

Louisiana Cancer Research Center
Board of Directors Meeting
A Hybrid Meeting was held.
On January 3, 2025, at 11:00am

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
Mr. Darren Mire, Member, Board of Regents; Director of Valuation, Orleans Parish Assessor's Office
Dr. Brian Moore, Director, Ochsner Cancer Institute
Dr. Florastine Payton-Stewart, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs, Xavier University
Ms. Pamela Ryan
Ms. Carroll Suggs

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

Dr. Hamm called the meeting to order.

Dr. Ramos informed the Board that he is resigning his positions as LCRC CEO/Director and Director of the LSU LCMC Health Cancer Center. See appended statement.

Dr. Hamm called for an Executive Session to be called.

Board members convened in Executive Session.

With no further discussion or business, the meeting adjourned.


Ms. Barbara Goodson, Secretary/Treasurer

Dear all,

Over the past two and a half years, I have had the privilege of working alongside the most talented and dedicated individuals across our institutions in Louisiana. It has been deeply inspiring to witness your unwavering commitment to reducing the burden of cancer in our state. *You are not just making a difference—you are transforming lives.*

It has been an honor to contribute to this incredible work, and I am so proud to have been part of a team that shares such a profound sense of purpose.

That is why today is bittersweet for me. I will be leaving my position as Director of the LCRC and Director of the LSU LCMC Health Cancer Center by the end of January. I have been offered an extraordinary opportunity to take my work in a new direction, one that I simply could not pass up. I will be the new President and CEO of the Lundquist Institute at UCLA-Harbor.

While I know my departure may present some challenges, I have every confidence in your ability to meet them. You all have repeatedly proven your strength, adaptability, and passion for the mission. I will do everything I can to ensure a smooth transition, and I am confident the center will continue to thrive and make a lasting impact under new leadership. You already have great leadership in the programs and components to keep things moving. The members of the LCRC Cabinet will also help, and Sven will be here to keep LCRC things moving well. The LCRC and LSU are also working on both interim and long-term transitional plans, which they will inform you all about at a later date.

I am filled with gratitude for the time we've shared and the progress we've made together. I will carry the memories and lessons from this experience with me, and I will be cheering for your success from afar.

With deep appreciation,

Joe