

Darryl Berger Selected for New Hospital Board

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Tulane University has selected New Orleans businessman and community leader Darryl Berger as its representative on the board that will govern the proposed University Medical Center, an academic medical center that will serve the healthcare needs of the community.



Tulane Law School alumnus Darryl Berger will serve on the governing board for New Orleans' new academic medical center.

"Now that the governor has announced his proposed slate of non-permanent, independent trustees for the University Medical Center board, Tulane feels it is appropriate and desirable for the permanent members to announce their representatives," Tulane President Scott Cowen said. "Hopefully, the entire governing board will be seated as quickly as possible so this critical community project can move forward expeditiously."

A [memorandum of understanding](#) signed by Tulane, Gov. Bobby Jindal and Louisiana State University in August 2009 gives the governor the right to nominate four non-

permanent, independent board members.

Tulane and Xavier universities are allowed to appoint one permanent member each while LSU will have four permanent members and Southern University, Dillard University and Delgado Community College have one permanent member on a rotating basis. According to the memorandum of understanding, the UMC board has authority for decisions related to the proposed hospital.

A familiar and respected name in the New Orleans community, Berger, a native of the city, has been at the forefront of real estate transactions for nearly three decades. He has been active as a leader in the development of the New Orleans riverfront and as a property owner in the French Quarter. Berger is a graduate of the Tulane School of Law and is a member of the Board of Tulane and its executive committee.

"Tulane has benefited for years from Darryl's leadership and wisdom," Cowen said. "He is the perfect choice to help ensure that the University Medical Center fulfills its mission to care for our citizens, educate our medical students and provide high-paying jobs for years to come while being well-managed and financially sound."