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Governor Ron DeSantis announces appointments to The Florida Center for Nursing Board of Directors.

**Tallahassee, Fla.** – Governor Ron DeSantis announced the appointment of Leslie Rogers PhD, MBA, BSN, RN, and the reappointment of Robin McGuinness, DNP, RN, CENP, to the Florida Center for Nursing Board of Directors.

Dr. Leslie Rogers is a life-long resident of Florida with over 30 years' experience in nursing leadership. She has been a member of the Florida Organization of Nurse Leaders (formerly FONE) for more than 25 years, has served as a Board member as former FONE President and for many years as co-chair of the FONE Research & EBP Committee. Dr. Rogers has extensive experience in leading and mentoring other emerging leaders in healthcare, leading quality improvement initiatives and professional development work. Her primary clinical background is in critical care and cardiac nursing and most recently in oncology nursing. She is currently employed at Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa as Director of Nursing for Procedural areas, Wound Ostomy Nurses, and is the Magnet Program Director. Dr. Rogers dissertation work included research on nursing organizational commitment in acute care hospitals and nurse retention.

Dr. Robin McGuinness is the Senior Executive Officer and Chief Nurse Executive of West Florida with AdventHealth. In addition to serving on the Florida Center for Nursing Board of Directors, she serves on the Board of Trustees at Saint Leo University and is a member of the Nursing Advisory Committee for Lincoln Memorial University and the University of Tampa's College of Nursing. McGuinness earned her bachelor's degree in nursing from Saint Joseph's College of Maine, her master's degree in nursing from the University of Hartford, and her doctorate in nursing from Florida State University.

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