

Louisiana Cancer Research Center
Board of Directors Meeting
Was held virtually via Zoom
On November 18, 2021, 2pm

The following members of the Board of Directors were present:

Dr. Steve Nelson, Interim Chancellor and Dean -School of Medicine, LSUHSC, Chairman
Dr. Lee Hamm, Senior Vice President and Dean – School of Medicine, TUHSC, Vice-Chairman
Ms. Barbara Goodson, Deputy Commissioner of Administration, Secretary/Treasurer
Mr. Arthur Cooper, Senior Director, Special Projects, Louisiana Economic Development
Dr. Gene D’Amour, Special Assistant to the President, Xavier University
Ms. Pamela Ryan
Dr. Oliver Sartor, Medical Director, Tulane Cancer Center, Assistant Dean for Oncology, TUHSC
Dr. Leonardo Seoane, Senior Vice President and Chief Academic Officer, Ochsner Health
Ms. Carroll Suggs

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

Mr. Terrence Ginn, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration, BOR
Mr. Walter Leger, Jr, Senior Partner, Leger and Shaw Attorneys and Counselors
Dr. Lucio Miele, Dept Head, Genetics, Director for Inter-Institutional Programs, Cancer Center, LSUHSC

Also present were:

Mr. Sven Davison, Chief Administrative Officer, LCRC
Ms. Deborah Reeder, Chief Financial Officer, LCRC
Mr. Paige Sensenbrenner, LCRC Legal Counsel
Dr. Prescott Deininger, Director, Tulane Cancer Center
Dr. Augusto Ochoa, Director, LSUHSC Cancer Center
Dr. Tom Wiese, Professor, Xavier University
Ms. Stephanie Wiebke, Business Manager, Xavier University
Dr. Patrice Delafontaine, Executive Dean, TUHSC
Ms. Shawna Shields, Associate Director, Tobacco Free Living
Ms. Shelina Davis, CEO, Louisiana Public Health Institute
Dr. Michael Celestin, Director, Louisiana Tobacco Control Initiative
Ms. Barbara Landrum, Business Manager, LSUHSC Cancer Center
Mr. Jameson MacDonnell, Development Consultant, The Mentibus Group
Dr. Earl Benjamin-Robinson, Director, Tobacco Free Living

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

Dr. Nelson requested approval of the minutes from the October 28, 2021 Board meeting.

A motion was made by **Ms. Goodson** and seconded by **Dr. D’Amour**.
RESOLVED, with all in favor, to approve the minutes of the October 28, 2021 Board meeting.

Dr. Nelson called for the Finance Report.

Mr. Graffagnini stated a report is included with the material for your review and questions. There would be a more comprehensive report at the next meeting.

Dr. Nelson called for the CAO Report.

Mr. Davisson gave an update on the CEO/Director search. He stated the search is ongoing. The Search Committee is set for a presentation of candidates and three days of interviewing in December. Mr. Davisson also updated the board on the Development position and stated a Request for Proposals (RFP) has been released. Responses are due back by November 30th.

Dr. Nelson stated the Dr. Miele requested to step down from his position on the Board. Dr. Nelson recommended Dr. John Stewart as the replacement Dr. Lucio Miele.

A motion was made by **Dr. Nelson** and seconded by **Ms. Suggs**.
RESOLVED, with all in favor, to accept the resignation of **Dr. Lucio Miele** and to appoint **Dr. John Stewart** to the Board of Directors as an LSUSHC representative, contingent on the receipt of Dr. Miele's written resignation.

Dr. Nelson called for the Development Committee Report.

Mr. Davisson pointed out to the Board that in the materials a budget was included for Institutional Advancement & External Relations. He added the discussion will be deferred until the next meeting since the budget information will not be complete until the RFP process and award have been completed.

Dr. Nelson called for TFL Update.

Dr. Benjamin-Robinson reported the TFL quarterly report has been updated to include prevalence, cessation utilization and health equity. He stated that TFL has reestablished their Scientific Advisory Board, which will meet in December. Dr. Benjamin Robinson reported that a meeting is set with Dr. Courtney Phillips, Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health, at the end of the month. There will be discussions about increasing the tax for vaping.

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Mr. MacDonnell asked to say a few words to the Board. He thanked the Board, Scientific Leadership and, community members for being a part of the work of the Mentibus Group over the last few months. He added the insight, feedback and support of all has been appreciated. The Mentibus Group hopes to have the opportunity to continue working with the LCRC.

Dr. Nelson called for an Executive Session.

Dr. Nelson called the meeting back to order following the Executive Session.

With no further discussion or business, the meeting adjourned.


Secretary/Treasurer, Ms. Barbara Goodson