

WEST FELICIANA HOSPITAL
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MONTHLY MEETING
Date: August 28, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rev. Olton Scott, Chair; Magruder Hazlip, Vice-Chair; Cecile Castello, RN, Secretary; Rev. Craig Dalferes; Ernest Ayo;

MEMBERS ABSENT: Aimee Cook; Rhonda Beauchamp.

1) CALL TO ORDER

Rev. Scott called the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of West Feliciana Hospital to order at 5:00 p.m.

2) INVOCATION

Rev. Dalferes gave the invocation.

3) ROLL CALL

Five out of seven commissioners were present, constituting a quorum.

4) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comment forms were offered.

5) CONSENT AGENDA (One vote, all items)

Mr. Hazlip moved to accept the agenda as presented. Mr. Ayo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- a. Approval of July 31, 2025, Minutes

Mr. Ayo moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Rev. Dalferes seconded it, and with all in favor and no abstentions, it passed unanimously.

6) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Pediatric Therapy Building Update

Mr. Chastant and Rev. Scott provided some information about the Pediatric Therapy Building and the progress with the building and the services.

b. Additional Cost Pediatric Therapy Approval

Mr. Chastant explained that some compliance oversights from OPH had led to some additional expense to convert the building into a Provider Based Clinic. Mr. Chastant also explained the history about the Pediatric Therapy building. The board discussed the costs and the approval process.

Rev. Dalferes moved to approve the additional costs of pediatric therapy. Ms. Castello seconded it, and with all in favor, the motion passes unanimously

c. Services Provided for School Update

Mr. Chastant expanded on some of the history and progress that the hospital has made in partnering with the school and third parties for behavioral health services at the campus of West Feliciana Schools. Ms. Castello asked for an update to be presented at the next meeting.

d. OBBBA Update

Mr. Chastant explained some possible implications of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and its impact on Rural Health, the State of Louisiana, and the West Feliciana Hospital including information about the Rural Health Transformation Program.

e. Performance Improvement (PI) Quarterly Report

Ms. Samantha Williams presented the PI quarterly report following the tabling of the action item from the July 31, 2025 meeting.

Mr. Hazlip moved to accept the PI quarterly report. Rev. Dalferes seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with all in favor and no abstentions.

7) NEW BUSINESS

a. Professional Radiology Services Agreement

Mr. Chastant explained the Professional Radiology Services First Amended and Restated Agreement and presented it to the board for approval.

Mr. Ayo to move forward with the Professional Radiology Services Agreement. Rev. Dalferes seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with all in favor and no abstentions.

b. Application for New Rural Health Clinic (RHC)

Mr. Chastant proposed to the board to consider utilizing space on campus to open an additional RHC to service the hospital and community. With the completion of the Specialty Building, there will be some space open on campus to possibly set up a RHC.

Mr. Ayo moved to approve the Application for a New Rural Health Clinic. Rev. Dalferes seconded it, and with Mr. Ayo, Mr. Hazlip, Rev. Dalferes and Rev. Scott in favor, the motion carried. (Ms. Castello was absent for this vote)

8) BUILDING REPORT

a. Urgent Care Specialty Building

Mr. Chastant demonstrated some pictures and progress of the Urgent Care Specialty Building.

b. Ambulance Parking

Mr. Chastant continued by demonstrating the new Ambulance Parking structures and discussing the progress.

9) ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Presented by Lee Chastant, CEO

Mr. Chastant detailed ending of the lease with Williamson Eye Center, the ribbon cutting and open house for the Pediatric Therapy Building being Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 4:30PM at the site. He also expanded some new projects that the executives are exploring to continue to grow the hospital's quality and mission. Mr. Chastant also explained that the financial year ends on October 31, 2025 and detailed some of the preparations for that. Rev. Dalferes asked about Emergency Department revenues and Ms. Castello asked about some previous discussion topics.

10) PERSONNEL REPORT

(In board folder)

11) FINANCIAL REPORT

Scott Doescher, CFO, gave an update on the Balance Sheet, Operating Statement, Cash, and Investments. He also demonstrated the hospital statistics for the month. Mr. Doescher also explained some of the Cost Report Strategies and impacts and upcoming year end processes.

12) ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business to discuss, Ms. Castello motioned to adjourn the meeting. Rev. Dalferes seconded the motion, with all in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Cecile Castello, Secretary

Olten Scott, Chair