

**Agenda Item:** Discussion of Vacancies on Councils and Boards of Trustees

**Situation:** There is a term beginning on March 1, 2014, on the Vidant Medical Center Board of Trustees.

**Background:** This vacancy results from the decision of Mr. David Harris not to seek reappointment to a second five-year term.

**Assessment:** The East Carolina University liaison, Bob Rippey, is working with East Carolina University to identify candidates. Nominations are being accepted for this position.

**Action:** This item is for information only.



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December 30, 2013

Ms. Ann Lemmon  
Secretary of the University  
Office of the President  
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Dear Ms. Lemmon:

In keeping with past practice, this letter is written to notify the University Of North Carolina Board Of Governors that Mr. David Harris, occupant of seat number 10 on the Vidant Medical Center Board of Trustees, will have completed his term as of March 1, 2014. Although Mr. Harris is eligible for reappointment, he has chosen not to be reappointed to our board.

Over the next few weeks, we will be working together with East Carolina University to identify and recommend a highly qualified candidate to fill this unexpired term.

Sincerely yours,

Walter E Pofahl, II, MD  
Chairman  
Vidant Medical Center Board of Trustees

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Attachments

cc: Steven C. Ballard, PhD., Chancellor, East Carolina University  
David C. Herman, MD, President and CEO, Vidant Health  
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Dr. David Herman, MD, CEO  
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Dear Dr. Herman:

Please accept this letter as notice that I have declined the opportunity for reappointment to a second term on the Vidant Medical and Community Hospital Boards. Dr. Walter Pofahl, MD, recently contacted me about serving for a second five year term. After much thought and consideration I have decided to decline the opportunity for reappointment.

I very much appreciate the offer for my recommendation for reappointment to a second term. In consideration of my health issues over the last two years, and the decision by the Pasquotank County Commissioners to not lease Albemarle Hospital to Vidant Health, I believe that Vidant Medical Center and Community Hospitals will be better served by replacing me as a board member.

I consider it to have been a privilege and an honor to have served on the University Health System and Vidant Health Boards for the past five years. I have enjoyed my association with the other board members and the administrative leadership during my time of service. The Vidant Health System and those people served by it are most fortunate to have the involved and capable individuals serving on the boards, and to have the quality and caring leaders and employees delivering their health care. I look forward to the following the continued success and growth of the Vidant Health System in the future.

Again, I sincerely appreciate the confidence placed in me for the opportunity to be reappointed to a second term. Thank you. I extend my personal best wishes for your continued leadership. With personal regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Harris".

David Harris

Copy: Roger Robertson  
Stephen Lawler