

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