

Louisiana Cancer Research Center  
Board of Directors Meeting  
A Hybrid Meeting was held  
On July 27, 2023, at 3pm

The following members of the Board of Directors were in attendance:

**Dr. Lee Hamm**, Senior Vice President & Dean-School of Medicine, TUHSC, Chairman  
**Dr. Richard DiCarlo**, Interim Dean - School of Medicine, LSUHSC, Vice-Chairman  
**Ms. Barbara Goodson**, Deputy Commissioner of Administration, Secretary/Treasurer  
**Mr. Arthur Cooper**, Senior Director, Special Projects, Louisiana Economic Development  
**Dr. Gene D'Amour**, Special Assistant to the President, Xavier University  
**Dr. Patrice Delafontaine**, Executive Dean, TUHSC  
**Mr. Walter Leger, Jr.**, Senior Partner, Leger & Shaw Attorneys and Counselors  
**Mr. Darren Mire**, Member, Board of Regents; Director of Valuation, Orleans Parish Assessor's Office  
**Dr. Brian Moore**, Director, Ochsner Cancer Institute  
**Dr. Valentine Nfonsam**, Department Head for Surgery - School of Medicine, LSUHSC  
**Ms. Carroll Suggs**

The following member of the Board of Directors were not present:

**Ms. Pamela Ryan**

Also present were:

Dr. Joe W. Ramos, Director & Chief Executive Officer, LCRC  
Mr. Sven Davisson, Chief Administrative Officer, LCRC  
Ms. Deborah Reeder, Chief Financial Officer, LCRC  
Dr. Stefan Grant, Deputy Director, LCRC/ Chief of Hematology & Medical Oncology, TUHSC  
Mr. Paige Sensenbrenner, Legal Counsel, LCRC  
Mr. Ryan Graffagnini, Controller, LCRC  
Dr. Augusto Ochoa, Director, LSUHSC Cancer Center  
Dr. Thomas Wiese, Professor, Xavier University  
Ms. Stephanie Wiebke, Business Manager, Xavier University  
Ms. Barbara Landrum, Business Manager, LSUHSC Cancer Center  
Dr. Earl Benjamin-Robinson, Director, Tobacco Free Living

**Dr. Hamm** called the meeting to order. The roll was called and there was a quorum.

**Dr. Hamm** called for the Election of the Officers.

A motion was made by **Ms. Suggs** and seconded by **Dr. D'Amour** to nominate LCRC Officers as follows:

**Dr. DiCarlo** was nominated to serve as Chairman of the Board.  
RESOLVED unanimously, **Dr. DiCarlo** will serve as Chairman of the Board

**Dr. Hamm** was nominated to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board.  
RESOLVED unanimously, **Dr. Hamm** will serve as Vice Chairman of the Board

**Ms. Goodson** was nominated to serve as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board.  
RESOLVED unanimously, **Ms. Goodson** will serve as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board

**Dr. DiCarlo** requested approval of the minutes of the April 27, 2023, Board meeting.

A motion was made by **Ms. Suggs** and seconded by **Dr. Delafontaine**.

RESOLVED, with all in favor, to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2023, Board meeting.  
Dr. DiCarlo called for an Executive Session.

RESOLVED, with all in favor, the Board went into executive session.

Dr. DiCarlo called the meeting back to order.

A motion was made by **Ms. Suggs** and seconded by **Ms. Ryan**.

RESOLVED, with all in favor, Dr. Joe W. Ramos may serve in a dual capacity as the Director & CEO of the LCRC and as the Director of the LSU Health-LCMC Health Cancer Center. As Director of the LSU Health-LCMC Cancer Center he will serve as Principal Investigator of the eventual LSUHSC-NO NCI application.

RESOLVED, the LCRC Board will establish a committee to address the details of Dr. Ramos' dual role, including employment and other agreements and management of any conflicts of interest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the LCRC Board remains committed to a consortium application if allowed under NCI guidelines.

**Dr. DiCarlo** called for the Finance Committee Reports

**Ms. Goodson** gave an update on the Finance Committee Meeting and the approval of the new format for the annual budgets.

Dr. Ramos went over the new format for the budgets and the budget guidelines. The primary change is that the budgets are broken down programmatically so that each institution can see their representation in the cancer center. The budgets also break down budget allotments for faculty recruitment and new initiatives.

Dr. Ochoa gave an overview of the LSU Cancer Center Budget.

Dr. Grant gave an overview of the Tulane Cancer Center Budget.

**Dr. Wiese** gave an overview of Xavier University's Budget.

Mr. Davisson gave an overview of Ochsner Health's Budget.

Dr. Ramos gave an update on the LCRC Scientific Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year 2024

Ms. Reeder gave an overview of the Tobacco Control Initiative (TCI) Budget, which included goals and objectives.

Ms. Reeder reported that the LCRC centrally managed budgets and the TFL budgets presentations have been deferred. Ms. Reeder also reported the total FY24 budget request to-date of \$15,264,675 which is \$14,203,143 for Cancer Research and \$1,061,532 for Tobacco Cessation/Control.

A motion was made by **Ms. Goodson** and seconded by **Dr. D'Amour**.

RESOLVED with all in favor, the FY24 Budgets, Goals and Objectives are approved as presented.

Dr. DiCarlo called for the Director/CEO Presentation.

Dr. Ramos gave an update on the LCRC including:

- Closing of the Biorepository in progress
- "Meeting of the Minds" focus group discussion among BIPOC researchers led by Dr. Benjamin-Robinson
- Lung Cancer Screening 101: A Virtual Event
- Future Implementation of the EVAL software that will facilitate collection and curation of LCRC data and generate metrics for NCI Designation
- Recruitment funds in budget
- Summer Internship Program poster presentation event taking place on 7/28/2023

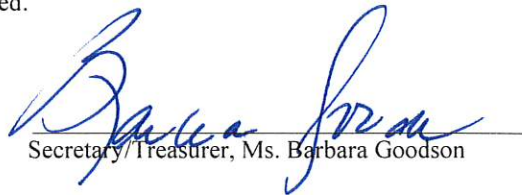
- Review of thank you video to the Governor & Legislature
- Overview of Promising Practices Summit at Louisiana Tech in Rustin, LA 6/2/2023
- Update on the LCRC Faculty Retreat
- Announcement of the LCRC Director's Cabinet
  - Discussion of roles
- External Advisory Committee members and visit

A copy of Dr. Ramos's presentation is on file.

**Dr. DiCarlo** called for any old business. There was none.

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With no further discussion or business, the meeting adjourned.



Secretary/Treasurer, Ms. Barbara Goodson