

# West Ascension Parish Hospital Service District Board Meeting

The West Ascension Parish Hospital Service District Board's regularly scheduled meeting from January 26, 2023 at 12:00 Noon.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Michel Hirsch, Dr. Glenn Schexnayder, Mr. John Marchand, Mr. Michael Medine, Mr. Vince Cataldo.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mr. Larry Buquoi, Ms. Loretta Larvadain, Ms. Nobie Landry

**ABSENT:** Mr. A. J. Gomez

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Michel Hirsch. There were no objections to the minutes of the meeting held on December 21, 2022 as distributed. The minutes were accepted as individually read.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Mr. A. J. Gomez was not present.

**3. FINANCIAL REPORT**

Ms. Nobie Landry presented the financial report and sales tax report for review and discussion. The reports were approved as presented.

**4. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Vince Cataldo gave findings of the monthly, quarterly and bi-annual committee reports. No actions were needed.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

There are still ongoing problems with nursing service shortages. We continue to actively recruit through social media, the newspapers and on Indeed. Contract nurses continue to be utilized to fill schedules.

Interfacing to our electronic medical records system with Dr. Nagaratna Reddy and Care South is still in progress. Dr. Reddy's interfacing is almost complete and an alternate solution for Care South is in progress. Hospital staff is working with Athenahealth to meet CMS requirements.

LAHIE and Athena continue to work on new CMS requirements. LAHIE is receiving and reporting to the state on syndromic surveillance and electronic reportable lab and immunizations.

There is no new information to report on revitalization plans for the city and the west bank. Ascension Parish Government is scheduled to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with OLOL in February.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

The quarterly budget was presented. Only minor adjustments involving contract labor were necessary.

Ascension Parish Government is scheduled to approve a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with OLOL, Inc. Mr. Vince Cataldo explained the negative affects this CEA would have on the west bank providers.

The following medical staff applications were reviewed.

SPECIALTY	
Consulting, Virtual Radiology	3
Consulting, Tele-Stroke	1
Emergency Medicine/Hospitalist	3

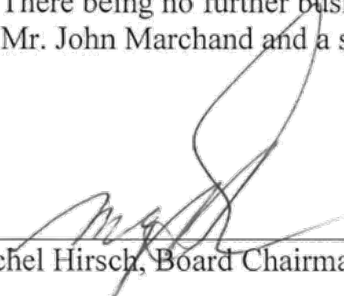
Mr. John Marchand motioned to increase Attorney Larry Buquoi's pay for hours of service in excess of 4.44 hours per month and to increase pay for secretarial services. This change was effective retroactive to November 1, 2022. Dr. Glenn Schexnayder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**7. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Dr. Michel Hirsch called for an executive session to discuss personnel issues. Mr. John Marchand motioned to go into executive session. Mr. Mike Medine seconded the motion. At 12:55 PM the Board went into executive session. At 1:15 PM Mr. John Marchand motioned to end the executive session. Dr. Glenn Schexnayder seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. John Marchand and a second by Mr. Mike Medine.

  
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Dr. Michel Hirsch, Board Chairman

  
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Mr. Vince Cataldo, Administrator/Secretary