

**WEST FELICIANA HOSPITAL**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MONTHLY MEETING**  
**Date: July 31, 2025**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**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**

*Seven 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. Rev. Dalferes seconded it, and with all in favor and no abstentions, it passed unanimously.*

- a. Approval of June 26, 2025, Minutes

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

**6) OLD BUSINESS**

- a. One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) Review

Mr. Chastant provided some insights into the impact of the OBBBA on Rural Health and West Feliciana Hospital, specifically.

b. Contracting with WFP Schools for Healthcare Services

Mr. Chastant explained that the school needs Behavioral Health Services for the benefit of its students. He explained the history of Behavioral Health at the school and how the hospital could assist. The Memorandum of Understanding between West Feliciana School Board and the hospital will allow the Hospital to provide services through its Rural Health Clinic. Additionally, the hospital would contract with the Resource Center, that has provided services to the school the past year. The method of payment was discussed along with the way Rural Health Clinics are reimbursed.

*Ms. Beachamp moved to allow the CEO to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the West Feliciana School Board and also execute a contract with the Resource Center. Mr. Ayo seconded it, and with all in favor, the motion passes unanimously.*

## **7) NEW BUSINESS**

a. Performance Improvement (PI) Quarterly Report

Ms. Samantha Williams presented the PI quarterly report, including trend lines and measures for the Performance Improvement data, a report on ED patient transfer and wait times, ED and Inpatient Service line reports, and Patient Satisfaction results and comment distribution compared to state and national benchmarks and averages. She and Mr. Chastant also answered some questions from the Commissioners.

*Ms. Castello moved to table the Performance Improvement Quality Report until the next meeting without objection.*

b. Air Med Care Agreement

Rev. Scott and Mr. Chastant explained that the Parish of West Feliciana, the West Feliciana Sherriff's Office, the West Feliciana Fire District, and the Town of St. Francisville. Mr. Chastant explained that the hospital has been using AirMed to provide for individuals who reside within the boundaries of West Feliciana Parish, LA and it will be covered under that member network benefits which greatly limit out-of-pocket costs for insured patients with uninsured patients, billed the individual the Medicare Allowable Rate. The fee to Air Med is the same amount as last year. Additional questions were answered.

*Ms. Castello to move forward the Air Med Care Agreement. Ms. Beachamp seconded the motion, which passed unanimously with all in favor and no abstentions.*

c. Louisiana Medicaid Physician IPA Agreement

Mr. Chastant explained that the Louisiana Medicaid Physician IPA is an organization that is navigating the state restructuring of the Physician Funds (FMP) program into the CMS mandated Physician Directed Payment Program (PDPP). This is done via Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT), and the program will allow additional physicians to be a part of the new program. This organization is the conduit to add West Feliciana Hospital physicians to obtain the maximum reimbursement from these programs.

*Mr. Ayo moved to approve the Louisiana Medicaid Physician IPA Agreement. Ms. Beauchamp seconded it, and with all in favor, the motion carried.*

d. 2025 Legislative Healthcare Review

Mr. Chastant reviewed and provided information from the Louisiana Hospital Association 2025 Legislative Review to the board.

## **8) BUILDING REPORT**

- a. Urgent Care Specialty Building
- b. Pediatric Therapy Building

Mr. Chastant continued to demonstrate the progress on the Hwy 61 building including photos of the completion. The hospital is also working on staffing. Mr. Chastant also explained that the Pediatric Therapy Building is abundantly complete and will be seeing patients imminently that has a natural gas generator.

## **9) ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Presented by Lee Chastant, CEO

Mr. Chastant detailed the visit from Congresswoman Letlow on July 10, 2025. He also explained the initiation of the IT Air Conditioning bid acceptance with work to begin shortly. Lane Memorial Hospital will be having a ribbon cutting ceremony soon to celebrate the opening of the new addition to the hospital.

Additionally, the West Feliciana School Athletic Field house, sponsored by the hospital, is upcoming. Finally, Mr. Chastant demonstrated some comparative statistics from “Campas” and the Louisiana Hospital Association showing how West Feliciana Hospital compares with its peers. Mr. Chastant also read some emails from the Louisiana Response Network and Lane Memorial complementing the work on STEMI Door to Door times.

#### **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.

#### **12) EXECUTIVE SESSION—STRATEGIC PLANNING**

*Ms. Beauchamp moved that the Board would enter executive session at 6:57 p.m. for at least 30 minutes for Strategic Planning. Ms. Castello seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the motion passed.*

*Ms. Castello moved to exit the executive session at 7:55 p.m. Ms. Beauchamp seconded this. All in favor, and the motion passed.*

#### **13) ADJOURNMENT**

*There was no further business to discuss, Ms. Castello motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Beauchamp seconded the motion, with all in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.*

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Cecile Castello, Secretary

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