

North Broward Hospital District Board of Commissioners  
1601 South Andrews Avenue, Suite 100, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316

**LEGAL AFFAIRS & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Immediately following the Quality Assessment & Oversight Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, September 15, 2022**

The Legal Affairs & Governmental Relations Committee Meeting of the North Broward Hospital District was held at the Broward Health Sports Medicine Building, 1601 South Andrews Avenue, Suite 100, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316.

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 4:29 p.m.

3. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

*Present:*

Commissioner Paul C. Tanner  
Commissioner Christopher J. Pernicano (via Teams)  
Commissioner Jonathan K. Hage  
Commissioner Stacy L. Angier  
Commissioner Ray T. Berry  
Commissioner Levi G. Williams, Jr., Vice Chair  
Commissioner Nancy W. Stamper, Chair

*Additionally Present:*

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

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.1. Approve Meeting Minutes dated June 22, 2022

Without objection, Chair Stamper approved the minutes, dated June 22, 2022.

Motion *carried* without dissent.

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## 6. TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

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

Ms. Epstein introduced the following two (2) new attorneys to the District’s Legal Department:

- Martha Esperon, Sr. Associate General Counsel – started June 2022; and
- Nicholas Ortiz, Sr. Associate General Counsel – started in August 2022

Further shared the following Legal Department updates with the committee, as seen below.

- Budget
  - Review of the outside legal costs incurred and overall budget status for Fiscal Year 2022 through June 30, 2022.
    - Board approved budget \$7,944,999
    - Total budget spend \$4,288,113
- Fair Market Value (FMV) (Presenter – Gerald Del Amo, Deputy General Counsel)
  - Mr. Del Amo noted continued positive trends with respect to the FMV spend.
    - Total FMV budget \$980K
    - Total FMV spend \$716,566

Ms. Epstein further shared that Robert Lochrie III, Esq., has been added to organization’s panel of outside law firms, specializing in land use and zoning law in municipalities throughout Broward County.

For further detail, related slides are available within the September 2022 Legal Affairs and Governmental Relations Committee Meeting book on the Board of Commissioners’ web page.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Commissioner Paul C. Tanner, Secretary/Treasurer