

**WEST FELICIANA HOSPITAL**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MONTHLY MEETING**  
**Date: September 25, 2025**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ernest Ayo; 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*

**4) PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Public Comment forms were offered.

**5) CONSENT AGENDA** (One vote, all items)

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

- a. Approval of August 28, 2025, Minutes

*Mr. Hazlip moved to accept the minutes with the spelling correction. Rev. Dalferes seconded it, and with all in favor and no abstentions, it passed unanimously.*

## **6) OLD BUSINESS**

### a. HIPPO Technology Demonstration—Dr. Quinlan

Dr. Patrick Quinlan, CEO Emeritus Ochsner Health and CEO of HIPPO Technologies, gave a presentation about the HIPPO equipment the hospital is going to begin using, to augment telehealth services.

### b. School Project Update

Mr. Chastant explained more details about the mental health programs at West Feliciana Public Schools.

### c. Healthcare Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) Update

Mr. Chastant explained that West Feliciana has been designated a geographic HPSA on 9/3/2025 and includes a Medicare 10 % Physician Bonus Payment that should benefit the hospital and allow for more services to come to West Feliciana Parish.

### d. OBBBA Update—Transformation Program

Mr. Chastant explained the Rural Health Transformation Program grant including information about some of West Feliciana Hospital's proposals to the State and the continued uncertainty of the grant.

## **7) NEW BUSINESS**

### a. Auditor's Engagement Letter

Mr. Scott Doescher, CFO, explained that annually, the hospital enters into a contract with Hawthorn, Waymouth & Carroll, L.L.P., for both the financial audit and the Legislative Audit. He is asking for board approval for both of these engagements.

*A motion was made by Ms. Cook to approve the Audit Engagement Financial Audit as presented with Hawthorn, Waymouth & Carroll. The motion as presented was seconded by Mr. Hazlip. With all in favor, the motion passed.*

b. Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire, Legislative Auditor

Mr. Scott Doescher, CFO, explained that annually, the hospital needs to complete a Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire to complete the approved audit with Hawthorn, Waymouth & Carroll, L.L.P., for the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the Legislative Audit

*A motion was made by Ms. Castello to proceed with the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the Legislative Auditor Report as presented. The motion as presented was seconded by Rev. Dalferes. With all in favor, the motion passed.*

Rev. Scott departed at this point and thanked the board for the ribbon cutting and Mr. Hazlip assumed the role of chairperson with a quorum continuing.

c. Salary Budget for 2025-2026

Lisa Delatte, Director of HR, explained the Salary Budget for 2025-2026. This was noted as a first step for approval of the upcoming salary budget for the upcoming year.

d. Urgent Care Marketing Plan

Ms. Kathy Terry, Marketing and Communications, provided the comprehensive marketing plan, displayed some of the Urgent Care marketing plans, and answered questions about the upcoming for the new location.

## **8) BUILDING REPORT**

a. Pediatric Therapy Building Ribbon Cutting

Mr. Chastant explained that the ribbon cutting ceremony is a success.

b. Urgent Care/Specialty Building

Mr. Chastant continued by explaining the progress on the Specialty & Urgent Care Building.

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

Presented by Lee Chastant, CEO

Mr. Chastant detailed the hospital and the services needed at Camp 57 in West Feliciana Parish. He also explained some of the upcoming events that the hospital participates in (Paint the Town Pink, Witches Ride, Trunk or Treat, Music on the Mount, Yellow Leaf Festival and Christmas in the Country). Also, Samantha Williams, PI and Chest Pain Coordinator, will present at the American College of Cardiology 2025 National Quality Summit. Additionally, the American Hospital Association Patient Safety Initiative Rural Patient Safety In-Person Convening invitation was demonstrated. Flu shots will begin next week.

## **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.

## **12) ADJOURNMENT**

*There was no further business to discuss, Ms. Cook motioned to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Castello seconded the motion, with all in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.*

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Cecile Castello, Secretary

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Oltan Scott, Chair