

Louisiana Cancer Research Center  
Board of Directors Meeting  
A Hybrid Meeting was held  
On May 26, 2022, 3pm

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

**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** (in-person)  
**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**

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

**Dr. Richard DiCarlo**, Interim Dean -School of Medicine, LSUHSC, Chairman

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 (in-person)  
Dr. Thomas Wiese, Professor, Xavier University  
Dr. John Cole, Director of Clinical Cancer Research, Ochsner Health System  
Dr. Patrice Delafontaine, Executive Dean, TUHSC  
Ms. Stephanie Wiebke, Business Manager, Xavier University  
Ms. Shelina Davis, CEO, Louisiana Public Health Institute  
Dr. Michael Celestin, Director, Louisiana Tobacco Control Initiative  
Ms. Barbara Landrum, Business Manager, LSUHSC Cancer Center  
Dr. Earl Benjamin-Robinson, Director, Tobacco Free Living

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

**Dr. Hamm** requested approval of the minutes of the April 28, 2022 Board meeting.

A motion was made by **Dr. Stewart** and seconded by **Dr. Sartor**.  
RESOLVED, with all in favor, to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2022 Board meeting.

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

Ms. Reeder informed the Board that the audit for FY22 will be bid by the Legislative Auditors Office. Mr. Graffagnini provided FY22 updates. An FY22 Financial Report was provided in the Board materials.

Ms. Reeder reported that FY23 budgets process will be separated into two phases up this year with recurring/base budgets presented at the June Finance Committee meeting. She added there is a 4.5% reduction in the appropriation

for FY23. Ms. Reeder stated the budgets for the scientific programs would stay intact. However, the Facilities and Administrative budgets will require supplementing from the general reserves. due to FY22 and FY23 tobacco tax estimates/reductions. The total annual budget from FY23 appropriations is \$10,688,507 (\$6,353,723 for Research; \$4,334,784 for Cessation). The projected request for the use of reserves for Central Administration is \$596,293. The new office of Institutional Advancement will also be funded out of this request.

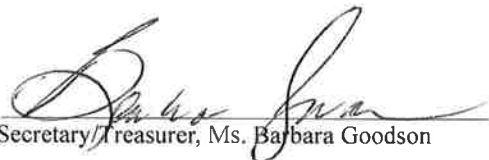
**Dr. Hamm** called for the CAO Report.

Mr. Davisson gave an update on recruitment and the hiring of Dr. Joe Ramos. His start date is August 1, 2022. Mr. Davisson reported there will be a press release in the next few days announcing Dr. Ramos' recruitment and the welcoming event and media opportunity is set for July 26, 2022 at 11am. Mr. Davisson outlined the proposed event structure and public relations outreach surrounding the event and subsequent state tours. There was a discussion about the event. **Ms. Goodson** reported that immediately after Dr. Ramos' arrival, he will take a familiarization tour of the state with the assistance of the Louisiana Economic Development. **Ms. Goodson** also stated she spoke with Mr. Andy Koplun, President & CEO of the Greater New Orleans Foundation (GNOF). She added GNOF is willing to support some of the cost for the welcome event.

**Dr. Hamm** called for the TFL Report.

Dr. Benjamin-Robinson provided highlights for the fiscal year. Dr. Benjamin-Robinson reported TFL will have four featured sessions at this year's National Conference on Tobacco and Health. He added many TFL staff abstracts were accepted for the conference. A copy of the presentation is on file with LCRC Administration.

With no further discussion or business, the meeting adjourned.

  
Secretary/Treasurer, Ms. Barbara Goodson