FINAL: APPROVED

PLAQUEMINES MEDICAL CENTER
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 25, 2026

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 5:58 pm on June 25, 2026, 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	Jane Tesvich:	Present
Dot Lundin:	Present	Bonnie Thomas:	Absent
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; Jennifer Harris, Plaquemines Primary Care; Ranada Mackey-St. Ann, Plaquemines Medical Center; Colleen Fisher, Plaquemines Medical Center; Jennifer Sanger, Plaquemines Medical Center; Trechel Ronquille, Plaquemines Medical Center; LaTonya Hymes – Sam, Plaquemines Medical Center; Hannaha Williams, Plaquemines Medical Center; Dr. Mohammed Naeem, Plaquemines Medical Center; Monica Martin, Plaquemines Medical Center; Taylor Williamson, Plaquemines Medical Center; Matthew Zuvich, USI Insurance; Jay Lobrano, Carver, Darden; Chad Cole, Couer; and Jeff Wampold, JJL&W Insurance. Present via ZOOM was Adam Ferguson, Rostan.

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 June 2026 agenda as presented.

Public Comments: None

Motion passed: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 1 present not voting.

Item V. Approval of May 2026 Meeting Minutes: (Dale Adams)

Motioned by Ms. Marinovich, seconded by Ms. Lundin, to approve the May 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.

Public Comments: None

Motion passed: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 1 present not voting.

Item VI. Financials: (Jennifer Sanger)

A. Financial Reports for Belle Chasse May 2026

Ms. Sanger provided the Board with a copy of Belle Chasse's May 2026 financial reports via email before the meeting for their review. She read the May 2026 financial reports during the session. She discussed the Profit & Loss Budget vs. the Actual year-to-date comparison, the May 2026 Income Graph, and the Expense Graph. There were no additional questions.

Public Comments: None

B. Approval of the Belle Chasse May 2026 Financial Reports

Mr. Gaudet motioned, seconded by Ms. Belair, to approve the presented May 2026 Financial Report for Belle Chasse.

Public Comments: None

Motion passed: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 1 present not voting.

C. Financial Reports Port Sulphur for May 2026

Ms. Sanger provided the Board with a copy of Port Sulphur's May 2026 financial reports via email before the meeting for their review. She read the May 2026 financial reports during the session. She discussed the Profit & Loss Budget vs. the Actual year-to-date comparison, the May 2026 Income Graph, and the Expense Graph. There were no additional questions.

D. Approval of the Port Sulphur May 2026 Financial Reports

Motioned by Mr. Gaudet, seconded by Ms. Mena, to approve the May 2026 Financial Report for Port Sulphur as presented.

Public Comments: None

Motion passed: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 1 present not voting.

After Ms. Sanger presented the financials, Ms. Prest discussed the possibility of referring patients with large outstanding balances to a credit agency. The board discussed different options for handling the situations, aiming for the best possible outcome. They decided that sending the outstanding bills to collections is an option, and once the balance exceeds $2500.00 and the patient does not pay their bill, their personal credit would be affected.

Motioned by Ms. Belair, seconded by Mr. Gaudet, to send patients' and companies with outstanding balances of greater than $2500.00 to collections and follow through with the entire process. This means the patients/companies' credit score will be affected for non-payment.

Public Comments: None

Motion passed: 6 Yeas, 1 Nay, 1 Absent, 1 Present not voting.

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

Dr. Naeem mentioned the new CT scanner and its potential for early detection of lung cancer.

Ms. Prest jumped right in to discuss the partnership and the MOU that is being established to help patients receive the care needed to detect and prevent lung cancer. She mentioned that, with the Lungevity program, our CT scans can be read at other facilities. She added that Plaquemines Parish has one of the highest rates of lung cancer in Louisiana.

Ms. Martin mentioned that we are preparing for the hurricane season. Ms. Martin explained the community events in which PMC and PPC have participated throughout the community. Lastly, she announced the Pretty in Pink social for young girls being held on July 10th and the upcoming back-to-school drives.

Public Comments: None

Item VIII. New Business: (Dale Adams)

A. **Millage Adoption, June 2026** (Leslie Prest)

Ms. Prest explained that a discussion of the two millages to secure our adjusted maximum millage was had at last month's meeting. She reiterated that the 15-year millage that was elected in 2023 expires in 2037. She added that we are collecting 2.94 mills on the 15-year millage. Ms. Prest explained that the 10-year millage that was elected in 2022 will expire in 2031. We are currently collecting 3.05 mills on the 10-year millage. She explained that these amounts are at the adjusted maximum millage. Ms. Prest stated that she suggested last month adopting the same two millage rates for this year. Mr. Adams read the resolution aloud to the board.

PLAQUEMINES PARISH HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT NUMBER ONE d/b/a Plaquemines Medical Center

RESOLUTION NUMBER 1-2026

MOTION BY: Ms. Marinovich
SECOND BY: Mr. Gaudet

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE MILLAGE RATE FOR 'HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT TAX – 15 YEARS' AND 'HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT TAX – 10 YEARS' FOR THE 2026 TAX YEAR.

SECTION 1: BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Plaquemines Parish Hospital Service District Number One, d/b/a Plaquemines Medical Center, in a public meeting held on June 25, 2026; the following millages are hereby levied on the 2026 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Plaquemines Parish Hospital Service District Number 1:

	MILLAGE
Hospital District Tax – 15 Years (1055 009):	2.94 mills
Hospital Service District No. 1- 10 Years (1055 0022):	3.05 mills

SECTION 2: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Plaquemines Parish Hospital Service District Number One, d/b/a Plaquemines Medical Center, that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2026, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

Motioned by Ms. Marinovich, seconded by Mr. Gaudet, to accept the resolution for the millage rate as presented.

A roll call was conducted for an accurate adoption count.

Rechelle Ragas- yes; Dot Lundin- yes; Norma LaFrance- yes; Brigette Belair- yes; Mena Marinovich- yes; Dale Adams- yes; Jane Tesvich- yes; Bonnie Thomas- Absent; Stanley Gaudet- yes.

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

Public Comments:

B. Employee Benefits 2026-2027 (Chad Cole)

Mr. Cole explained the current employee benefits, as well as other newly presented benefits, as options. He discussed the changes in the pricing while giving his opinion on the coverages. The board discussed and agreed to keep the same benefits package as before.

Motioned by Ms. Belair, seconded by Ms. Gaudet, to obtain the same employee benefit package as presented.

Motion passed: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 1 present not voting.

Public Comments: The employees thanked the board for their consideration in not making changes and for approving the insurance.

C. Property Insurance Updates (Matthew Zuvich w/USI)

Mr. Zuvich explained both the increases and decreases in all insurance rates for the property, automobile, and general liability. He stated that one quote came in $10,000 lower, but given the company's longevity, he would stay as is, in his opinion.

Motioned by Ms. Belair, seconded by Ms. Marinovich, to accept the current insurance plans as presented without change.

Public Comments:

D. EPIC Physical Therapy Lease Renewal (Leslie Prest)

Ms. Prest announced that EPIC Physical Therapy is up for its first 5-year renewal and requested renewal at its current monthly rent of $1,500.00 to continue servicing patients in this area. The board discussed, and no further questions were asked.

Motioned by Mr. Gaudet, seconded by Ms. Mena, to renew EPIC Physical Therapy's Lease at the same rate.

Public Comments:

E. Plaquemines CARE Center Leslie (Leslie Prest)

Ms. Prest announced that Plaquemines CARE Center currently has a lease agreement with Plaquemines Medical Center for $500 per month, with annual renewal. She explained that she asked Ms. Julie Olsen to extend the lease to a three-year lease instead of an annual lease; she agreed. Ms. Prest asked that it be changed to a three-year lease at the same rate. The board discussed, and no further questions were asked.

Motioned by Mr. Gaudet, seconded by Ms. Belair, to change the Plaquemines CARE Center lease to a three-year lease instead of an annual lease, at the same rate of $500.

Public Comments

F. **Rostan – Amendment to Task Order 01, Amendment 5 (DR- 4484Grant Management)** (Leslie Prest)

Ms. Prest explained that Jamie Welsh, the Senior Consultant for Rostan, has resigned. She stated that Mr. Adam Ferguson is the new consultant and will join via Zoom to explain the request for an increase in funding. Mr. Ferguson explained in detail the Explanation of Benefits and other interests associated with the account. The board asked Mr. Ferguson for clarification and discussed the options in detail. The board had no further questions.

Motioned by Ms. Belair, seconded by Ms. Mena, to approve the expansion of the $20,000 needed for the appeals process.

Public Comments:

G. **Proposal for Fire alarm/sprinkler test and inspection contract** (Leslie Prest)

Ms. Prest explained that a five-year_contract has been established with Convergint for testing the fire alarm and sprinkler systems. The new proposal is $9400 a year, and the final quote at the end of year five is $10,000. This would cover testing the 95 sprinkler heads, collaboration with the elevator company to inspect, and testing the fire pumps. She explained that she has shopped the contract and that Convergint is still the cheapest option. She added that she has already signed a five-year contract with Convergint, and she is asking the board to ratify her decision to continue with Convergint.

Motioned by Mr. Gaudet, seconded by Ms. Mena, to ratify Ms. Prest's decision to continue with Convergint.

Public Comments:

H. **Plaquemines EMS Room** (Leslie Prest)

Mr. Adams explained that when this facility was constructed, an Ambulance and EMS room was added by the emergency entrance. He stated that we have been contacted for possible usage of the room.

Ms. Prest explained that President Keith Hinkley contacted her regarding the EMS room at Plaquemines Medical Center, possibly to house EMS workers and an ambulance.

Ms. Prest further announced that it was brought to her attention that a council member stated PMC owes monies to Plaquemines Parish Government EMS for patients that present to PMC with an illness that requires EMS transfer and are either uninsured or have an outstanding balance once the patient's insurance has paid Plaquemines EMS. Ms. Prest added that she spoke with the individual to clarify that we are not responsible for patients' EMS bills that are transferred to a higher level of care via PPG EMS. PMC is responsible for billing and collecting for the services we render at PMC, and EMS is responsible for billing and collecting for the services they render. She also explained that she will reach out again and send an email with the board included so the entire council is aware of the billing and collections process for PMC and PPG EMS. The board discussed all options and voiced their concerns. The board suggested that Ms. Prest contact President Hinkley again and ask him to submit a proposal/agreement for review before any decision is made, given the potential liabilities.

Public Comments:

I. **WIC Updates** (Leslie Prest)

Ms. Prest stated that she has spoken with Ms. Mary Schultheis from Crescent City WIC about the need for services in the area. Ms. Mary stated that they (WIC) will resume seeing patients in the Port Sulphur area again in August. The dates are still being determined. Once clarified, she will send an email with the actual day of the month WIC will be at PMC in Port Sulphur. The board discussed, and no further questions were asked.

Public Comments:

J. **Concrete Update** (Leslie Prest)

Ms. Prest explained that she and Robbie have reached out to companies for quotes to fix the concrete in the rear parking lot in Port Sulphur. She explained that two companies contacted refused to provide a quote. Ms. Prest presented the board with two proposals and explained that Ms. Bonnie requested that she contact a shoring company, as she feels it will need to be replaced again in a few years if we do not fix the underlying issue. Ms. Prest presented the suggestions made by the two companies that came out to provide a quote. Ms. Tesvich asked that we try to obtain another quote and hold off on repairs until next month. Ms. Tesvich would like to seek additional suggestions from an engineer.

Public Comments:

Item IX. Old Business: (Dale Adams)

A. **Update on Rural Emergency Hospital** (Leslie Prest)

Ms. Prest mentioned that she has sent an email to the Republican candidate running for US Senate. She will also send one to the Democratic candidate running for the US Senate. Ms. Prest will invite them to PMC for a tour of the facility and explain the importance of the REH designation. She stated that she received a response back acknowledging receipt of her email; however, she has not received any other correspondence. Ms. Prest added that she will keep the board updated.

Public Comments: None

B. Quality Measures (Trechel Ronquille)

Ms. Ronquille mentioned that everything has improved and is looking good. She added that one measure being tracked is CT scans; 9 have been performed in May. Ms. Ronquille stated that 7 of the scans came from Primary Care regarding the Lungevity program that PMC is doing.

Ms. Ronquille added that about 80 visits per month are being performed with the Access 2Day Health program.

Ms. Ronquille also explained that, through the program Retrocaid, $14,890 has been refunded to PMC for claim corrections and resubmitted claims in just over a year. She thanked the board members for allowing PMC to take part in this program.

Public Comments: None

C. Update on Belle Chasse Facility (Leslie Prest)

Ms. Prest and Ms. Hymes-Sam both stated there was nothing new to report for the Belle Chasse facility.

D. Primary Care Update (Jennifer Harris)

Ms. Harris mentioned that Primary Care has a few upcoming things in July. She explained her excitement about starting Pediatric Mental Health services with Mr. Blaine Grice, the mental health NP. He will see patients aged five and up starting July 24^{th}. Mr. Grice will be available via Telemedicine on the second and fourth Fridays of the month.

Ms. Harris stated that Primary Care will start seeing patients on the mobile unit in Belle Chasse on July $20^{th,}$ and every Monday. Ms. Harris explained that patients can submit payments for Primary Care in Belle Chasse, as requested, and that a locked box has been placed inside the facility for collection.

Lastly, Ms. Harris mentioned that the Mammogram mobile unit will be here on July 16^{th}.

Public Comments:

Item X. Adjournment:

Motioned by Ms. Marinovich, seconded by Mr. Gaudet, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM.

Public Comments: None
Motion passed: 7 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, 1 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 June 19, 2025.

Mena Marinovich

Dale Adams
Chairman of the Board

Mena Marinovich
Secretary/Treasurer