

Louisiana Cancer Research Center  
Board of Directors Meeting  
A Hybrid Meeting was held.  
On July 25, 2024, at 3:00pm

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

**Dr. Richard DiCarlo**, 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. Brian Moore**, Director, Ochsner Cancer Institute  
**Ms. Pamela Ryan**  
**Mr. Darren Mire**, Member, Board of Regents; Director of Valuation, Orleans Parish Assessor's Office  
**Ms. Paige Carter**, Chief Business Development Officer, Louisiana Economic Development  
**Ms. Carroll Suggs**  
**Mr. Walter Leger, Jr.**, Senior Partner, Leger & Shaw Attorneys and Counselors

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

**Dr. Valentine Nfonsam**, Professor and Chair of Surgery, School of Medicine, LSU Health

Also, present were:

Mr. Arthur Cooper, Senior Director, Special Projects, Louisiana Economic Development  
Dr. Joe W. Ramos, Director & Chief Executive Officer, LCRC  
Mr. Paige Sensenbrenner, Senior Partner, Adams & Reese, Legal Counsel, 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  
Dr. Stefan Grant, Chief, Hematology & Medical Oncology, Director, Tulane Cancer Center, Tulane University  
Ms. Tammy Vaccaro, Sr. Research Administrator, Tulane Cancer Center & Radiation Oncology  
Dr. Earl Benjamin-Robinson, Director, TFL and COE, LCRC  
Dr. John Cole, Director of Clinical Cancer Research, Ochsner 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  
Dr. Christopher Williams, Professor, Chair of Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences, Xavier University  
Ms. Stephanie Wiebke, Sr. Program Manager, Xavier University

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

**Dr. DiCarlo** called for the Election.

A motion was made by **Ms. Suggs** and seconded by **Dr. Delafontaine** to nominate LCRC Officers as follows:

**Dr. Hamm** was nominated to serve as Chairman of the Board.

RESOLVED by unanimous approval, **Dr. Hamm** will serve as Chairman of the Board

**Dr. DiCarlo** was nominated to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board.

RESOLVED by unanimous approval, **Dr. DiCarlo** will serve as Vice Chairman of the Board

**Ms. Goodson** was nominated to serve as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board.

RESOLVED by unanimous approval, **Ms. Goodson** will serve as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board.

Mr. Arthur Cooper stepped down as the LCRC Board Member representing Louisiana Economic Development (LED). The LED Secretary recommended Ms. Paige Carter as his replacement.

**Ms. Paige Carter** was nominated to serve as the LED Board member representative.

RESOLVED by unanimous approval, **Ms. Carter** will serve as the Board Member representing LED.

Mr. Cooper was thanked for his service on the LCRC Board and for his assistance with securing funding and with other initiatives.

**Dr. Hamm** requested approval of the minutes of the June 27, 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 June 27, 2024, Board meeting.

**Dr. Hamm** called for the Finance Committee Reports.

**Ms. Goodson** gave an update on the Finance Committee Meeting stating that each institution's representative presented their FY25 comprehensive budget, goals, and objectives to the Finance Committee. A copy of each budget was included in the Committee's binder.

The following budgets were presented: Cancer Research Components: LSU Health, Tulane, Xavier and Ochsner. All other budget proposals presentations are deferred.

After a period of questions and answers, the Finance Committee unanimously approved each budget for advancement to the full Board. A copy of each budget, goals and objectives were provided to the full Board in advance of the Board meeting for review. The Board was also allowed a period for questions related to the budgets.

Ms. Reeder summarized the FY25 budget request for the Cancer Research institutional:

<u>LSUHSC</u>	<u>TUHSC</u>	<u>Xavier</u>	<u>Ochsner</u>	<u>Total Cancer Research</u>
\$5,843,303	\$5,815,321	\$2,549,740	\$500,000	\$14,708,090

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

RESOLVED with all in favor, the FY25 Cancer Research Component Budgets, Goals and Objectives are approved as presented.

Mr. Ryan Graffagnini presented the FY24 Financial Updates. A copy of the financial report was distributed in the Board binders and included in the Board Meeting Materials distributed in advance.

**Dr. Hamm** called for the Director/CEO Report

Dr. Ramos stated LCRC updates:

LCRC hosted an event on July 5, 2024, "African America and Cancer," which included Dr. Robert Winn, the Director, and Lipman Chair in Oncology at 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 issues of health equity and disparities. Over 100+ attendees from the community attended. More information about the event is on the LCRC website.

Significant recruitment is currently ongoing. Dr. Tiffany Seagrove has joined Tulane University. She will take the role of co-lead of the Cancer Biology Program. Her research focuses on breast cancer progression and metastasis pre-clinical evaluation of the efficacy and safety of novel chemotherapy agents.

**Dr. Hamm** called for any old business.

Mr. Paige Sensenbrenner stated that during the June 27<sup>th</sup> Board Executive Session, LCRC Board members received a copy of the Professional Service Agreement, which will allow Dr. Joe W. Ramos to continue to serve as LCRC's Director & CEO on a contractual basis, in a dual role. Dr. Ramos is also currently Director of the LSU LCMC Health Cancer Center. A review period was provided, and Board members were asked to cast their vote by July 3, 2024. **Dr. Hamm** recommended that the motion for approval of the agreement be amended to include the condition that LCRC Counsel reviews LCRC's current Conflict of Interest Policy and submit any recommendation for changes or additions to be presented to the Board within 90 days. The Board agreed to unanimously approve the Professional Service Agreement with the recommended condition as proposed by Dr. Hamm.

RESOLVED, with all in favor, to ratify the approval of the Professional Services Agreement for Dr. Joe W. Ramos to serve as LCRC's Director & CEO and in the dual capacity as Director of the LSU LCMC Health Cancer Center.

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

With no further discussion or business, the meeting adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barbara Goodson', written over a horizontal line.

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