

North Broward Hospital District Board of Commissioners
1700 Northwest 49th Street, Suite #150, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309

LEGAL AFFAIRS & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
Immediately Following the Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 15, 2021

The Legal Affairs and Governmental Relations Committee Meeting of the North Broward Hospital District was held on December 15, 2021 immediately following the Finance Committee Meeting, at the Broward Health Corporate Spectrum Location, 1700 NW 49th Street, Suite 150, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309.

1. **NOTICE**

Official notice is attached to these minutes, titled EXHIBIT I. Agenda of this meeting is attached to the minutes, titled EXHIBIT II. Supporting documents, if applicable, are attached to these minutes, titled EXHIBIT III. These exhibits are presented for consideration of the Committee.

2. **CALL TO ORDER**

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chair Nancy W. Stamper at 1:52 p.m.

3. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Present:

Commissioner Jonathan K. Hage (via Teams)
Commissioner Christopher J. Pernicano
Commissioner Stacy L. Angier
Commissioner Ray T. Berry
Commissioner Marie C. Waugh (via Teams)
Commissioner Nancy W. Stamper, Chair

Not Present:

Commissioner Levi G. Williams, Jr., Vice Chair

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Additionally Present:

Shane Strum, President, Chief Executive Officer
Alex Fernandez, SVP, Chief Financial Officer
Linda Epstein, Corporate General Counsel

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4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Stamper opened the floor for public comments, in which there were none.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Without objection, Chair Stamper approved the minutes, dated November 17, 2021.

Motion *carried* without dissent.

Chair Stamper gave detail to the forthcoming Attorney-Client Shade Session:

At the regular board meeting held on November 17, 2021, which was a duly-noticed public meeting, Linda Epstein, General Counsel, requested the opportunity to speak to the Board in private and hold a closed attorney-client meeting to seek the Board's advice pertaining to settlement negotiations and strategy sessions related to the District's litigation expenditures of pending litigation, to which the District is a party.

Specifically,

Case Number, CACE-20-002538, David Di Pietro v. North Broward Hospital District;

Case Number CACE-21-016997, Rocky Rodriguez and Bruce Lyons, Esq., v. North Broward Hospital District; and

Case Number CACE-21-014334, Colson, Hicks, Eidson, P.A., vs. North Broward Hospital District

All three (3) cases are currently pending in the Circuit Court of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida.

Pursuant to Section 286.011(8)(d), Florida Statutes, the closed meeting began. The attendees included: Chair Nancy W. Stamper, Commissioner Stacy L. Angier, Commissioner Marie C. Waugh (via Teams), Commissioner Ray T. Berry, Commissioner Christopher J. Pernicano, Commissioner Jonathan K. Hage (via Teams), Shane Strum, President/CEO; and from the District's legal team: Linda Epstein, General Counsel, Gerald Del Amo, Deputy General Counsel, and Brett Bauman, Senior Associate General Counsel, outside legal counsel, Bruce Johnson, Esq., Scott Alexander, Esq. and Christopher Stearns, Esq., representing the District, and Sandra Suarez, a certified court reporter.

The Legal Affairs and Governmental Relations Committee Meeting recessed for an Attorney-Client Shade Session at 1:55 p.m.

The Legal Affairs and Governmental Relations Committee Meeting reconvened at 3:33 p.m.

6. **TOPIC OF DISCUSSION**

6.1. General Legal Department Updates (Presenter – Linda Epstein, General Counsel)

Ms. Epstein reported on the Fiscal Year 2022 Legal Department budget items, as seen below.

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- Budget
 - Review of the outside legal costs incurred and overall budget status for Fiscal Year 2022 through October 31, 2021.
 - Final 2021 Budget
 - Board approved budget was \$7,944,999 in total
 - Total spend of \$900,816.88

Fair Market Value (FMV) (Presenter – Gerald Del Amo, Deputy General Counsel)

Mr. Del Amo reviewed the FMV by vendor for Fiscal Year 2022.

- FMV Appraisals Budget by vendor and month through October 31, 2021.
 - Total FMV Budget of \$980K
 - Total Spend of \$298,373.50

Ms. Epstein informed the Committee that her three (3) year Employment Agreement is up for renewal in June 2022 and will be presented by the Human Resources Committee.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business on the agenda, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Commissioner Christopher J. Pernicano, Secretary/Treasurer