

JEFFERSON PARISH HUMAN SERVICES AUTHORITY
BOARD MEETING
EAST JEFFERSON FACILITY
3616 S. I-10 Service Road W.
Metairie, LA 70001

Monday, February 2, 2026

JPHSA Board Members in Attendance:

Robin Parker-Brooks	Alan Carroll	Patricia Ehrle	Alex Redfearn
Shawnta Gardener-Taylor	Darrel Renfro	Bruce Galbraith	James Guidry

JPHSA Board Members Absent:

None

Staff in Attendance:

Rosanna DiChiro Derbes, Executive Director
Jill Estes, Deputy Director
Trudy Ingersoll, Board Liaison

Visitors in Attendance:

Dawn Palermo, Prospective Board Member
Nakia Hamilton-Collins, Prospective Board Member
Olga Wunch, Prospective Board Member

Dr. Parker-Brooks called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

1. Order, Attendance, Introduction of Visitors, Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Parker-Brooks asked staff members and guest in attendance to introduce themselves.

Dr. Parker-Brooks asked for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Ms. Ehrle made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Mr. Galbraith seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. JPHSA Board Linkages

None.

4. Required Approvals Agenda

A. December Minutes – Ms. Redfearn made a motion to approve the minutes as presented prior to the meeting. Ms. Ehrle seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

B. FY 26 2Q Agency Budget – Mr. Galbraith made a motion to accept the FY 26 2Q Agency Budget as presented. Mr. Carroll seconded. Passed unanimously.

C. FY 26 2Q Board Budget – Mr. Galbraith Renfro made a motion to accept the FY 26 2Q Agency Budget as presented. Ms. Ehrle seconded. Passed unanimously.

D. JPHSA Board By-Laws – Ms. Redfearn made a motion to adopt the JPHSA Board By-Laws. Sgt. Guidry seconded. Passed unanimously.

E. JeffCare Board Update – Mr. Carroll reported that the JeffCare Board Bylaws were approved at their January meeting. He also reported they have potential board members interested in serving on the JeffCare Board. A discussion followed.

5. Board Education.

A. Executive Director Update – Dr. DiChiro Derbes reported as follows:

- Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) – Dr. DiChiro Derbes reported Holly Howat with OBH came to the agency last week to learn about JPHSA. Sarah Babcock with Jefferson Parish and Patricia Ehrle, JPHSA Board Member, attended the meeting. A discussion followed.
- Freeze Event – Dr. DiChiro Derbes reported that in partnership with Jefferson Parish, JPHSA staffed the local shelters during the previous week's freeze. A discussion followed.
- Legislative Session – Dr. DiChiro Derbes reported that the first day of the Legislative Session is March 9, 2026. She and the Deputy Director will be regularly attending meetings. A discussion followed.
- Human Trafficking Committee – Dr. DiChiro Derbes reported she will serve as proxy for Darrel Renfro. A discussion followed.
- Green Book Meeting – Dr. DiChiro Derbes reported next week is the Green Book Meeting at the East Bank Regional Library. Jefferson Delegation, as well as State and Local Government will be in attendance. JPHSA will host a table to display information on JPHSA. A discussion followed.

6. Monitoring Executive Director Performance

A. Treatment of Individuals Served Monitoring Report – Dr. Parker-Brooks opened discussion on the Treatment of Individuals Served monitoring report. Dr. Parker-Brooks asked the Board if they assessed the interpretation of the monitoring report to be a reasonable interpretation of the policy. The Board affirmed they did. Dr. Parker-Brooks asked for a motion to accept the interpretation of the policy as reasonable. Mr. Galbraith made a motion to accept the interpretation as reasonable for the Treatment of Individuals Served monitoring report as presented prior to the meeting. Seconded by Sgt. Guidry. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Parker-Brooks asked the Board if they felt the data presented in the monitoring report indicated compliance with the interpretation presented. The Board affirmed they did. Dr. Parker-Brooks asked for a motion to accept the data provided as documentation of compliance with this policy. Ms. Gardener-Taylor made a motion to accept the data provided as documentation of compliance for the Treatment of Individuals Served monitoring report as presented prior to the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Carroll. Passed unanimously.

B. Financial Condition & Activities Monitoring Report – Dr. Parker-Brooks opened discussion on the Financial Condition and Activities monitoring report. Dr. Parker-Brooks asked the Board if they assessed the interpretation of the monitoring report to be a reasonable interpretation of the policy. The Board affirmed they did. Dr. Parker-Brooks asked for a motion to accept the interpretation of the policy as reasonable. Ms. Redfearn made a motion to accept the interpretation as reasonable for the Financial Condition & Activities monitoring report as presented prior to the meeting. Seconded by Sgt. Guidry. Passed unanimously.

Dr. Parker-Brooks asked the Board if they felt the data presented in the monitoring report indicated compliance with the interpretation presented. The Board affirmed they did. Dr. Parker-Brooks asked for a motion to accept the data provided as documentation of compliance with this policy. Sgt. Guidry made a motion to accept the data provided as documentation of compliance for the Financial Condition & Activities monitoring report as presented prior to the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Galbraith. Passed unanimously.

7. Monitoring Board Performance

A. Board Self-evaluation – Ms. Ehrle volunteered to complete the Board self-evaluation.

B. Annual Review of Board Self-Evaluations – Ms. Ehrle reported that the board is in compliance. The only item noted was securing new board members.

C. Policy Review – Cost of Governance – Dr. Parker-Brooks opened discussion on the Allocation of Resources policy. There were no changes to this policy.

– Global Executive Constraint – Dr. Parker-Brooks opened discussion on the Global Executive Constraint policy. There were no changes to this policy.

D. Reappointment – Dr. Parker-Brooks reported that Darrell Renfro was reappointed by the Jefferson Parish Council.

E. Recruitment – Dr. Parker-Brooks thanked the potential board members for attending tonight's meeting and invited them to attend next month's meeting.

8. Announcements

A. Board Generated Items
None.

B. Next Board meeting – The next meeting of the Board is on Monday, March 2, 2026, 6:00 p.m. at **JPHSA's Elmwood facility, 1500 River Oaks Road West, Elmwood, LA 70123.**

9. Adjournment

Mr. Renfro made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Sgt. Guidry seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.


DR. ROBIN PARKER-BROOKS
Board Chairperson