

Louisiana Cancer Research Center Board
of Directors Meeting

June 27, 2024, at 3:00pm

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

Dr. Richard DiCarlo, Interim Dean, School of Medicine, LSU Health, Chairman
Dr. Lee Hamm, Senior Vice President & Dean, School of Medicine, Tulane University, Vice Chairman
Ms. Barbara Goodson, Executive Director, Firefighters' Retirement System, Secretary/Treasurer
Dr. Patrice Delafontaine, Executive Dean, School of Medicine, Tulane University
Dr. Gene D'Amour, Special Assistant to the President, Xavier University
Dr. Brian Moore, Director, Ochsner Cancer Institute
Ms. Pamela Ryan
Mr. Darren Mire, Member, Board of Regents; Director of Valuation, Orleans Parish Assessor's Office
Dr. Valentine Nfonsam, Professor and Chair of Surgery, School of Medicine, LSU Health
Mr. Arthur Cooper, Senior Director, Special Projects, Louisiana Economic Development
Mr. Paige Sensenbrenner, Senior Partner, Adams & Reese, Legal Counsel, LCRC

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

Ms. Carroll Suggs
Mr. Walter Leger, Jr., Senior Partner, Leger & Shaw Attorneys and Counselors

Also, present were:

Dr. Joe W. Ramos, Director & Chief Executive Officer, LCRC
Ms. Deborah Reeder, Chief Financial Officer, LCRC
Mr. Ryan Graffagnini, Controller, LCRC
Dr. Michael Celestin, Director, Tobacco Control Initiative, LSU Health
Ms. Seanne Falconer, Executive Director, Tulane Cancer Center
Ms. Shelina Davis, CEO, LPHI
Dr. Stefan Grant, Chief, Hematology & Medical Oncology, Director, Tulane Cancer Center, Tulane University
Dr. Augusto Ochoa, Deputy Director, LSU-LCMC Cancer Center, Chair, Interdisciplinary Oncology, LSU Health
Dr. Earl Benjamin-Robinson, Director, TFL and COE, LCRC
Dr. Thomas Wiese, Professor, Xavier University
Dr. John Cole, Director of Clinical Cancer Research, Ochsner Health
Ms. Tammy Vaccaro, Tulane Cancer Center & Radiation Oncology
Ms. Stephanie Kleehammer, CAO, LSU/LCMC Health Cancer Center
Ms. Stephanie Wiebke, Sr. Program Manager, Xavier University of LA College of Pharmacy

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

Dr. DiCarlo requested approval of the minutes of the May 30, 2024, Board meeting.

A motion was made by **Ms. Pamela Ryan** and seconded by **Ms. Barbara Goodson**.
RESOLVED, with all in favor, to approve the minutes of the May 30, 2024, Board meeting.

Dr. DiCarlo called for the Finance Committee Reports.

Mr. Ryan Graffagnini presented the FY24 Financial Updates. A copy of the financial report was distributed to the Board Members and included in the Board Binders.

Ms. Reeder stated that the FY25 Budgets will be presented at the July 17th, Finance Committee meeting and then advanced to the Board for action at the July 27th LCRC Board meeting.

Ms. Reeder stated that Dr. Stefan Grant will present additional from the FY24 Budget revision request from Tulane University.

Dr. Grant presented the proposed revised budget. The overall budget does not change, the majority of the changes requested are the reallocation of funds within budget categories.

A motion was made by **Ms. Goodson** and seconded by **Ms. Ryan**.
RESOLVED, with all in favor, to approve the proposed FY24 budget revision request from Tulane University.

Ms. Reeder presented two proposed agreements that require Board action.

- Annual agreement between LSU and LCRC for IT Services which include IT Director Services, Audio/Visual, database administration, email and networking support services, PC Support, Server/Storage, Telecommunications, Security and other).
- Two-year agreement between LSU and LCRC for funding the Telehealth /Virtual Nurse Program Expansion Services as part of LCRC's Telehealth initiatives.

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

RESOLVED, with all in favor, to approve the agreement between LCRC and LSU Health for IT Services and the agreement between LCRC and LSU for Telehealth/Virtual Nurse Expansion Services.

Ms. Goodson commented that she changed positions earlier this year and is now the Director of the Fire Fighters Retirement System.

Ms. Ryan requested a formal letter of condolence be written and sent to the family of Former Councilmember Jackie Clarkson on behalf of the LCRC Board. Ms. Clarkson was a very instrumental person in the creation and early support of the LCRC. Dr. Ramos agreed that a formal letter will be drafted on behalf of the Board and sent to the Clarkson family.

Dr. DiCarlo called for the Director/CEO Report

Dr. Ramos LCRC updates:

LCRC's 2nd annual Promising Practices Conference of Community Health was held on June 7th and hosted by Grambling University. It was a remarkable success, growing from seventy-five attendees last year to one hundred and sixty-five attendees this year. Dr. Ramos stated that the Conference represents a key step in the COE's mission of engaging with Louisiana communities to improve health and wellness across the state.

Dr. Ramos announced another exciting COE event is scheduled on July 5, 2024, during Essence Fest at LCRC. "African Americans & Cancer: A Conversation with Dr. Robert A. Winn and Dr. Joe W. Ramos, moderated by Dr. Eric Griggs." Dr. Winn is the Director and Lipman Chair in Oncology, VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center and the current President of the AACI. He is a leader in the NCI cancer center community and a compelling speaker, especially on health equity and disparities. The event is arranged by Dr. Benjamin-Robinson & LCRC COE, Dr. Winn's team, and Dr. Griggs.

Dr. Ramos reported on ongoing recruitment activity across institutions. He reported that Dr. Tiffany Seagroves joined Tulane University School of Medicine this month and will assume the role of Co-lead of the Cancer Biology Program, which was previously held by Dr. Hua Lu who did a great job activating the program.

Dr. Ramos stated that LCRC's board member **Dr. Gene D 'Amour** of Xavier University is retiring, and this is his last Board of Directors meeting and conveyed his thanks and best wishes for his many efforts over the years in service of the mission of the LCRC. Board members chimed in with their own thanks and best wishes. Additionally, Dr. Thomas Wiese is also retiring from Xavier University. Dr. Ramos conveyed his thanks and best wishes as did the board. Dr. Ramos noted he has been instrumental in helping LCRC tighten and evolve the relationship between LCRC and Xavier.

Dr. DiCarlo called for any old business. There was none.

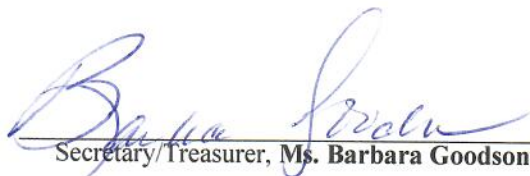
Dr. DiCarlo called for any new business. There was none.

Dr. DiCarlo asked for an Executive Session to be called.

A motion was made with all in favor
RESOLVED to adjourn the board meeting and proceed with an Executive Session.

A motion was made with all in favor to reconvene the Board meeting.

With no further discussion or business, the meeting adjourned.


Secretary/Treasurer, **Ms. Barbara Goodson**