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Sean C. Sansiveri Joins the Board of the American Brain Foundation

(MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 23) – Today, the American Brain Foundation (ABF) announced that Sean C. Sansiveri has joined its board of directors.

Sansiveri is Vice President of Business and Legal Affairs for the National Football League Players Association (NFLPA), the labor union that represents National Football League (NFL) players, past and present.

In this role, Sansiveri leads the NFLPA's health, safety and medical research initiatives, including its research and commercialization partnerships with Harvard University, the Dementia Discovery Fund, and MIACH Orthopaedics.

In 2019, Sansiveri spearheaded the union's efforts to implement a comprehensive mental health and wellness program in the NFL, including the hiring of behavioral health clinicians by each team. In 2016, Sansiveri was instrumental in an agreement between the NFLPA and NFL to standardize protocols governing the evaluation and management of concussions. The agreement included team-specific emergency action plans and independent concussion experts on the sidelines of all NFL games.

"We're delighted to welcome Sean to the board," said David W. Dodick, MD, incoming ABF board chair and Professor of Neurology at Mayo Clinic's College of Medicine (Scottsdale, Ariz.) and Director of the Headache Program and Sport Neurology and Concussion Program at Mayo. "His leadership to institutionalize concussion protocols in the NFL will help us advance our mission to bring researchers and donors together to cure brain diseases and disorders."

"We continually strive to improve the health of our members and safety of their workplace. On behalf of the player-patient, the NFLPA is committed to getting the right answers, to working with those with the shared goal of protecting our members, and to serving as a model for football at every level," said Sansiveri. "I am thrilled to join the ABF board because scientific advancements and a greater understanding of the issues that affect the health and safety of athletes can be instrumental to the advancement of healthcare, generally."

Sansiveri is one of five new, incoming ABF board members, including James Erwin, Executive Vice President, Chicago Title Commercial (Houston); Jacqueline French, MD, FAAN, NYU Langone School of Medicine; Frances Jensen, MD, FAAN, University of Pennsylvania; and Cindy McCain, businesswoman and philanthropist.

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