

Louisiana Cancer Research Center
Board of Directors Meeting
A Hybrid Meeting was held.
On January 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

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

Dr. Lee Hamm, Senior Vice President & Dean, School of Medicine, Tulane University, Chairman
Dr. Richard DiCarlo, Dean, School of Medicine, LSU Health, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Barbara Goodson, Executive Director, Firefighters' Retirement System, Secretary/Treasurer
Dr. Brian Boulmay, Professor of Clinical Medicine, Hematology and Oncology, LSU Health
Ms. Paige Carter, Chief Business Development Officer, Louisiana Economic Development
Dr. Patrice Delafontaine, Executive Dean, School of Medicine, Tulane University
Mr. Walter Leger, Jr., Senior Partner, Leger & Shaw Attorneys and Counselors
Dr. Brian Moore, Director, Ochsner Cancer Institute
Dr. Florastine Payton-Stewart, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs, Xavier University
Ms. Pamela Ryan
Ms. Carroll Suggs

The following members of the Board of Directors were not in attendance.

Mr. Darren Mire, Member, Board of Regents; Director of Valuation, Orleans Parish Assessor's Office

Also, present were:

Dr. Joe W. Ramos, Director & Chief Executive Officer, LCRC
Mr. Sven Davisson, Chief Administrative Officer, LCRC
Mr. Paige Sensenbrenner, Senior Partner, Adams & Reese, Legal Counsel, LCRC
Ms. Deborah Reeder, Chief Financial Officer, LCRC
Mr. Ryan Graffagnini, Controller, LCRC
Ms. Seanne Falconer, Executive Director, Tulane Cancer Center
Dr. Stefan Grant, Chief, Hematology Oncology, Director, Tulane Cancer Center, Deputy Director, LCRC
Ms. Tammy Vaccaro, Sr. Research Administrator, Tulane Cancer Center & Radiation Oncology
Dr. Lucio Miele, Director, LSU LCMC Health Cancer Center, LSU Health
Dr. Michael Celestin, Director, Tobacco Control Initiative, LSU Health
Ms. Stephanie Kleehammer, Chief Administrative Officer, LSU LCMC Health Cancer Center, LSU Health
Ms. Lee Sabatini, Director, External Affairs, LSU LCMC Health Cancer Center, LSU Health
Ms. Janice Williams-Lucas, Business Manager, LSU LCMC Health Cancer Center, LSU Health
Ms. Stephanie Wiebke, Sr. Program Manager, Xavier University
Ms. Shelina Davis, CEO, Louisiana Public Health Institute
Dr. Christopher Williams, Professor, Chair of Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences, Xavier University

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

Dr. Hamm requested approval of the minutes of the October 31, 2024, Board meeting.

A motion was made by **Mr. Leger** and seconded by **Dr. Delafontaine**.

RESOLVED, with all in favor, to approve the minutes of the October 31, 2024, Board meeting.

Dr. Hamm requested approval of the minutes of the January 3, 2025, Special Called Board meeting.

A motion was made by **Mr. Leger** and seconded by **Dr. Delafontaine**.

RESOLVED, with all in favor, to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2025, Special Called Board meeting.

Dr. Hamm called for the Finance Committee Reports.

Ms. Goodson stated that Ms. Reeder will present the finance material at a future meeting.

Ms. Reeder provided details on needing a Certificate of Resolution for LCRC's Section 125 Premium Only Plan (POP). The plan provides for pre-tax reductions for health-related premiums paid for by employees. The plan requires adoption by the Board.

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

RESOLVED, with all in favor, to approve the Certificate of Resolution for LCRC's Section 125 Premium Only Plan (POP) as presented.

Ms. Reeder stated that a finance update for FY25 will be provided at the next meeting.

Ms. Goodson concluded the Finance Committee report.

Dr. Hamm called for the Director/CEO Report

Dr. Ramos provided the Director's update as follows:

Dr. Ramos reported on the information request made by the LCRC at the Special Called Board meeting on January 3, 2025. The information was included in the meeting materials that were distributed. Updates regarding the LCRC Cabinet members were shared. Dr. Ramos noted that Dr. Lucio Miele will replace him as the LSU member of the cabinet. He also provided the current mission statement, the Cabinet roles and responsibilities, and a document with the names of the Cancer Research Training and Education Committee (CRTEC) members, the Community Engagement members, and the Program Leaders.

Dr. Hamm called for any old business.

Ms. Goodson inquired about an exit interview with Dr. Ramos for members of the Board. Dr. Hamm called for any Board members who would like to participate in the exit interview meeting. The participants will include Ms. Goodson, Ms. Suggs, Ms. Ryan, and Mr. Leger. Mr. Davisson will coordinate scheduling the meeting. Mr. Leger will assemble the questions and responses to be presented to the Board during the January 30, 2025 executive session.

Dr. Hamm called for any new business. There was none.

With no further discussion or business, the meeting adjourned.



Ms. Barbara Goodson, Secretary/Treasurer