

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

The Board of Commissioners of Hospital Service District No. 1 of Tangipahoa Parish met on Wednesday, January 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  
Angelique Richardson, CPA, NP, CGM

**Others Present:**

Michele K. Sutton, FACHE  
Mark Anderson  
Mac Barrient  
Jessica Bennett  
Larry Daigle  
John Derenbecker  
Justin Fowlkes, MD  
Kathy Grubb  
Jeff Jarreau  
Kirsten Riney  
Michael Watkins

**Approval of Minutes**

The following meeting minutes were submitted for approval:  
Board of Commissioners: November 16, 2022

**The minutes were approved by consent.**

**Parish Update**

R. Macaluso stated that Joe Thomas was unable to attend today and sends his regards.

**Executive Session**

Upon a motion by M. Mobley, seconded by J. Lee, and unanimously passed to convene into Executive Session for public input on a resolution.

### **Regular Session**

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

### **Medical Staff Applications**

M. Sutton introduced Pulmonologist Justin Fowlkes, MD as the new Chief-of-Staff for 2023. Dr. J. Fowlkes was last year's chief of staff-elect, he was honored as Provider of the Year in 2020, and worked on the frontlines during the COVID-19 pandemic. On behalf of the Board, R. Macaluso welcomed Dr. J. Fowlkes to the meeting.

### **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:

Richard Bermudez, MD: Consulting/Radiation Oncology  
Gregory Henkelmann, MD: Consulting/Radiation Oncology  
Anna Irwin, MD: Telemedicine/Neurology  
Natalie Weil, MD: Consulting/Ped. Ophthalmology (CHNOLA)  
Fidaa Wishah, MD: Telemedicine/Radiology  
Joel Jones, MD: Consulting/CHNOLA (ENT)  
Robert Reilly, MD: Active/Trauma Surgery  
Jairo Torres, MD: Consulting/CHNOLA (ENT)  
Philip Beuchert, MD: Telemedicine/Radiology (Emergence)  
Robert Edwards, MD: Telemedicine/Radiology (Emergence)  
Roger Francis, MD: Telemedicine/Radiology (Emergence)  
Mark Faltaous, MD: Telemedicine/Radiology (Emergence)  
S. Atara Kane, MD: Telemedicine/Radiology (Emergence)  
Earl Maes, MD: Telemedicine/Radiology (Emergence)  
William Mask, MD: Telemedicine/Radiology (Emergence)  
Ronald Pritchard, MD: Telemedicine/Radiology (Emergence)

**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:

Natalie Bratton, NP: North Oaks Emergency Department  
Miranda Rutland, NP: North Oaks Hospital Medicine  
Karen Williams, NP: North Oaks Pulmonology  
Christopher Aupied, CRNA (CHNOLA)

**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:

Jonathan Weiler, MD: Active Plastic Surgery

**Upon a motion by J. Lee, seconded by R. Orsi, and unanimously passed, the physician reappointment application was approved as recommended by the North Oaks Medical Executive Committee.**

***Request for New Privileges*** – J. Fowlkes, MD presented the following new privileges as recommended by Bylaws & Credentials and the North Oaks Medical Executive Committees.

Orthopaedic Technologist (OTC)

**Upon a motion R. Orsi, seconded by M. Mobley, and unanimously passed, the new privileges were approved as recommended the North Oaks Medical Executive Committee.**

***Request for Additional Privileges*** – J. Fowlkes, MD presented the following additional privileges as recommended by Bylaws & Credentials and the North Oaks Medical Executive Committees:

Charles DiCorte, MD – Robotic-Assisted Surgery  
Jeremy Russell, PA – Fine Needle Aspirations

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

***Waiver Request*** – J. Fowlkes, MD presented the following waiver request as recommended by Bylaws & Credentials and the North Oaks Medical Executive Committees:

LaSandra Barton, MD

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

## **Financial Report**

*Financial Dashboard* – M. Anderson presented a PowerPoint of the December YTD 2022 Financials. M. Anderson answered questions from Board members.

**Upon a motion by T. Harper, seconded by R. Orsi, and unanimously passed, the December 2022 Financial Dashboard was approved as submitted.**

**Unfinished Business** – None to report.

## **New Business**

*Tangipahoa Chamber Luncheon* – R. Macaluso shared that the Tangipahoa Chamber luncheon, announcing the collaboration between Northshore Technical Community College and North Oaks Health System to expand education and healthcare to Tangipahoa residents, was well perceived. J. Lee and R. Orsi both attended the luncheon and agreed it was well received.

*Election of New Officers* – The Board confirmed the Leadership for the Board of Commissioners for 2023, R. Macaluso, Chairman, and T. Harper, Vice-Chairman.

## **Executive Session**

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

## **Regular Session**

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

## **New Business**

*Boiler Project Bid* – Details discussed in Executive Session.

**Upon a motion by R. Orsi, seconded by M. Mobley, and unanimously passed to reject the bid as non-responsive from Gallo Mechanical, L.L.C. and accept the bid of \$3,012,000 from Mechanical Resources Contractors for the boiler project.**

*Resolution for Closure of Departments* – Details discussed in Executive Session.

**Upon a motion by A. Richardson, seconded by M. Mobley, and unanimously approved to amend the resolution to include additional language.**

**Upon a motion by J. Lee, seconded by A. Richardson, and unanimously approved the resolution with amendment.**

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date of the North Oaks Board of Commissioners will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. in North Oaks Board Room.

### **Adjournment**

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

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