

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
WEST CALCASIEU CAMERON HOSPITAL FOUNDATION  
MINUTES OF MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026  
HOSPITAL BOARD ROOM—8:00 AM**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital Foundation was held on Thursday, January 15, 2026, in the Board Room of West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital, located at 701 Cypress Street, Sulphur, LA. Mrs. Denise Perry, President, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Bobby LeTard then led the prayer.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT:** Kathy Bourgeois; Janie Frugé; Bobby LeTard; Mike Granger; Denise Perry; Tammy Naquin; Ellis Hassien; Karen Farnum; Suzanne Nelson; Richard Roe, IV, MD; Colleen Desselle; Matthew Welsh

**DIRECTORS ABSENT:** Ken Broussard; Marilyn Dawdy; Molly Seale

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mia Nichols; Faren Daigle; Lauren Eakin

Mrs. Denise Perry presented the minutes from the meeting of the Board of Directors held on November 20, 2025, for approval. Mrs. Karen Farnum made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Mike Granger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Faren Daigle then reviewed the November & December, 2025, financial statements. Total income in November was \$43,302.50 and \$45,908.50 in December. Year-to-date income for 2025 totaled \$915,294.99. Expenses in November were \$15,249.79 and \$26,289.06 in December. Net income for November was \$29,124.15 and \$30,609.92 in December. Total in checking and savings as of December 31, 2025, was \$1,047,329.35 with \$639,763.75 in restricted funds. The Ethel Precht donations and disbursements were also reviewed. In 2025, 78 applicants were assisted through this program. That concluded the Financial report.

Mrs. Janie Frugé presented the CEO Report. She began by announcing that Dr. Alqara has joined Primary Care Associates of West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital. Mrs. Frugé noted that Dr. Alqara is the first internal medicine physician serving the PCA clinic, which has historically been staffed by family medicine physicians. Mrs. Frugé further shared that an additional internal medicine physician, Dr. Becnel, is expected to join WCCH in February. She also provided an update on ongoing efforts to secure state funding for the Community Health Center, noting that discussions and funding opportunities are currently being pursued. This concluded the CEO Report.

Mr. Matthew Welsh presented items under New Business and provided updates to the Board. He reminded Board members to complete the required annual governance forms for the upcoming year. Mr. Welsh also reported that coordination for the Mac Burns Scholarship Program is underway. He has already communicated with Sulphur High School and will soon contact the remaining three participating schools. The scholarship application deadline is March 6. Mr. Welsh informed the Board that staff from the Dolly Parton Imagination Library of Louisiana has reached out regarding a potential partnership to implement the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program in Calcasieu and Cameron parishes. Under the program model, 50% of the funding would be matched by the State of Louisiana, with the remaining 50% to be raised locally, totaling approximately \$22,500 annually. After some discussion, the Board asked for more information and that further discussion take place during the March 19 meeting.

Mr. Welsh also reported that Mr. and Mrs. Tim Stine made a \$5,000 donation to the WCCH Foundation designated for Dynamic Dimensions. Following discussion regarding the purchase of equipment to support adaptive exercise opportunities, Mr. Bobby LeTard made a motion to approve the use of the Stine donation for the purchase of the equipment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mike Granger and passed unanimously. Next, Mr. Welsh presented highlights from the WCCH Foundation 2025 Annual Impact Report and shared the 2026 Foundation event calendar. He shared that the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office donated money raised through its *No Shave November* initiative, which benefited the Ethel Precht Hope Breast Cancer Program.

Mr. Welsh provided additional reminders including the Primary Care Associates Clinic Open House on Thursday, January 22, ongoing fundraising efforts for the Genesis Therapeutic Riding Center, and completion of annual Ethics Training by Board members. Mr. Welsh concluded by noting that the next WCCH Foundation Board of Directors Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2026.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 a.m. upon motion of Dr. Richard Roe, seconded by Mrs. Kathy Bourgeois and all voting in favor.

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Secretary – WCCH Foundation

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Executive Director – WCCH Foundation