

Louisiana Cancer Research Center
Board of Directors Meeting
Was held virtually via Zoom
On April 28, 2022, 3pm

The following members of the Board of Directors were present:

Dr. Richard DiCarlo, Interim Dean -School of Medicine, LSUHSC, Chairman (in-person)
Dr. Lee Hamm, Senior Vice President & Dean-School of Medicine, TUHSC, Vice-Chairman (in-person)
Ms. Barbara Goodson, Deputy Commissioner of Administration, Secretary/Treasurer (in-person)
Mr. Arthur Cooper, Senior Director, Special Projects, Louisiana Economic Development
Dr. Gene D'Amour, Special Assistant to the President, Xavier University (in-person)
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
Ms. Pamela Ryan
Dr. John Stewart, Center Director of the LSU Health New Orleans/LCMC Health Cancer Center

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

Dr. Leonardo Seoane, Senior Vice President and Chief Academic Officer, Ochsner Health
Dr. Oliver Sartor, Medical Director, Tulane Cancer Center, Assistant Dean for Oncology, TUHSC
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
Dr. Prescott Deininger, Director, Tulane Cancer Center
Dr. Thomas Wiese, Professor, Xavier University
Dr. John Cole, Director of Clinical Cancer Research, Ochsner Health System
Dr. Ed Trapido, Chair, TFL Steering Committee
Dr. Patrice Delafontaine, Executive Dean, TUHSC
Ms. Stephanie Wiebke, Business Manager, Xavier University
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. Anne Neubauer, AMN Healthcare
Mr. Aaron Mitra, AMN Healthcare

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

Dr. DiCarlo requested approval of the minutes from the February 24, 2022 Board meeting.

A motion was made by **Dr. Stewart** and seconded by **Ms. Goodson**.

RESOLVED, with all in favor, to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2022 Board meeting.

Dr. DiCarlo called for the Finance Report.

Ms. Goodson stated the Finance Committee met prior to the Board Meeting but due to a lack of quorum there are no recommendations for Board approval. Mr. Graffagnini reported there are two supplemental budget requests for discussion and approval by the Board. The first is the single Director recruitment fees for a total request of

\$269,615. The next budget request of \$175,381 for the Institutional Advancement & External Engagement was discussed. The details for the budget requests were provided in the reports.

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

RESOLVED, with all in favor, to approve the supplemental budget requests, as presented; Single Director Recruitment budget totaling \$269,615. Institutional Advancement & External Relations budget totaling \$175,381.

Ms. Reeder reminded the Board that in previous years the agreement with LPHI to oversee the TFL program was a multi-year agreement with automatic renewals. She added last year the Board opted for a one-year agreement with the option to renew. This option requires Board approval for a one year renewal.

A motion was made by **Ms. Goodson** and seconded by **Dr. Hamm**.

RESOLVED, with all in favor, to extend the agreement with LPHI for an additional year.

Dr. DiCarlo called for an Executive Session.

Dr. DiCarlo called the meeting back to order following the Executive Session.

A motion was made by **Dr. Hamm** and seconded by **Ms. Goodson**.

RESOLVED, with all in favor, to move forward with haste in offering Dr. Joe Ramos the LCRC Director position, as recommended by the LCRC Search Committee.

With no further discussion or business, the meeting adjourned.


Secretary/Treasurer, Ms. Barbara Goodson