

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 Finance Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 25, 2023**

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 Vice Chair Levi G. Williams, Jr. at 2:04 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 Levi G. Williams, Jr., Vice Chair

*Not Present:*

Commissioner Paul C. Tanner  
Commissioner Nancy W. Stamper, Chair

*Senior Leadership*

*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**

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

**5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

- 5.1. Approval of Legal Affairs and Governmental Relations Committee Meeting Minutes dated September 15, 2022

Without objection, Vice Chair Williams approved minutes, dated September 15, 2022.

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Motion *carried* without dissent.

## 6. TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

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

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

- Budget
  - Review of the outside legal costs incurred and overall budget status for the period of July 2022 through November 2022.
    - Total budget spend \$1,943,962.65 of
    - Board approved budget \$10,545,000
- Fair Market Value (FMV) (Presenter – Gerald Del Amo, Deputy General Counsel)

Mr. Jerry Del Amo, Deputy General Counsel, provided the following FMV budget update:

- Board approved FMV budget \$950K
- Total FMV spend \$227,022

Ms. Epstein further shared that the two (2) following outside law firms have been added to organization's panel specializing in Regulatory Law:

- Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis
- Law Office of Elinor Baxter

### 6.2. Approval to execute a settlement agreement and release in the Rocky Rodriguez/Bruce Lyons v. NBHD case (Presenter – Linda Epstein, General Counsel)

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

The Legal Affairs and Governmental Relations Committee recommend that the Board of Commissioners authorize the District to execute a Settlement Agreement and Release in the Rocky Rodriguez/Bruce Lyons v. NBHD case and, to approve a settlement in the amount of \$94,000 for fees incurred in the State of Florida v. Rocky Rodriguez, Case Number 17010881MM10A in the Circuit Court of the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, Florida.

Motion *carried* unanimously.

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6.3. Education - Overview of Florida's Special Districts (Presenter – Linda Epstein, General Counsel)

Ms. Epstein presented an Overview of Florida's Special Districts, including but not limited to:

- Classification of Special Districts
- Number of Special Districts as of January 9, 2023
- Laws that apply to Special Districts
- Special District Accountability Program Support, within the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO)

For further detail, related slides are available within the January 2023 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 2:26 p.m.

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