

**North Oaks Health System  
Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting  
February 26, 2025  
Minutes**

The Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish met in the North Oaks Board Room on Wednesday, February 26, 2025. Chairman Mark Mobley called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Members Present:**

Mark Mobley, Chairman  
Chris Broadwater, JD, Vice-Chair  
Amber Narro, PhD  
Jeffrey Pegler  
Tonia Canale, BSN, RN, PCMH, CCE

**Members Absent:**

Ann Carruth, DNS, RN – Jury Duty  
Joycelyn Lee, RPh

**Others Present:**

Michele K. Sutton, FACHE  
Mark Anderson  
Mac Barrient  
Jessica Bennett  
John Derenbecker  
Jeff Jarreau  
Rami Nelson  
Robert Peltier, MD  
Michael Watkins  
Maurie Wolfe  
Kirsten Riney  
John Krieg, MD

**Announcements**

No announcements were made.

**Approval of Minutes**

The following meeting minutes were submitted for approval:  
Board of Commissioners: January 29, 2025

**Upon a motion by A. Narro, seconded by C. Broadwater, and unanimously passed, the Board of Commissioners open session minutes were approved by consent as submitted.**

## **Public Input**

There were no members of the public present.

## **Parish Council Update**

J. Thomas from the Parish Council was not able to attend.

## **Medical Staff Applications**

***Request for Medical Staff Applications*** – J. Krieg, MD, presented the following request for medical staff applications as recommended by and subsequent to the review of their respective departments, Bylaws & Credentials, and the North Oaks Medical Executive Committee.

Robert Derenbecker, MD: Active/Cardiology (EP)  
Arden Ballard, PA: North Oaks Orthopedic Clinic  
Lesley Smith, NP: Heart Clinic of Hammond

**Upon a motion by C. Broadwater, seconded by J. Pegler, and unanimously passed, the medical staff applications were approved as recommended by the North Oaks Medical Executive Committee.**

***Waivers*** – J. Krieg, MD, presented the following request for waivers as recommended by and subsequent to the review of their respective departments, Bylaws & Credentials, and the North Oaks Medical Executive Committee.

Valdes – For meeting his EMTALA service requirement and due to not  
being needed in the ED to stabilize a patient.  
Infectious Disease

It was noted that Infectious Disease as a specialty is requesting to be exempt from EMTALA call. Both medical staff committees, the Medical Executive Committee and the Bylaws and Credentials Committee, recommended granting the two waivers because Dr. Valdes met his community commitment and secondly they do not see the need for Infectious Diseases to respond to EMTALA.

**Upon a motion by C. Broadwater, seconded by T. Canale, and unanimously passed, the waiver requests were approved as recommended by the North Oaks Medical Executive Committee and Bylaws and Credentials Committee.**

## **Financial Report**

*Financial Report* – The Financial Report was presented by M. Anderson.

**Upon a motion by C. Broadwater, seconded by A. Narro, and unanimously passed to accept the financial report as presented.**

## **Unfinished Business**

None to report.

## **New Business**

None to report.

## **Executive Session**

Upon a motion by A. Narro and seconded by T. Canale, unanimously passed to convene into Executive Session.

## **Regular Session**

Upon a motion by C. Broadwater, seconded by T. Canale, and unanimously passed to convene to Regular Session.

## **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date of the North Oaks Board of Commissioners will be on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in the North Oaks Board Room.

## **Adjournment**

With no further business, upon a motion by A. Narro, seconded by C. Broadwater, and unanimously passed to adjourn, the meeting concluded at 6:22 p.m.

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