

# FINAL: APPROVED

PLAQUEMINES MEDICAL CENTER  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
January 16, 2025

**Item I. & II. Call to Order & Roll Call:**

**Call To Order And Roll Call** - A Regular meeting of The Board of Commissioners of Plaquemines Medical Center (Plaquemines Parish Hospital Service District Number One d/b/a Plaquemines Medical Center) was called to order by Chairman Dale Adams at 6:05 pm on January 16, 2025, at Plaquemines Medical Center, 27136 Hwy 23, Port Sulphur, LA. Ranada Mackey-St. Ann conducted the customary roll call of The Board Members and recorded and documented the minutes. The results were as follows:

Rechelle Ragas:	Present @ 6:08 pm	Jane Tesvich:	Absent
Dot Lundin:	Present	Bonnie Thomas:	Present @ 6:07 pm
Norma Lafrance:	Present	Stanley Gaudet:	Present
Brigette Belair:	Present		
Mena Marinovich:	Present		
Dale Adams:	Present		

A quorum was declared present.

Also in attendance were Leslie Prest, Plaquemines Medical Center; LaTonya Hymes-Sam, Plaquemines Medical Center; Trechel Ronquille, Plaquemines Medical Center; Jennifer Sanger, Plaquemines Medical Center; Colleen Fisher, Plaquemines Medical Center; Ranada Mackey - St. Ann, Plaquemines Medical Center; Monica Martin, Plaquemines Medical Center; Derek Kremer, Plaquemines Medical Center; Jennifer Harris, Plaquemines Primary Care; and Zaria Ragas. Via Zoom was Dr. William Kotler, Plaquemines Medical Center; and Freddie Dickinson.

**Item III. Pledge of Allegiance:** (Mena Marinovich)

**Item IV. Review and Approval of Current Agenda:** (Dale Adams)

**Motioned by Ms. Marinovich, seconded by Ms. Lundin, to approve the January 2025 agenda as presented.**

Public Comments: None

**Motion passed: 8 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 present not voting.**

**Item V. Election of Officers for 2025:** (Dale Adams)

Ms. Belair stated that she votes to leave everything as it stands unless anyone thinks otherwise.

Public Comments: None

**Motion passed: 8 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 present not voting.**

**Item VI. Approval of December 2024 Meeting Minutes: (Dale Adams)**

**Motioned by Ms. Marinovich, seconded by Ms. Belair, to approve the December 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes with the correction of the Pledge of Allegiance.**

Public Comments: None

**Motion passed: 8 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 present not voting.**

**Item VII. Financials: (Colleen Fisher)**

**A. Financial Reports for Belle Chasse December 2024**

Ms. Fisher provided a copy of the financial reports for December 2024 for Belle Chasse to the Board via email before the meeting for their review. She read the December 2024 financial reports during the session. She discussed the Profit & Loss Budget vs. the Actual year-to-date comparison, the December 2024 Income Graph, Expense Graph, Billing Statistics, and the December 2024 Payer Mix. The December 2024 Visit Summary and a breakdown of the daily patient flow of each provider/service from the December 2024 Encounter Dashboard were provided as well. The December Financials for the Belle Chasse Clinic were presented. There were no additional questions.

Public Comments: None

**B. Approval of December Financials Reports (Colleen Fisher)**

**Ms. Marinovich motioned, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to approve the December 2024 Financial Report for Belle Chasse.**

Public Comments: None

**Motion passed: 8 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 present not voting.**

**C. Financial Reports Port Sulphur for December 2024 (Colleen Fisher)**

Ms. Fisher provided a copy of the financial reports for December 2024 for Port Sulphur to the Board via email before the meeting for their review. She read the December 2024 financial reports during the session. She discussed the Profit & Loss Budget vs. the Actual year-to-date comparison, the December 2024 Income Graph, Expense Graph, Billing Statistics, and the December 2024 Payer Mix. The December 2024 Visit Summary and a breakdown of the daily patient flow of each provider/service from the

December 2024 Encounter Dashboard were provided, too. There were no additional questions.

**D. 2025 Budget for Port Sulphur (Leslie Prest)**

The Budget for 2025 for the Port Sulphur Clinic was presented. There were no additional questions

**E. Approval of the Port Sulphur December 2024 Financials and 2025 Budget for Port Sulphur**

**Motioned by Ms. Marinovich, seconded by Ms. Belair, to approve the December 2024 Financial Report and the 2025 Budget for Port Sulphur.**

Public Comments: None

**Motion passed: 8 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 present not voting.**

**Item VIII. Medical Director/ Assistant Medical Director/Clinical Coordinator: (Dr. Kotler/Dr. Naeem/Monica Martin)**

Dr. Kotler discussed the increase in flu in the area and the new insurance (Access 2Day Health) that the school board employees are a part of.

Ms. Martin stated that the flu is on the rise. Belle Chasse had 182 tests, forty-six positives for Influenza A, and six positive COVID Tests. Port Sulphur's clinic ran 314 tests, fifty-three positives for Influenza A, five positive Influenza B tests, and five positive COVID tests. Influenza A is more contagious in adults than children.

Public Comments: None

**Item IX. New Business: (Dale Adams)**

**A. Holidays in Belle Chasse (Leslie Prest)**

Ms. Prest expressed her concerns about holiday hours for the Belle Chasse facility. She said that on minor holidays, the facility should stay open until 5 p.m. instead of 1 p.m. while closing at 1 p.m. on major holidays. The board discussed and agreed to the extension of Belle Chasses facility hours.

**Item X. Old Business: (Dale Adams)**

**A. Update on Belle Chasse Facility (Leslie Prest)**

Ms. Prest mentioned that Freddie, with Mathes and Brierre, was on the call to explain the new changes and designs for the Belle Chasse facility's parking lot. He reviewed the plans, and the board discussed and confirmed the decision to move forward, with option three being the plan to complete the design and calculations for bidding. Ms. Prest

mentioned that a scheduled meeting is taking place to discuss the placing of Belle Chasse's sign. The board expressed the idea of an elevated and more significant sign placed by the post office versus the white house, not obstructing anyone's views.

Public Comments: None

**B. Primary Care Update (Jennifer Harris)**

Ms. Harris mentioned that the patient census for December was down a little bit, but this was due to some providers being out for medical reasons. She spoke about the mammogram bus coming to service patients on January 31<sup>st</sup>. She also mentioned that PPC is hosting a Colorectal presentation with a Colon wall for viewing on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Public Comments: None

**C. Update on Rural Emergency Hospital Designation (Leslie Prest)**

Ms. Prest noted that a phone call with Senator Cassidy's office was held. The bill did go before Congress and was presented to the financial committee, but they didn't choose to act on it. It will be presented again, but the date is unknown. There was a board discussion and there were no further questions.

Public Comments: None

**D. Quality Measures (Trechel Ronquille)**

Ms. Ronquille stated the statistics for December 2024, and there were no major changes. She noted that all numbers and goals were met for 2024. There was a board discussion, and no further questions were asked.

Public Comments: None

**E. Update/Prices on CT Machine (Derek Kremer)**

Mr. Kremer explained the trouble he has been encountering with the CT machine and the need for a new one. He mentioned that the QA is steadily failing, and quotes were emailed to the board for a 2018 refurbished machine. The board suggested that Mr. Kremer search for a quote on a 64-slice machine, not just a 32-slice machine, but without a service agreement. The current machine that needs replacing is a 16-slice machine in which the tube and voltage tank have already been replaced. He said CT would be down for about a week while the machine is being replaced. The board asked for comparisons of a 32-slice and 64-slice CT machine by the time of the next meeting before deciding which is better for the company.

Public Comments:

**Item XI. Adjournment:**

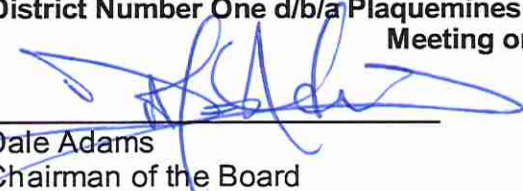
**Motioned by Ms. Marinovich, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM.**

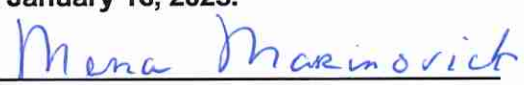
Public Comments: None

**Motion passed: 8 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 0 present not voting.**

**Attestation**

**The above and foregoing is an accurate summary of the actions taken by the members of The Board of Commissioners of Plaquemines Parish Hospital Service District Number One d/b/a Plaquemines Medical Center, State of Louisiana, at its Regular Meeting on January 16, 2025.**

  
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Dale Adams  
Chairman of the Board

  
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Mena Marinovich  
Secretary/Treasurer