGill, MD
- Ghiath Mikdadi, MD
- Harold Miller, MD
- JP Miller, MD
- Gregory Mula, MD
- Najib Murr, MD
- Pervez Mussarat, MD
- Stacy Newman, MD
- David Oubre, MD
- James Parker, MD
- Rishi Pathak, MD
- Leo Pei, MD
- Robert Peltier, MD
- William Plunkett, MD
- David Powers, MD
- S. Tahseen Rab, MD
- Matloob Rehman, MD
- Jason Reina, MD
- Alexander Richard, MD
- Rafael Robledo, MD
- Sweta Shah, MD
- Rececca Soine, MD
- Zohreh Soltani, MD
- Casey Steen, MD
- Nicholas Stevens, MD
- Georges Tanios, MD
- Theepa Thayalakulasingham, MD
- Vijay Thumma, MD
- Felix Torres, MD
- Brett Travis, MD
- Jingya Wang, MD
- Russell Wardlaw, MD
- Rebecca Whittemore, MD
- Kimberly Williams, MD
- Arvind Yertha, MD
- Hussein Younes, MD
- Susan Zacharia, MD
- Sousan Zadeh, DO
- Farid Zayed, MD



**Surgery**

- Esther Dupepe, MD
- Ashley Meyn, MD
- Michael Queen, MD
- Jonathan Schoen, MD
- Nader Shourbaji, MD
- Alison Smith, MD
- Hugo St. Hilaire, MD
- Mark Stalder, MD

**OB/GYN/Pediatrics**

- Brian Ashford, MD
- William Beacham, MD
- Tara Benjamin, MD
- Lauren Davis, MD (Pediatrics)
- Rose Depaula-Cox, MD
- Albert Diket, MD
- Jaime Edwards, MD
- Elizabeth Fritz, MD
- Christina Goodridge, MD
- Raegan Gupta, MD
- George Hescock, MD
- Samuel Hickey, MD
- Richard Hill, MD
- Kimberly Hodge, MD
- Michelle Knecht, MD
- James Krulisky, MD
- Dwan Mabry, MD
- Anne Martin, MD
- Amanda Messer, MD
- Robert Moore, MD
- Christy Mumphrey, MD
- Shannon Palombo, MD
- Jessica Patrick-Esteve, MD
- Marya Porter, MD
- Amy Prudhomme, MD
- Caroline Roth, MD
- Shubho Sarkar, MD
- Pamela Simmons, MD
- Marshall St. Amant, MD
- Jeffrey Surcouf, MD
- Edward Veillon, MD
- Song-Gui Yang, MD



**Advanced Practitioner Reappointments**  
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**Attachment B (page 1 of 1)**

- Tiffany Billiot, NP
- John Easterly, NP
- Courtney Muller, NP
- Joan Peperone, NP
- Noelle Plaisance, NP
- Ashley Gilliland, NP
- Heather Shoultz, NP
- Maggie Smith, NP
- Joshua Walker, NP
- Shani Booth, NP
- Jessica Bosch, NP
- Andrew Bragagnini, PA
- Matthew Bruhn, PA
- Christopher Davis, NP
- Amber DeLaSalle, NP
- Mark Drummond, NP
- Jean Genzale, NP
- Wyshika Gibson, NP
- Kristen King, NP
- Brianne Lagasse, NP
- Whitney Lashua, NP
- Erickia LeMeunier, NP
- Lori Mayers, NP
- Megan McGoey, NP
- Stephen Mixon, NP
- Kevin Mixon, NP
- Wendi Neal, NP
- Cassie Peart, NP
- Alisa Picou, NP
- Anna Price, NP
- Charlie Shelton, NP
- Janel Tedesco, NP
- Vyrl Traylor, NP
- Kamie Williams, NP
- Brittany Zimmer, NP
- Joseph Binder, NNP
- Michelle Emery, NP
- Sarah Hayden, NP
- Nicole Hutson Simone, NP
- Scott Landry, NNP
- Amy Linn, CNM
- Lesley Palisi, NP
- Cathy Riggio, NP
- Dale Sanderson, NNP
- Melissa Schillage, NP
- Kim Simoneaux, NP
- Jessica Verburg, NP
- Johanna Bode, CSFA
- Brandi Cortez, CSFA
- Celeste Dale, CRNA
- Shanna Duhe, RNFA
- Lisa Frey, CRNA
- Hannah Fugarino, NP
- Lindsey Hollywood, NP
- Travis King, NP
- Aimee Ledet, CRNA
- Andrea Legendre, PA
- Todd Morgan, CRNA
- Madeline Murphy, CRNA
- Jade Pizzo, NP
- Jessica Pollet, CRNA
- Jeremy Russell, PA
- Shelby Sharkey, CSFA
- Jennifer Steib, CRNA
- Abby Thames, PA
- Ellen Wilson, NP
- Leslie Wood, NP