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## C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, JENNIFER MERO, Secretary to the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York, an educational corporation created by Article 8 of the New York Education Law, hereby certify that the attached is a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by a vote of the Board of Trustees of the State University of New York at a meeting held on the 6th day of August 9, 2022 in Albany, New York, at which a quorum was present and acted throughout.

I further certify that such resolution has not been rescinded or modified; there is no provision in the laws establishing and governing said corporation limiting the power of the Board of Trustees to adopt such resolution; and the same is in conformity with such provisions of laws and bylaws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 2 day of November 2023.

  
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JENNIFER MERO  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees





## MEMORANDUM

August 9, 2022

**TO:** Members of the Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Deborah F. Stanley, Interim Chancellor

**SUBJECT:** Stony Brook University Hospital – Appointments to the Quality Assessment Review Board

### Action Requested

The proposed resolution appoints individuals to the Quality Assessment Review Board for Stony Brook University Hospital, as contemplated by Resolution 2007-28.

### Resolution

I recommend that the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolution:

**Whereas** by Resolution 2007-28, adopted March 20, 2007, the State University Board of Trustees established the Quality Assessment Review Board for Stony Brook University Hospital; and

**Whereas** Resolution 2007-28 provides that the Quality Assessment Review Board shall consist of no fewer than nine nor more than twelve external members and not more than three *ex officio* members, recommended by the Chancellor in consultation with the President of Stony Brook University; and

**Whereas** Resolution 2007-99, adopted May 31, 2007, appointed initial members of such board, but those terms have since expired; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved** that the following individuals be and hereby are appointed as members of the Quality Assessment Review Board, each with three-year terms:



Rev. Dr. Beresford Adams  
Andrew Biondo  
Robert T. Bramson, MD, FACR  
Barry Coller, MD  
Hailey Kuzow, RN, MSN  
Mark Laret  
Jay Levine

Gregson Pigott, MD, MPH  
Mary Woolley

*Ex Officio:*

Harold L. Paz, MD, MS  
Carol Gomes, MS, FACHE, CPHQ  
Eric Morley, MD, MHA, MS, CPHQ

Dr. Paz to serve as Chair thereof.

### **Background**

Among the recommendations of the January 2007 report of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Stony Brook University Hospital was one to establish a local Quality Assessment Review Board that has the ability to ask questions, receive answers, and make recommendations.

The SUNY Board of Trustees established and authorized the creation of such a board, commonly known as the Stony Brook University Hospital Quality Assessment Review Board (QARB), on March 20, 2007, with Resolution 2007-28. The purpose of the QARB is to review and make recommendations as to the hospital's quality assurance system, to review and make recommendations with respect to the hospital's credentialing process, to consult on the selection of the hospital's chief executive officer, to work with the president of the hospital on long-term business opportunities, and to inform the President of Stony Brook University, the Chancellor, and the State University Board of Trustees on changes in law and regulations.

Of the current nominees, Rev. Dr. Beresford Adams, Drs. Bramson and Pigott, and Messrs. Biondo and Levine are residents of Suffolk County, Drs. Coller and Pomeroy are physicians in good standing who reside in New York, and Ms. Kuzow is a registered nurse employed by Stony Brook Hospital. Two additional external members are Mr. Laret and Ms. Woolley. The *ex officio* nominees are Dr. Paz (Executive Vice President of Health Sciences, Stony Brook University and Chief Executive Officer, Stony Brook University Medicine), Ms. Gomes (Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer, Stony Brook University Hospital), and Dr. Morley (Chief Quality Officer, Stony Brook University Hospital).

Short biographies of the external members are attached.



**Quality Assessment Review Board  
Stony Brook University Hospital  
2022-2025**

**Three ex-officio members**

**Harold L. Paz, MD, MS**, *Executive Vice President of Health Sciences, Stony Brook University & Chief Executive Officer, Stony Brook University Medicine*

**Carol Gomes, MS, FACHE, CPHQ**, *Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer, Stony Brook University Hospital*

**Eric Morley, MD, MHA, MS, CPHQ**, *Chief Quality Officer, Stony Brook University Hospital*

**One registered nurse employed by Stony Brook Hospital**

**Hailey Kuzow, RN, MSN**, *Nurse Specialist for the Medical ICU and COVID Unit, Stony Brook Medicine*: Ms. Kuzow has served as a medical ICU staff nurse at Stony Brook Medicine since 2011. She has an interest in engaging new ideas and implementing best practices and in 2015 introduced PureWick®, a female external urinary product which has reduced catheter use and CAUTI infections at Stony Brook. In addition, she is a clinical adjunct professor in the Stony Brook University School of Nursing. Ms. Kuzow serves on the Sepsis and ICU committees, chairs the Clinical Practice Council, drives unit-specific quality and safety initiatives, and creates and updates policy and procedures to improve practice across the institution. She was an instrumental front-liner throughout and during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, covering multiple COVID ICUs' expansions to meet the needs of the community and supporting ICU staff caring for COVID patients. She is the recipient of the MICU Nurse of the Year (2012) and the Pura Pantojas Award for Nursing Excellence (2016).

**External members, of which five shall be distinguished residents of Suffolk County and two shall be residents of New York State who are physicians in good standing**

**Suffolk County Residents:**

**Rev. Dr. Beresford Adams**, *Senior Pastor, Faith Baptist Church, Coram, NY*: Rev. Dr. Adams has worked in many aspects at Stony Brook University, including as a member of the Stony Brook University Hospital Quality Assessment Review Board (QARB). His years of community service include serving on the boards of many organizations, including the Brookhaven Branch NAACP; Middle Island Alliance; Youth Awareness, Inc.; the Town of Brookhaven Youth Project Directors; and Suffolk County Youth Project Directors. He has received numerous accolades for his community involvement, including *Newsday's* "Person of the Century Everyday Hero." Rev. Dr. Adams has taught at the Virginia Union School of Theology (Eastern Baptist School of Religion) and is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and Drew University.

**Robert T. Bramson, MD, FACR**, *retired medical doctor, medical school academic, and hospital executive*: Until his retirement, Dr. Robert T. Bramson served as associate professor of radiology at the Harvard School of Medicine and executive vice chairman and associate radiologist-in-chief of the Department of Radiology at the Children's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. Additionally, he was treasurer of the Board of Directors and trustee of the Pension Fund of the Children's Hospital Radiology Foundation. Prior to this, he was head of the Division of Pediatric Radiology at

Massachusetts General Hospital and director of radiology for the Shriner's Burn Institute's Boston unit. At Massachusetts General Hospital, Dr. Bramson served as associate director of the Visiting Fellowship Program and was chairman of the Radiology Cost Reduction Task Force, which earned him the Partners in Excellence Award. His other awards include the Lawrence L. Robbins, MD Teaching Award for devotion to resident education; Fellow, American College of Radiology; Medical Student Teaching Award; and the Best Doctors in America Award. As a medical officer in the U.S. Navy, he was awarded a National Service Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and a Navy Unit Commendation. Dr. Bramson has held many community-service positions, including as a member of the Board of Trustees of both Eastern Long Island Hospital and the East End Hospital Alliance. He served on the Board of Trustees for the Foundation for the History of Navy Medicine and continues to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Bay Cove Human Services in Boston, Massachusetts. His board certifications include the American Board of Radiology in Diagnostic Radiology, the American Board of Nuclear Medicine, and the American Board of Radiology, and he is a certified physician executive in the American College of Physician Executives. He has more than forty peer-reviewed publications.

**Andrew Biondo**, *Director of Quality Engineering, Enterprise Solutions at Zebra Technologies*: Mr. Biondo has 25 years of diverse industry experience in microelectronics, semiconductor, and clean room operations; defense and commercial electronics design; and manufacturing and project management. He is also knowledgeable in managing and building domestic and multinational globally distributed organizations; supply chain and engineering; outsourcing, contract, and joint development business models; new product development and launch; business merger and acquisition; organizational development; internal and external customer engagement; and operational metrics definition and standardization. He earned a BEET from SUNY Farmingdale and his MBA from LIU Post. Mr. Biondo has been a long-serving member of the Stony Brook University Hospital Quality Assessment Review Board.

**Jay Levine**, *Principal of ECG Management Consultants, Inc. (retired)*: Mr. Levine served as executive vice president of ECG, Inc., a national healthcare-management consulting firm with offices in eight cities. He has over 30 years' experience assisting academic medical centers in addressing some of their most complex challenges attendant to the organization management, delivery, and financing of healthcare services, including such prominent institutions as the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center, Massachusetts General Hospital, Mount Sinai Medical Center, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, Stanford University Medical Center, Emory University, and others. Leading national healthcare and research organizations such as the National Institutes of Health and the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Science (now the National Academy of Medicine) have sought Mr. Levine's advice, counsel, and assistance. He has been a frequent speaker at meetings of the Association of American Medical Colleges and its Council of Teaching Hospitals and is a contributing author for *The Handbook of Healthcare Analytics*. In addition to being a Director of the Southampton Hospital Association, he is on the Board of MIT's Initiative for Health Systems Innovation and has guest-lectured at the MIT Sloan School of Management.

**Gregson Pigott, MD, MPH**, *Commissioner, Suffolk County Department of Health*: Appointed February 28, 2020, Commissioner Pigott has been leading Suffolk's health department response to the COVID-19 pandemic. He has served as director of the Office of Minority Health in the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, medical director for Suffolk County Emergency Medical Services, and as a physician in the Huntington opioid treatment program. He holds a BA from Brown University, a MD from Brown University Medical School, and an MPH from Harvard School of Public Health. He

completed his residency training in Internal Medicine at the Cambridge Hospital in 1997. He is board-certified in Internal Medicine, a clinical assistant professor in preventive medicine at Stony Brook University, and a member of an advisory committee for the School of Public Health at Stony Brook. He worked as a primary care internist and attending physician in community health centers in Brownsville, Brooklyn and Cambridge, Massachusetts, caring mainly for the underserved. Dr. Pigott is fluent in Spanish and passionate about improving the health of underserved residents.

#### **New York State physician residents:**

**Barry Coller, MD**, *David Rockefeller Professor, Physician-in-Chief, and Vice President for Medical Affairs at The Rockefeller University*: Dr. Coller's research focuses on molecular interactions between blood cells and blood vessels and on new therapies for thrombotic diseases such as heart attacks and strokes. In addition to his clinical and academic positions at Rockefeller, he was a distinguished service professor in 1993 at Stony Brook University and a professor at Mount Sinai School of Medicine. In the earlier part of his career, he was a clinical associate and staff physician at the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Coller is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Medicine, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

**Claire Pomeroy, MD, MBA**, *President and CEO, Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation*: An expert in infectious diseases, Dr. Pomeroy is committed to advancing excellent clinical care for patients, especially the underserved and those with HIV/AIDS, and strengthening public health infrastructure worldwide. She has a special interest in healthcare policy with a focus on the importance of the social determinants of health. She has published more than 100 articles and book chapters and edited three books. Dr. Pomeroy serves on the Board of Directors for Lasker Foundation; Morehouse School of Medicine; Science Philanthropy Alliance; iBiology/Science Communications Lab; Center for Women in Academic Medicine and Sciences, and Sierra Health Foundation, as well as Haemonetics, Inc. and Embecta, Inc. She has served as the vice chancellor and dean of the UC Davis School of Medicine. In addition to being inducted into the National Academy of Medicine in 2011, she has received honorary degrees from the University of Massachusetts Medical School and the University of South Florida Morsani School of Medicine. Dr. Pomeroy received her bachelor's and medical degrees from the University of Michigan and her MBA from the University of Kentucky.

#### **Additional external members:**

**Mark Laret**, *Healthcare Industry Board Member & Advisor | President & CEO Emeritus UCSF Health*: Mark Laret is a nationally known healthcare-industry board member and advisor, with four decades of executive experience leading, building, and growing premier hospitals and healthcare systems. He serves on the boards of companies in the technology, medical device, health insurance, and healthcare-provider sectors, including: Viz.ai, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, UrgentMED, NovaSignal, Regard (formerly HealthTensor), and the California Health Care Foundation. He previously served on two public company boards: Nuance Communications (acquired by Microsoft) and Varian Medical Systems (acquired by Siemens). Throughout his career at three academic medical centers, Mr. Laret has driven advancements in healthcare quality, safety, equity, affordability, and patient experience across the continuum of care. Appointed CEO of UCSF Medical Center in April 2000, Mr. Laret engineered a financial and operational turnaround and grew annual revenues to a tenfold increase of \$6 billion over 21 years, expanded outpatient care fivefold, doubled inpatient care, and tripled the workforce to 15,000 while achieving Top 10 U.S. Hospital recognition for two decades. He led the expansion of UCSF Health from a single medical center to a regional network of hospitals, physician groups, and outpatient clinics and founded Canopy Health, a Bay Area health insurance company. Mr. Laret retired as President & CEO of UCSF Health in December 2021. Prior to UCSF,

he led UC Irvine Medical Center and health system as CEO for five years. He began his career at UCLA Medical Center and spent 15 years in various leadership positions building UCLA's healthcare network. A respected voice nationwide, Mr. Laret chaired the Council of Teaching Hospitals, the Association of American Medical Colleges, and the California Hospital Association.

**Mary Woolley, *President, Research!America*:** Mary Woolley is the president of Research!America, an alliance that advocates for science, discovery, and innovation to achieve better health for all. Ms. Woolley is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine and served two terms on its Governing Council. She is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She has served on the National Academy of Sciences Board on Higher Education and the Workforce, having previously served on its Board on Life Sciences. She is a founding member of the Board of Associates of the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research and served two terms on the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine Council. She has served on the School of Public Health Visiting Committee of the Harvard College Board of Overseers and on the Council for Johns Hopkins Nursing. She holds honorary doctoral degrees from Wayne State University and the Northeast Ohio Medical University. In her early career, she was the project director for the San Francisco site of the then-largest-ever NIH-funded clinical trial and the Multiple Risk Factor Intervention Trial as well as served as CEO of the Medical Research Institute of San Francisco. She served as president of the Association of Independent Research Institutes, as a reviewer for the National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation, and as a consultant to several research organizations. Ms. Woolley has a 35-year publication history on science advocacy and research related topics and is a sought-after speaker often interviewed by science, news, and policy journalists.