

**MINUTES**  
**Oversight Committee Quarterly Meeting**  
**Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas**

**Thompson Auditorium, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**  
**Texas Medical Association**  
**401 W 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, Texas**

**November 2, 2011**  
**12:30 p.m.**

James Mansour, Chairman, announced a quorum and called the Oversight Committee Quarterly Meeting of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (Institute) to order at 1:10 p.m.

**Members Present**

James Mansour, Chairman  
Dr. Joseph Bailes  
Barbara Canales  
Cindy Brinker Simmons  
Martin Hubert (on behalf of the Comptroller)  
Jay Dyer (Designee for the Attorney General)  
The Honorable Faith Johnson  
Charles Tate  
Lionel Sosa  
Phil Wilson

**Members Absent**

None

**Legal Counsel**

Kristen Doyle

**Staff Present**

Bill Gimson, Executive Director  
Heidi McConnell, Chief Operating Officer  
Dr. Alfred Gilman, Chief Scientific Officer  
Dr. Becky Garcia, Chief Prevention Officer  
Jerry Cobbs, Chief Commercialization Officer  
Ramona Magid, Prevention Program Director  
Robert Parkhurst, Information Technology  
Sandra Balderrama, Senior Advisor to the Executive Director  
Alfonso Royal, Finance Manager  
Jo Ann Eckert, Director of Scientific Review  
Lisa Nelson, Operations Manager  
Michelle Frerich, Program Manager  
Norma Kernell, Administrative Assistant  
Sandra Reyes, Executive Assistant

## Minutes

***Cindy Brinker Simmons moved to adopt the minutes of the July 27, 2011, CPRIT Oversight Committee Quarterly Meeting. Charles Tate seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.***

## Presentations

- Dr. Copeland and Dr. Jenkins gave a brief presentation and update on the **“Harnessing Transposons for Cancer Gene Discovery”**

## Report from the Executive Director

Executive Director Bill Gimson provided an update and overview of CPRIT activities for the last three months.

### • ***CPRIT Update***

- CPRIT Update of Last Three Months
  - Texas Delegation Briefing
  - Check Presentations
  - Cancer Awareness Events
  - CTNeT CMO
  - Advisory Committee on Childhood Cancer Update
  - Peer Review Meetings
  - Op-Eds by Jimmy Mansour, Barbara Canales, and Dr. Joseph Bailes
  - Texas Tribune Festival, Panel “Can Texas Cure Cancer”
  - Media update (articles, tweets, etc.)
  - Dallas Community Coalition – Judge Johnson spoke at their graduation
  - CPRIT Blood Drive in collaboration with JHL Team
- Looking Ahead
  - CPRIT Innovations in Cancer Research and Prevention Conference November 15-17
  - Interim Hearing – November 18
  - Open Funding Opportunities
  - Texas Cancer Registry co-location – March 2012
  - CPRIT Team – Komen Race for the Cure
- FY 2012 Funding Cycles
- Report from the CPRIT Foundation - Jennifer Lustina, CPRIT Foundation Executive Director
  - Texas Congressional Delegation
  - Congressman Michael McCaul’s Summit on Childhood Cancer
  - Foundation Event October 25<sup>th</sup>, hosted by Cindy Brinker Simmons
  - Planning a Foundation event in Houston

- Cancer Prevention Program – Honorary Chairman of CPRIT Prevention Council
- CPRIT Foundation Breakthrough Roundtable Meeting and Annual Dinner
- CPRIT Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research Conference

### **Submission of Slates – Research Grant Applications Recommended for Funding**

CPRIT's Chief Scientific Officer, Dr. Alfred Gilman, presented the research grant award slates. Dr. Gilman stated that he had six slates for this funding period. He gave a brief description of each slate recommendation.

Chairman Mansour advised that Texas law requires the Oversight Committee to follow the Executive Director's funding recommendation unless two-thirds of the Oversight Committee members vote to disregard the recommendation.

*Chairman Mansour called for separate votes on each slate*

**SLATE 1** *Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the **Core Facility Support Awards Award.***

*Hearing no motion, he moved to the next slate.*

**SLATE 2** *Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the **High Impact High Risk Award.***

*Hearing no motion, he moved to the next slate.*

**SLATE 3** *Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the **Individual Investigator Award.***

*Hearing no motion, he moved to the next slate.*

**SLATE 4** *Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the **Recruitment of First-Time, Tenure-Track Faculty Members Award.***

*Hearing no motion, he moved to the next slate.*

**SLATE 5** *Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the **Recruitment of Established Investigators Award.***

*Hearing no motion, he moved to the next slate.*

**SLATE 6** Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the **Recruitment of Missing Links Award**.

*Hearing no motion to disregard any of the slates, Chairman Mansour called for a motion to delegate contract negotiation authority to the Executive Director and the General Counsel and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the contracts on behalf of the Institute.*

***Motion was made by Dr. Joe Bailes and seconded by Cindy Brinker Simmons. None opposed. Motion carried.***

### **Submission of Slates – Commercialization Grant Applications Recommended for Funding**

Executive Director Bill Gimson asked Jerry Cobbs, CPRIT's Chief Commercialization Officer, to present the grant award slates. Jerry Cobbs stated that the commercialization program had one slate for this funding period and gave a brief description of the recommendations on the commercialization slate.

Chairman Mansour advised that Texas law requires the Oversight Committee to follow the Executive Director's funding recommendation unless two-thirds of the Oversight Committee members vote to disregard the recommendation.

**SLATE 1** Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the **Company Commercialization Award Slate**.

*Hearing no motion to disregard this slate, Chairman Mansour called for a motion to delegate contract negotiation authority to the Executive Director and the General Counsel and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the contracts on behalf of the Institute.*

***Motion was made by Lionel Sosa and seconded by Dr. Joseph Bailes. None opposed. Motion carried.***

### **Advance Authority**

Chairman Mansour introduced Heidi McConnell, CPRIT's Chief Operating Officer, to address the issue of advance authority with regard to certain grant awards.

***A motion was made by the Faith Johnson to authorize CPRIT to make advance payments if requested to the Research Recruitments and Commercialization Award recipients consistent with the General Appropriations Act, Article IX, Section 4.03(a). Seconded by Dr. Joseph Bailes. None opposed. Motion carried.***

## **Appointments to Scientific Research and Prevention Program (SRPP) Committee Members (Research, Prevention, and Commercialization Members)**

Chairman of the Nominations Committee, Joe Bailes presented the names of the new appointed members by the Executive Director to Scientific Research and Prevention Program Committee (SRPP).

1 New SRPP members for commercialization  
4 New SRPP members for prevention

Dr. Bailes requested that the Oversight Committee approve the appointment to the Scientific Research and Prevention Program (SRPP) Committees.

Chairman James Mansour explained that Texas law requires the Oversight Committee to take action to approve the Executive Director's appointments to the SRPP committees.

***Faith Johnson moved to approve the Executive Director's appointments to the Scientific Research and Prevention Programs (SRPP) committees. Barbara Canales seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.***

## **Proposed Rule Making**

Chairman Mansour introduced Kristen Doyle, CPRIT's General Counsel, to address publishing the proposed new rule §703.20 entitled "Certification of Tobacco-Free Policy for Entities Receiving CPRIT Funds"

Based on the recommendation from CPRIT's Scientific and Prevention Advisory Council (SPAC), the new proposed rule requires a CPRIT grant recipient to certify that it has established a tobacco-free policy as a condition of receiving CPRIT funds.

Approval by the Oversight Committee meeting is the first step in the rule adoption process. Oversight Committee approval authorizes the proposed rule to be published in the Texas Register for public comment.

The Oversight Committee will consider whether to approve a final version of the rule, including any changes suggested by the public, at a subsequent meeting.

Chairman Mansour called for a motion to publish proposed new rule as §703.20 in the "Rules Proposed" Section of the Texas Register in accordance with the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, Texas Government code.

***Dr. Joseph Bailes moved to approve the publishing of the proposed new rule as §703.20 in the "Rules Proposed" Section of the Texas Register in accordance with the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act, Texas Government code. Lionel Sosa seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.***

## **Agency Operation Report**

Reports presented by Heidi McConnell, Chief Operating Officer:

- FY 2011 Year End Budget Report
- FY 2011 Year End Performance Report
- Audit Subcommittee Update

***No action required.***

## **Proposed Future Meetings Dates and Agenda Items**

### **Meeting Dates**

The next scheduled meetings are as follows:

- Wednesday, January 18, 2012, TMA
- Thursday, March 29, 2012, TMA
- Thursday, July 26, 2012, TMA

The Texas Medical Association (TMA) rooms have been reserved.

### **Public Comment**

Chairman Mansour called for public comments. None were submitted.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairman Mansour called for a motion to adjourn.

***Motion was made by Dr. Joseph Bailes and seconded by Faith Johnson. None opposed. Motion carried.***

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Cindy Bunker Ammons  
Signature

1/18/12  
Date