

**North Oaks Health System  
Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting  
November 29, 2023  
Minutes**

The Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish met on Wednesday, November 29, 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  
Kathy Grubb  
Jeff Jarreau  
Rishi Pathak, MD  
Robert Peltier, MD  
Kirsten Riney  
Michael Watkins  
Melanie Zaffuto

**Approval of Minutes**

The following meeting minutes were submitted for approval:

Board of Commissioners: October 25, 2023

Board of Commissioners: November 8, 2023

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

**Public Input**

There was no public request nor anyone present.

## **Parish Update**

J. Thomas was unable to attend today's meeting.

## **Financial Report**

***Financial Dashboard*** – M. Anderson presented a PowerPoint of the October 2023 YTD Financials. M. Anderson and M. Sutton answered questions from Board members.

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

## **Miscellaneous**

On behalf of the Board, R. Macaluso thanked M. Sutton and her team for a job well-done in today's North Oaks Clinic Building II Groundbreaking Ceremony. There was a great crowd in attendance.

## **Medical Staff Applications**

### **North Oaks Medical Center**

***Medical Staff Applications*** – R. Peltier, 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:

Jordan Abel, MD: Telemedicine/Infectious Disease  
Hong Van Le, MD: Consulting/Pediatric Ophthalmology  
Adam Podet, MD: Active/Neurosurgery

**Upon a motion by T. Harper, seconded by M. Mobley, 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*** – R. Peltier, 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:

Alexandra Battalora, NP – North Oaks Cardiology  
Darryl Miles, Jr., NP – North Oaks Emergency Department

**Upon a motion by A. Carruth, seconded by J. Lee, 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*** – R. Peltier, 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:

Andrew Black, MD - Pediatrics  
Craig Conard, MD - Pediatrics  
Courtney Rome, MD - Pediatrics  
Jonathan Riffle, DO - Surgery  
Esther Dupepe, MD - Surgery  
Ashley Meyn, MD - Surgery  
Michael Queen, MD - Surgery  
Jonathan Schoen, MD - Surgery  
Nader Shourbaji, MD - Surgery  
Alison Smith, MD - Surgery  
Hugo St. Hilaire, MD - Surgery  
Mark Stalder, MD - Surgery

**Upon a motion by T. Harper, seconded by R. Orsi, and unanimously passed, the physician reappointment applications were approved as recommended by the North Oaks Medical Executive Committee.**

***Call Waiver Request*** – R. Robert, 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:

Nancy Mellin, MD – ENT

**Upon a motion by T. Harper, seconded by M. Mobley, and unanimously passed, the call waiver for Nancy Mellin, MD was approved as recommended by the North Oaks Medical Executive Committee.**

### **North Oaks Rehabilitation Hospital**

**Medical Staff Applications** – R. Pathak, MD presented the following physician applications as recommended by the North Oaks Rehabilitation Hospital Medical Executive Committee and Board of Managers.

George Keshelava, MD – Medicine/Infectious Disease  
Anish Shah, MD – Medicine/Infectious Disease  
Brandon Bean, MD – Medicine/Nephrology  
Mario Giudici, MD – Telemedicine/Radiology

**Upon a motion by J. Lee, seconded R. Orsi, and unanimously passed, the physician applications were approved as recommended by the North Oaks Rehabilitation Hospital Medical Executive Committee and Board of Managers.**

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

Alexandra Morgan, NP – Northlake Gastroenterology  
Whitney Morgan, NP – Northlake Gastroenterology  
Alaxandra Richards, PA – North Oaks Rheumatology Clinic  
Carlos Mendoza, NP - North Oaks Neurology Clinic  
Courtney Reid, NP – Northshore Internal Medicine Associates  
Hannah Bass, NP – Northshore Urological Associates

**Upon a motion by J. Lee, seconded by M. Mobley, and unanimously passed, the advanced practitioner applications were approved as recommended by the North Oaks Rehabilitation Hospital Medical Executive Committee and Board of Managers.**

***Medical Staff Reappointment Applications*** – R. Pathak, MD presented the following physician reappointment applications as recommended by the North Oaks Rehabilitation Hospital Medical Executive Committee and Board of Managers.

See Attachment A for a detailed list of physician reappointment applications

**Upon a motion by M. Mobley, seconded by R. Orsi, and unanimously passed, the physician reappointment applications in Attachment A were approved as recommended by the North Oaks Rehabilitation Hospital Medical Executive Committee and Board of Managers.**

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

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

**Upon a motion by R. Orsi, seconded by J. Lee, and unanimously passed, the advanced practitioner reappointment applications in Attachment B were approved as recommended by the North Oaks Rehabilitation Hospital Medical Executive Committee and Board of Managers.**

**Unfinished Business** – None to report.

**New Business** - None to report.

### **Executive Session**

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

At this point, Dr. R. Pathak and M. Zaffuto left the meeting.

### **Regular Session**

Upon a motion by T. Harper, and seconded by A. Carruth, 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, January 24, 2024 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