

North Oaks Health System
Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting
September 28, 2023
Minutes

The Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish met on Wednesday, September 28, 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
Pam Cantrelle
John Derenbecker
Justin Fowlkes, MD
Kathy Grubb
Jeff Jarreau
Rishi Pathak, MD
Robert Peltier, MD
Michael Watkins
Joe Thomas, Chief Administrative Officer/Tangipahoa Parish Government

Approval of Minutes

The following meeting minutes were submitted for approval:
Board of Commissioners: August 23, 2023

The minutes were approved by consent as submitted.

Public Input

There was no public request nor anyone present.

Miscellaneous

Louisiana Community & Technical College Foundation 2023 Impact Award – M. Sutton announced that North Oaks had the honor of being recognized at the Louisiana Community & Technical College System Awards ceremony as a recipient of the Workforce Development Impact Award. It was there 25th year of giving out this award.

On behalf of the Board, R. Macaluso congratulated M. Sutton and her team. It is an honor to receive this award.

Parish Update

J. Thomas was in attendance to give an update on various projects throughout the Parish, which included the opening of the roundabout on Hoover Road and paving projects throughout the parish. They are currently working on widening Hoover Road. Sales tax remain the status quo.

R. Macaluso stated he would like to set up with J. Thomas to invite the three newly elected parish council members before they get installed to do an overview and tour North Oaks Medical Center with the Board members included.

On behalf of the Board, R. Macaluso thanked J. Thomas for attending.

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:

Nandini Bakshi Batra, MD: Telemedicine/Neurology
Ann Marie Collier, MD: Telemedicine/Neurology
Jonathan Diaz, DO: Telemedicine/Neurology
Donald Langley, DO: Active/Internal Medicine
Kussay Nassr, MD: Telemedicine/Neurology
Aravind Reddy, MD: Telemedicine/Neurology
Sam Saha, MD: Telemedicine/Neurology

Upon a motion by T. Harper, 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:

Alexandra Morgan, NP: North Lake Gastroenterology
Whitney Morgan, NP: North Lake Gastroenterology
Alexandra Richards, PA: North Oaks Rheumatology

Upon a motion by J. Lee, seconded by R. Orsi, 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 Category Reclassifications – J. Fowlkes, MD presented the following request for medical staff category reclassifications as recommended by and subsequent to the review of their respective departments, Bylaws & Credentials and the North Oaks Medical Executive Committee.

John Sparks, MD: Telemedicine to Active/Radiology
Trey Branstetter, MD: Telemedicine to Active/Radiology
Dane Mackey, MD: Telemedicine to Active/Radiology
Andrew Matthews, MD: Telemedicine to Active/Radiology
Adam Grezaffi, MD: Telemedicine to Active/Radiology

Upon a motion R. Orsi, seconded by M. Mobley, and unanimously passed, the medical staff category reclassifications 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.

Jennifer Owens, MD: Robotic Assisted Surgery (General Surgery)

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

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

OB/GYN Privileges: Move Laparoscopic Surgery from Non-Core to Core

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.

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.

Robert Andres, MD: Active/North Oaks Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Elizabeth Hayes, MD: North Oaks General Surgery
Matthew Knouse, MD: Radiology – North Oaks Imaging Associates (Locums)
Steven Jones, MD: North Oaks Orthopedic Specialty Center
Mark Rocco, MD: North Oaks Imaging Associates
Mae Igi, MD: North Oaks Imaging Associates
Baton Rouge Radiology Group: Telemedicine/Radiology (see attachment A)
StatRad: Telemedicine/Radiology (see attachment B)

Upon a motion by R. Orsi, seconded by T. Harper, 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:

Jasmine Severan, NP: North Oaks Cardiology
Ruby Miller, NP: George Keshelava, LLC – Infectious Disease
Olivia Buquoi, PA: North Oaks Cardiology
Donner Foster, PA: North Oaks Cardiology

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.

Waiver Request – R. Pathak, MD presented the following waiver request for R. Andres, MD to have admitting privileges as recommended by North Oaks Rehabilitation Hospital Medical Executive Committee and Board of Managers:

Robert Andres, MD

Upon a motion by T. Harper, seconded by M. Mobley, and unanimously passed, the waiver request for Robert Andres, MD was approved as recommended by the North Oaks Rehabilitation Hospital Medical Executive Committee and Board of Managers.

R. Macaluso asked for credentialing process to be added to the October agenda.

Financial Report

Financial Dashboard – August 2023 Financial Dashboard was submitted and reviewed.

M. Anderson answered questions from the Board members. M. Anderson will provide education on adjusted and consolidated admissions at the November/December meeting when he does a deep dive into the financials.

The August 2023 Financial Dashboard was approved by consent as submitted.

Unfinished Business – None to report.

New Business

The Governance Institute Conference – R. Macaluso shared that the Board recently attended The Governance Institute national conference. One of the presenters discussed the bond ratings post-COVID. Only 3% of hospitals improved nationally, and he is proud to announce that North Oaks Medical Center was in that 3%. He asked that The Business Case for Governance handout be included in the minutes.

A. Carruth shared that she appreciates and commends North Oaks for supporting and allowing the Board the opportunity to attend yearly conferences. R. Orsi seconded and all members agreed.

Executive Session

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

At this point, P. Cantrelle and J. Thomas left the meeting.

Regular Session

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

Medical Staff Application R. Peltier, 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.

Brandon Bean, MD: Active/Nephrology

Upon a motion by M. Mobley, and seconded by R. Orsi, the medical staff application was approved as recommended by the North Oaks Medical Executive Committee and electronic approval completed in symplr database by President/Chief Executive Officer.

Executive Session

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

Regular Session

Upon a motion by T. Harper, and seconded by R. Orsi, 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, October 25, 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.

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