

North Broward Hospital District Board Of Commissioners  
1700 Northwest 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite #150, Ft. Lauderdale, 33309

**LEGAL AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**Immediately following the Audit Committee Meeting**  
**September 11, 2019**

1. **NOTICE**

Notice of this meeting is attached to the official Minutes as EXHIBIT I. The official Agenda for this meeting, as presented for the consideration of the Committee, is attached to the official Minutes as EXHIBIT II.

2. **CALL TO ORDER** 2:08 p.m.

3. **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

*Present:* Commissioner Nancy W. Gregoire, Acting Chair  
Commissioner Ray T. Berry  
Commissioner Stacy L. Angier  
Commissioner Christopher T. Ure

*Not Present:* Commissioner Andrew M. Klein, Chair  
Commissioner Marie C. Waugh

*Senior Leadership*

*Additionally Present:* Gino Santorio/President/Chief Executive Officer, Alan Goldsmith/Chief Administrative Officer, Alex Fernandez/Chief Financial Officer, Linda Epstein/Corporate General Counsel, Jerry Del Amo/ Sr. Associate, General Counsel

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** None

5. **ELECTION OF COMPLIANCE AND ETHICS COMMITTEE OFFICERS**

**MOTION** It was *moved* by Commissioner Angier, *seconded* by Commissioner Berry, to:

**Nominate Commissioner Nancy W. Gregoire as Chair for the Legal Affairs and Governmental Relations Committee for the North Broward Hospital District.**

Motion *carried* unanimously.

**MOTION** It was *moved* by Commissioner Gregoire, *seconded* by Commissioner Berry, to:

**Nominate Commissioner Stacy L. Angier as Vice Chair for the Legal Affairs and Governmental Relations Committee of the North Broward Hospital District.**

Motion *carried* unanimously.

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## 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 6.1. Approval of Legal Affairs and Governmental Relations Committee meeting minutes, dated August 21, 2019

**MOTION** It was *moved* by Commissioner Angier, *seconded* by Commissioner Berry, to:

**Approve the Legal Affairs and Governmental Relations Committee meeting minutes, dated August 21, 2019.**

Motion *carried* unanimously.

## 7. TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

- 7.1. General Legal Department Updates- Linda Epstein

Ms. Epstein sadly informed the committee of the sudden passing of the legal department's executive administrative assistant, Tammy Dawkins.

Ms. Epstein also acknowledged Mr. Brett Bauman, who had recently been promoted to Senior Associate General Counsel. She reported three new law firm engagements hired by Broward Health at a rate of \$350 an hour, as seen below:

- Taylor Espino Vega & Tournon PLLC, a construction-contracting firm located in Coral Gables, Florida.
- Smith Currie Hancock LLP, a construction-contracting firm located in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
- Mateer Harbert P.A., a healthcare regulatory contracting firm located in Orlando, Florida. Ms. Epstein noted that any work provided other than regulatory work would be negotiated fairly.

Ms. Epstein reported that as a performance goal, she asked the department's attorneys to ensure bills are reviewed on weekly basis. She confirmed that the legal billing for medical malpractice had been received through CounselLink for the month of August.

Ms. Epstein further reported that the legal budget was in the process of being finalized, and projected that this year's goal would be a cost savings of over \$2 million dollars.

- 7.2. BHPG, Director Pediatric Hematology Oncology Services, Dr. Hector Rodriguez-Cortes

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

**The Legal Affairs and Governmental Relations Committee recommend that the Board of Commissioners of the North Broward Hospital District authorize the President/CEO to enter**

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**into a new two-year employment agreement with a Medical Directorship up to the 91<sup>st</sup> Percentile with Dr. Hector Rodriguez-Cortes for the provision of Pediatric Hematology Oncology Services at Broward Health Medical Center.**

Motion *carried* unanimously.

7.3. BHPG, Pediatric Hematology Oncology Services, Dr. Alejandro Cambara

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

**The Legal Affairs and Governmental Relations Committee recommend that the Board of Commissioners of the North Broward Hospital District authorize the President/CEO to enter into a new two-year employment agreement up to the 78<sup>th</sup> percentile with Dr. Alejandro Cambara for the provision of Pediatric Hematology Oncology Services at Broward Health Medical Center.**

Motion *carried* unanimously.

7.4. BHPG, Clinical and Medical Director Interventional Cardiology Services, Dr. Violeta A. McCormack

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

**The Legal Affairs and Governmental Relations Committee recommend that the Board of Commissioners of the North Broward Hospital District authorize the President/CEO to enter into a new two-year employment agreement with a Medical Directorship up to the 77<sup>th</sup> percentile with Dr. Violeta McCormack for the provision of Interventional Cardiology Services at Broward Health Medical Center.**

Motion *carried* unanimously.

8. **ADJOURNMENT** 2:22 p.m.

**MOTION** It was *moved* by Commissioner Ure, *seconded* by Commissioner Angier to:

**Adjourn the Legal Affairs and Governmental Relations Committee meeting.**

Motion *carried* unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Commissioner Stacy L. Angier, Secretary/Treasurer