

Louisiana Cancer Research Center
Board of Directors Meeting
A Hybrid Meeting was held
On October 27, 2022, 3pm

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

Dr. Lee Hamm, Senior Vice President & Dean-School of Medicine, TUHSC, Chairman (in-person)
Dr. Richard DiCarlo, Interim Dean -School of Medicine, LSUHSC, Vice-Chairman (in-person)
Ms. Barbara Goodson, Deputy Commissioner of Administration, Secretary/Treasurer
Dr. Gene D'Amour, Special Assistant to the President, Xavier University (in-person)
Mr. Walter Leger, Jr, Senior Partner, Leger & Shaw Attorneys and Counselors (in-person)
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
Ms. Carroll Suggs

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

Mr. Arthur Cooper, Senior Director, Special Projects, Louisiana Economic Development
Dr. Brian Moore, Director, Ochsner Cancer Institute
Dr. John Stewart, Center Director, LSU Health New Orleans/LCMC Health Cancer Center

Also present were:

Dr. Joe W. Ramos, Chief Executive Officer & Director, LCRC (in-person)
Mr. Sven Davisson, Chief Administrative Officer, LCRC (in-person)
Ms. Deborah Reeder, Chief Financial Officer, LCRC
Mr. Paige Sensenbrenner, Legal Counsel, LCRC (in-person)
Mr. Ryan Graffagnini, Controller, LCRC (in-person)
Dr. Prescott Deininger, Director, Tulane Cancer Center (in-person)
Dr. John Cole, Director of Clinical Cancer Research, Ochsner Health System (in-person)
Dr. Tom Wiese, Professor, Xavier University (in-person)
Ms. Stephanie Wiebke, Business Manager, Xavier University
Ms. Keadren Green, Business Manager, Tulane Cancer Center
Ms. Shelina Davis, CEO, Louisiana Public Health Institute
Dr. Michael Celestin, Director, Louisiana Tobacco Control Initiative
Dr. Earl Benjamin-Robinson, Director, Tobacco Free Living

Dr. Hamm requested approval of the minutes of the September 29, 2022, Board meeting.

A motion was made by **Dr. D'Amour** and seconded by **Mr. Leger**
RESOLVED, with all in favor, to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2022, Board meeting.

Dr. Hamm called for the election of the new Board member. **Dr. DiCarlo** stated that LSUHSC is appointing **Dr. Valentine Nfonsam**, LSUHSC's new Department Head for Surgery, to LCRC's Board of Directors to fill the LSUHSC's seat vacated by **Dr. John Stewart**.

A motion was made by **Dr. DiCarlo** and seconded by **Mr. Leger**
RESOLVED, with all in favor, to elect **Dr. Valentine Nfonsam** to the Board of Directors as an LSUSHC representative.

Dr. Hamm called for the Finance Committee Report.

Ms. Goodson reported there is no report for this meeting due to delays in receiving expenditures. An updated report will be provided in November.

Dr. Hamm called for the Amendment to the LCRC Bylaws.

Mr. Sensenbrenner stated the proposed amendment was distributed to the Board for review. The amendment includes all changes related to the authority of the Director and CEO as approved by resolution of the Board at the September 29, 2022, meeting. Other changes include an update to the address of LCRC's principal office and adding of the name of the Louisiana Campaign for Tobacco Free Living (TFL) program and removing its original name. Mr. Sensenbrenner reminded the Board that in accordance with the proposed Bylaws, Dr. Ramos will update the procedure and approval process for recruitment packages.

A motion was made by **Mr. Leger** and seconded by **Ms. Ryan**.
RESOLVED, to adopt LCRC's Amended Bylaws, as presented.

Dr. Hamm called for the Director/CEO Presentation.

Dr. Ramos reported on recent LCRC activities. He provided updates on new initiatives including Louisiana Cancer Research Network and a yearly statewide cancer research meeting. Dr. Ramos reported he redefined the mission of the LCRC as follows: "To reduce the impact of cancer across Louisiana and the Gulf region through locally focused high impact cancer research, patient care, education and community outreach and engagement done in alignment with our unique cultural, ethnic, and environmental characteristics." Dr. Ramos stated he gave a presentation to faculty of all LCRC partners this week, which built around the last presentation to the Board. He added some additional slides, which he shared with the Board. A copy of the presentation is on file.

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With no further discussion or business, the meeting adjourned.


Secretary/Treasurer, Ms. Barbara Goodson