

Louisiana Cancer Research Center  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Was held virtually via Zoom  
On February 24, 2022, 3pm

The following members of the Board of Directors were present:

**Dr. Richard DiCarlo**, Interim Dean -School of Medicine, LSUHSC, Chairman  
**Dr. Lee Hamm**, Senior Vice President and Dean – School of Medicine, TUHSC, 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  
**Mr. Walter Leger, Jr**, Senior Partner, Leger and Shaw Attorneys and Counselors  
**Mr. Darren Mire**, Member, Board of Regents; Director of Valuation, Orleans Parish Assessor’s Office  
**Ms. Pamela Ryan**  
**Dr. Oliver Sartor**, Medical Director, Tulane Cancer Center, Assistant Dean for Oncology, TUHSC  
**Dr. Leonardo Seoane**, Senior Vice President and Chief Academic Officer, Ochsner Health  
**Dr. John Stewart**, Center Director of the LSU Health New Orleans/LCMC Health Cancer Center  
**Ms. Carroll Suggs**

Also present were:

Mr. Sven Davisson, Chief Administrative Officer, LCRC  
Ms. Deborah Reeder, Chief Financial Officer, LCRC  
Mr. Ryan Graffagnini, Controller, LCRC  
Mr. Paige Sensenbrenner, LCRC Legal Counsel  
Dr. Prescott Deininger, Director, Tulane Cancer Center  
Dr. Augusto Ochoa, Director, LSUHSC Stanley S Scott Cancer Center  
Dr. Thomas Wiese, Professor, Xavier University  
Ms. Stephanie Wiebke, Business Manager, Xavier University  
Ms. Keadren Green, Business Manager, Tulane Cancer Center  
Ms. Shelina Davis, CEO, Louisiana Public Health Institute  
Ms. Shawna Shields, Associate Director, Tobacco Free Living  
Dr. Michael Celestin, Director, Louisiana Tobacco Control Initiative  
Ms. Barbara Landrum, Business Manager, LSUHSC Cancer Center  
Dr. Earl Benjamin-Robinson, Director, Tobacco Free Living  
Ms. Ellen Palmintier, TU, Director, State & Federal Relations

**Ms. Goodson** initially presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order. The roll was called and there was a quorum.

**Ms. Goodson** called for the special election to replace Dr. Steve Nelson who resigned from the Board, effective February 14, 2022. A letter of appointment from LSU Interim Chancellor was received and is on file.

**Ms. Suggs** nominated **Dr. DiCarlo** to serve as a Board member and Chairman of the Board, to fill the seat vacated by Dr. Steve Nelson. The nomination of **Dr. DiCarlo** to serve as a Board member and Chairman of the Board was unanimously approved.

**Dr. DiCarlo** now presiding over the meeting, requested approval of the minutes from the January 27, 2022 Board meeting.

A motion was made by **Dr. Stewart** and seconded by **Ms. Suggs**.  
RESOLVED, with all in favor, to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2022 Board meeting.

**Dr. DiCarlo** called for the Finance Report.

Mr. Graffagnini provided the Report. He reported the Budget to Actuals for appropriations and supplemental reserves for all components. Mr. Graffagnini reported on each component's utilization and remaining funds available (budget variances). A complete report is included in the board material.

**Dr. DiCarlo** called for the CAO Report.

Mr. Davisson gave an update on the CEO/Director search. He reported the Search Committee is currently in the process of conducting campus visits with five candidates. **Dr. Hamm** added the recruitment process has been well organized with high quality candidates and very good conversations. The Board thanked Ms. Vanessa LeBlanc, Executive Assistant, for helping the recruitment process to go smoothly.

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With no further discussion or business, the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary/Treasurer, Ms. Barbara Goodson