

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

**LEGAL AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Immediately following the Finance Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 22, 2022**

The Legal Affairs and Governmental Relations Committee Meeting of the North Broward Hospital District was held at the Broward Health Corporate Spectrum Location, 1700 NW 49<sup>th</sup> 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 Commissioner Stacy Angier at 12:39 p.m.

3. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

*Present:*

Commissioner Paul C. Tanner  
Commissioner Christopher J. Pernicano  
Commissioner Stacy L. Angier  
Commissioner Ray T. Berry

*Not Present:*

Commissioner Jonathan K. Hage  
Commissioner Levi G. Williams, Jr., Vice Chair  
Commissioner Nancy W. Stamper, Chair

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*Additionally Present:*

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

\*In light of the Chair and Vice's absence, it was agreed that Commissioner Angier would preside over the Legal Affairs and Governmental Relations Committee Meeting.

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#### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Commissioner Angier opened the floor for public comments, in which there were none.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

##### 5.1. Approve Meeting Minutes dated May 18, 2022

Without objection, Commissioner Angier approved the minutes, dated May 18, 2022.

Motion *carried* without dissent.

#### 6. TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

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

Ms. Epstein introduced summer intern, Nicholas Casariego, who is a senior at Florida State University and was invited to the podium to share his educational background and his previous volunteer work at Children’s Diagnostic & Treatment Center (CDTC).

Ms. Epstein shared the following Legal Department updates with the committee:

- Budget
  - Review of the outside legal costs incurred and overall budget status for Fiscal Year 2022 through April 30, 2022.
    - Board approved budget \$7,944,999
    - Total budget spend \$2,993,908
- 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 \$620,521.00

Ms. Epstein advised that given that the District is in a hurricane cat zone, Anthony J. Ettore, Esq., of Disaster Law and Consulting, LLC, has been added to organization’s panel of outside law firms, specializing in helping entities properly submit for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) dollars, if and when necessary.

The following Daily Business Review 2022 Legal Award Honorees were recognized:

- General Counsel Impact
  - Linda Epstein, General Counsel, Broward Health
  - Brett Bauman, Sr. Associate General Counsel, Broward Health
- Unsung Hero
  - Gerald Del Amo, Deputy General Counsel, Broward Health

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6.2. General Counsel Employment Agreement (Presenter – Mark Sprada, Chief Human Resource Officer)

Mr. Sprada presented an Amendment of renewal for General Counsel, Linda A. Epstein, and provided an overview of changes from the original agreement.

Discussion ensued regarding the necessity of Employment Agreements for Board Direct Reports and the public interview process. Commissioner Angier advised that these topics will be discussed at a future Governance Committee Meeting.

**MOTION** It was *moved* by Commissioner Berry, *seconded* by Commissioner Pernicano, that:

The Legal Affairs and Governmental Relations Committee recommend that the Board of Commissioners authorize the District to approve the First Amendment to the Employment Agreement between North Broward Hospital District and Linda A. Epstein, Esq., commencing on June 17, 2022.

Motion confirmed by roll call.

**YES** Commissioner Paul C. Tanner

**YES** Commissioner Christopher J. Pernicano

**YES** Commissioner Stacy L. Angier

**YES** Commissioner Ray T. Berry

Motion *carried* 4/0.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business on the agenda, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

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