



CANCER PREVENTION & RESEARCH
INSTITUTE OF TEXAS

Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2015

1. Meeting Called to Order

A quorum being present, Dr. Rice, Chair, called the Oversight Committee to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. Roll Call /Excused Absences

Board Members Present:

Angelos Angelou

Donald (Dee) Margo

Pete Geren

Ned Holmes

Will Montgomery

Cynthia Mulrow, M.D.

Amy Mitchell (absent)

Bill Rice, M.D.

Craig Rosenfeld, M.D.

3. Oath of Office

Dr. Rice introduced the new member of the Oversight Committee, Mr. Donald (Dee) Margo. Mr. Margo was appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate during the most recent legislative session.

Dr. Rice administered the oath of office to Mr. Margo.

4. Adoption of Minutes from the May 20 meeting (TAB 1)

MOTION:

Dr. Rice called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2015, Oversight Committee meeting.

Motion made by Mr. Montgomery and seconded by Mr. Angelou.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Public Comment

Dr. Rice noted that no public comment requests had been received.

6. Chief Executive Officer Report (TAB 2)

Mr. Wayne Roberts, Chief Executive Officer, reported that applications had been received for both the Chief Product Development Officer (CPDO) and the Chief Scientific Officer (CSO). The period for submitting CPDO applications has closed. The interview committee (which includes Dr. Rice, Dr. Rosenfeld, Jack Geltosky, Chair of the Product Development Review Council, and CPRIT senior staff) will vet those applications.

A Bond Review Board meeting was held earlier this week where CPRIT's bond request was approved.

Mr. Roberts introduced a new staff member, Araceli Dwyer, Operations Specialist working with Lisa Nelson.

Mr. Roberts presented the chart "Summary of the Grant Awards Available", which is located in the meeting book. He explained that when the Program Integration Committee (PIC) met, it appeared that CPRIT would have more recruitment applications recommended for funding than funds available. However, one applicant has since withdrawn from consideration, leaving a sufficient balance for today's award recommendations.

There were no questions for Mr. Roberts.

7. Chief Scientific Officer Report (TAB 3)

Dr. Margaret Kripke, Chief Scientific Officer (CSO) gave the following Academic Research Program report:

Research Grants

- 480 applications have been received for the first cycle of FY 2016 (Individual Investigator and Targeted Individual Investigator awards) and are under review:
 - Targeted Awards: 45 applications for childhood cancer, 45 for prevention, and 50 for computational biology
 - Training Awards: both renewals and new applications have been received. This cycle, applications were accepted for a second award per institution if the application dealt with prevention or epidemiology. These applications will be peer reviewed in Dallas from September 29 to October 7, 2015.
- The second cycle of applications just opened and include the High Impact/High Risk and Multi-Investigator applications, and an opportunity to renew the Core

Facility awards that are expiring at the end of this year. CPRIT held a webinar to give more information about the Multi-Investigators awards and it is expected this will increase the number of applications received.

Recruitment Grants

- Most recruitment applications are received between May and August, and this cycle has been active.

Dr. Kripke stated that for the recruitment cycle to be considered today, 18 applications were reviewed with 10 recommended for grant awards by the Scientific Review Council (SRC), which is a 56% success rate. Of the 10 that were recommended for grants, seven have informally committed that they will accept an award if one is extended. That would make CPRIT's success rate in recruiting applications for whom offers will be made about 70%, a percentage that has been consistent throughout the history of these awards.

The total for PIC recruitment recommendations today is \$23 million dollars.

Historical Recruitment Statistics by FY, Quarter, Number, and Award Amount

Dr. Kripke gave a historical summary of recruitment statistics, which can be found behind Tab 3 of the meeting materials. The table shows that the majority of awards are made in the 4th quarter of the fiscal year.

Five recruitment applications are expected to be recommended by the SRC for the Oversight Committee's approval in September totaling approximately \$20 million. The total for all recruitment applications received for FY 2015 is \$70 million but some will be forwarded into next year for funding. Dr. Kripke said that, regarding recruitment awards, it is probably time to decide: whether the number of these awards should be limited; whether funds should be reserved for the end of the fiscal year when most of the applications are received to ensure funding is available; and how much money should be spent on this award mechanism.

University Advisory Committee

The committee will meet August 21, 2015, and a report will be given at the September Oversight Committee meeting.

Responding to a question about how many recruitment awardees stay beyond a 2-3 year period. Dr. Kripke explained that the Established Investigator recruitment awards are for five year terms. The first ones awarded in 2010 are just now reaching the end of the five-year grant award period, so it is a little early to tell. However, to her knowledge, none of those awardees have left. One Rising Star awardee is leaving for personal reasons, but that is the only one to date.

An Oversight Committee member asked Dr. Kripke what her opinion is on whether CPRIT was allocating enough money to the recruitment program. Dr. Kripke said currently enough funds have been allocated to cover all approved applications. The PIC has not denied any award based on financial considerations. This year, though, some of the awards were held for the next budget year (FY16) due to a lack of funds, so a point could be coming where a decision must be made on whether this is CPRIT's top priority program. Also, a discussion should occur on whether CPRIT should recruit as many people as are approved, or limit either the number of people or the number of dollars and leave funds for other programs. This decision will need to be made at the Oversight Committee level.

Dr. Rice noted that the money allocated to recruitment awards is spent on cancer research.

An Oversight Committee member asked if there were any general principles that should be applied to the approval of the number of, for example, First Time Investigators versus Established Investigators. More First Time Investigators could be recruited for a set amount of funds than Established Investigators, since the latter require three times the funding. Dr. Kripke responded that CPRIT has no control over the number of applications submitted for each mechanism. However, established investigators are harder to recruit as they are already established somewhere else, but when they do come they bring grant money and staff with them, enriching the program.

An Oversight Committee member pointed out that one of the major components of curing cancer is intellectual property, and asked whether CPRIT staff knew how many patents have been issued to investigators and/or researchers receiving CPRIT funding. Dr. Kripke stated that CPRIT may have that information, but staff would need to compile it. Further, she stated the number of patents would not be a good measure of success by itself because many patents do not result in an actual viable product. She also noted that since High Impact/High Risk grants are two-year awards, enough have now been awarded that those awards could be analyzed to measure their success. Dr. Kripke feels that grantees would be more forth-coming with this kind of information if outside consultants asked the questions instead of CPRIT staff.

In response to a question regarding measuring success, Dr. Kripke stated that information on the number of companies that have resulted from CPRIT funding is collected in the grantee annual progress reports and final progress reports at the end of the grant. These reports also contain information on whether CPRIT funding led to follow-on funding. However, once the grant is over, the reporting stops. Many times it is a year or two before the work leads to follow-on funding or a company formation. Therefore, Dr. Kripke did not think it is accurate to only use the data grantees report to measure success. Instead, additional interviewing of grantees by consultants would be beneficial.

Mr. Roberts noted here that CPRIT staff have begun developing a project where all principal investigators of closed grants are interviewed to learn what the grantees discovered and what relevance their discoveries have for cancer research. Staff has had some discussions with The University of Texas System regarding participating with CPRIT in this project.

An Oversight Committee member asked Dr. Kripke whether the applications in computational biology are coming from all over the state or from a particular institution. Dr. Kripke stated she did not have that information available, but computational biology applications will come from institutions with enough faculty in that area to be able to apply.

Grant Award Recommendations

Dr. Kripke noted changes to the award recommendations provided behind Tab 3 of the Oversight Committee meeting materials. The two First Time, Tenure-Track Faculty applicants (RR150071 and RR150075) withdrew after favorable reports from the SRC but before consideration by the PIC. Dr. Kripke noted that both of these candidates were given the highest possible score by the SRC, which illustrates how highly sought-after these candidates are. Dr. Kripke noted that another First Time, Tenure-Track Faculty applicant (RR150082) withdrew from consideration after approval by the PIC.

Dr. Kripke stated:

- 7 candidates were being presented for Oversight Committee consideration (56% of the applicants reviewed).
- 2 were Established Investigators
- 5 were First-time, Tenure-Track Faculty Members
- Information on the candidates was in the Oversight Committee meeting materials, Tab 3.

There were no further questions for Dr. Kripke.

Research Grant Award Recommendations

App ID	Mech.	Organization/Company	Candidate	Budget Requested
RR150074	RFT	The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	Dr. Jan Erzberger	\$2,000,000
RR150076	RFT	The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	Dr. Kendra King Frederick	\$3,000,000
RR150072	REI	The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	Dr. Yang-Xin Fu	\$6,000,000

App ID	Mech.	Organization/Company	Candidate	Budget Requested
RR150093	RFT	Baylor College of Medicine	Dr. Charles Y. Lin	\$2,000,000
RR150085	RFT	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	Dr. Leng Han	\$2,000,000
RR150088	REI	University of Houston	Dr. Frank McKeon	\$6,000,000
RR150089	RFT	The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	Dr. Peter M. Douglas	\$2,000,000

RFT = Recruitment of First-Time, Tenure-Track Faculty Members
REI = Recruitment of Established Investigators

NOTE: RR150071 and RR150075 were withdrawn by the applicants after the SRC meeting but before the PIC meeting. RR150082 withdrew after the PIC meeting but before the Oversight Committee meeting.

COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

Mr. Vince Burgess, Chief Compliance Officer, presented his report on the Academic Research Program Awards review process and certified the recommended awards for Oversight Committee approval.

Dr. Rice noted that the pedigree for each application was located in the meeting materials.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST NOTIFICATIONS

Dr. Rice stated for the record that the only Oversight Committee member to have reported conflicts of interest with the applications to be considered was unable to attend this meeting.

No other conflicts were reported.

MOTION:

Dr. Rice called for a motion to approve each of the PIC's recommendations for Recruitment of Established Investigators and First-Time, Tenure-Track Faculty, noting for the record that RR150071, RR850075, and RR150082 have withdrawn their applications.

Motion made by Mr. Geren and seconded by Mr. Montgomery.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION:

Dr. Rice called for a motion delegating contract negotiation authority to the Chief Executive Officer and the General Counsel and to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to sign the contracts on behalf of CPRIT.

Motion made by Mr. Montgomery and seconded by Mr. Angelou.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Dr. Rice stated that the Interim Chief Product Development Officer Report (TAB 4) would be taken up later in the meeting.

8. Scientific Research and Prevention Program Committee Appointments (TAB 5)

Mr. Roberts stated that in the meeting materials was a memo from Mr. Holmes, Chair of the Nominations Subcommittee, recommending approval of the Chief Executive Officer's appointments to the Scientific Research and Prevention Program Committees: three to the Prevention Program review panels and nine to the Academic Research Program review panels.

MOTION:

Dr. Rice called for a motion to approve the Scientific Research and Prevention Program Committee appointments.

Motion made by Mr. Holmes and seconded by Mr. Margo.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. FY 2016 Honoraria Policy (TAB 6)

Mr. Roberts stated that the CEO is required to annually update the honoraria policy, with input from the Oversight Committee. The honoraria policy addresses the amounts paid to approximately 240 peer reviewers. The recommended FY 2016 policy, exactly the same as the FY 2015 policy, is in the meeting materials.

MOTION:

Dr. Rice called for a motion to approve the proposed honoraria policy for FY 2016.

Motion made by Mr. Geren and seconded by Mr. Margo.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Health & Safety Code Section 102.1062 Waivers (TAB 7)

Mr. Roberts explained that the statute provides a process for individuals with conflicts of interest to participate in various aspects of CPRIT's review and approval process. Texas Health and Safety Code 102.1062 allows for the waiver of conflict of interest requirements under exceptional circumstances, upon approval by the Oversight

Committee. Mr. Roberts presented his recommendations for FY 2016 waivers for the following individuals:

- Dr. Margaret Kripke: Dr. Kripke's waiver is proposed because her husband is an employee of MD Anderson Cancer Center, which is a CPRIT grantee and grant applicant. The waiver is the same as the one that was approved for FY 2015.
- Mr. Kirk Cole, Commissioner of the Department of State Health Services: Mr. Cole is a statutorily required member of the PIC. The DSHS is a prevention grantee and a potential applicant. This is the same waiver approved previously.
- Mr. Will Montgomery: Mr. Montgomery is a partner at Jackson Walker LLP. The firm represents various entities that are either grant applicants or grantees; however, Mr. Montgomery does not personally represent any CPRIT applicants or grantees. This is the essentially the same waiver previously approved for Mr. Montgomery in FY 2015, with the addition of six more entities..
- Mr. Donald Brandy: Mr. Brandy is the CPRIT purchaser who referees tennis matches at The University of Texas and other universities in the area, for which he receives payment from the athletic department. This outside employment does not affect his work at CPRIT. The Oversight Committee approved the same waiver for FY 2015.
- Ms. Amy Mitchell: A waiver for Ms. Mitchell is being requested because she is senior counsel at Norton Rose Fulbright, which represents various grant applicants and grantees.

MOTION:

Dr. Rice called for a motion to approve proposed Health & Safety Code Section 102.1062 waivers.

Motion made by Dr. Rosenfeld and seconded by Mr. Geren.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

11. Final Order Approving Amendments to 25 T.A.C. Chapter 703 (TAB 8)

Ms. Cameron Eckel, Staff Attorney, presented the proposed rule change to 25 T.A.C. Chapter 703. She stated the proposed amendment was provisionally approved by the Oversight Committee at the May 2015 meeting and was published in the *Texas Register* for comments. No public comments were received. The proposed changes outline the deferral process for grant applications for both the PIC and Oversight Committee. The rules were published in the *Texas Register* on June 5, 2015.

Dr. Rice referred to a memo in the meeting materials from the Board Governance Subcommittee Chair recommending approval of these rule changes.

MOTION:

Dr. Rice entertained a motion to approve the final order adopting CPRIT's rule change and to direct staff to file the orders with the Secretary of State.

Motion was made by Mr. Geren and seconded by Mr. Montgomery.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. Report Regarding Texas Ethics Commission Advisory Opinion (TAB 9)

Mr. Roberts referred to a briefing memo in the meeting book from Kristen Doyle, General Counsel, and Cameron Eckel, Staff Attorney. The Texas Ethics Commission (TEC) Advisory Opinion No. 530, issued August 7, 2015, determined that, based on changes to CPRIT's enabling legislation in the 2013 legislative session, CPRIT Oversight Committee members are not considered "state officers" for the purposes of Texas Government Code Chapter 572. For this reason, the standards of conduct and conflicts of interest set out in that code do not apply to Oversight Committee members. However, requirements contained in CPRIT's statute, administrative rules, and code of conduct, include many of the requirements that are contained in Chapter 572. CPRIT's Board Governance Subcommittee met August 6, 2015, and directed legal staff to draft a resolution stating the Oversight Committee's intent to abide by the transparency and accountability provisions of Chapter 572.

Dr. Rice noted that the wording in the resolution related to personal financial statements stating "may file" should be changed to "will file" since this will most likely be required when the issue is addressed in the next session.

An Oversight Committee member asked if this TEC determination was unique to CPRIT. Mr. Roberts responded that it was due to the wording of CPRIT's enabling legislation stating that committee members serve "at the will" of the appointing officers as opposed to a specific term.

MOTION:

Dr. Rice entertained a motion to approve adoption of a resolution affirming the CPRIT Oversight Committee's commitment to accountability and transparency, with the wording change from "may" to "will."

Motion was made by Mr. Geren and seconded by Mr. Holmes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

13. Contract Approvals (TAB 10)

Ms. Heidi McConnell, Chief Operating Officer, reported on six contracts totaling approximately \$1.5 million requiring Oversight Committee approval. All are renewals except for the Perryman Group contract. The Compliance Monitoring and Due Diligence

contracts will also have to be approved by the Legislative Budget Board before CPRIT can execute the contracts. The other five contracts will be executed by CPRIT upon Oversight Committee approval.

- Compliance Monitoring Support Services (CohnReznick)
- Due Diligence Services (ICON Clinical Research)
- Economic Assessment of Cost of Cancer in Texas (The Perryman Group)
- Outside Legal Services (Vinson & Elkins)
- Outside Legal Services (Yudell Isidore)
- Strategic Communication Program Services (Hahn Public Communications)

Dr. Rice stated the Audit Subcommittee had reviewed the contracts and recommended approval.

Dr. Rice noted no conflicts were reported.

MOTION:

Dr. Rice entertained a motion to approve service contracts for CohnReznick, ICON Clinical Research, The Perryman Group, Vinson & Elkins, Yudell Isidore, and Hahn Public Communications.

Motion was made by Mr. Montgomery and seconded by Mr. Geren,

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

14. Chief Prevention and Communications Officer Report (TAB 11)

Dr. Rebecca Garcia presented the Prevention Program Report:

FY2016 Review Cycle 1: Twenty applications have been received for the 5 RFAs released in this cycle. Peer Review will take place in September and recommendations will be presented to the Oversight Committee in November.

FY2016 Review Cycle 2: RFAs will be released in September. A new RFA is the result of collaboration between CPRIT and the College of American Pathologists (CAP) Foundation for a one-day community-based cervical and breast cancer screening program organized by pathologists in partnership with medical facilities. The program is unique in that it provides same-day results, some follow-up care on the day of the program, and a plan of action for further treatment if required.

Other Activities:

Dr. Garcia reported that staff has been visiting areas of the state where there are few CPRIT prevention grants and scheduling meetings with health care providers and community organizations to discuss community needs, barriers to applying for CPRIT awards, and current funding opportunities.

In response to a question about collecting county impact data, Dr. Garcia said CPRIT had surveyed grantees to see whether they already collect that information or if they can collect it easily. As a result of the survey, CPRIT will begin asking grantees to collect county impact data. Grantees will be given one quarter to get their reporting systems in place and then they will begin reporting quarterly. However, the information will be reported manually, outside of our electronic system until changes can be made to CPRIT's grants management system.

Communications Report

CPRIT Conference: The call for abstracts closed August 14, 2015. CPRIT has received 528 abstract submissions (in 2012 there were 423 presented). The abstracts are currently being reviewed. The breakdown on numbers of abstracts by categories will be available soon. It is expected that we will accept and can accommodate the majority of abstracts submitted. Abstracts will be presented as posters during two poster sessions. In addition, Dr. Kripke will select 5-6 abstracts to be presented in oral sessions.

As of August 18, 192 people had registered for the conference, but it is expected that those who submitted abstracts are waiting to receive notification of acceptance before registering.

In response to questions about promotion of the conference, Mr. Roberts stated he will be sending targeted invitations to state legislators and leadership. CPRIT was also asked to consider sending special invitations to the presidents of universities and chairmen of the cancer centers. Dr. Garcia reports that the press will also be invited to the conference.

Opportunities for networking at the conference include the poster sessions, the lunch hour, and a Prevention networking session that grantees requested. Product Development is considering designating time for networking. There is a networking meeting planned for those interested and working on colorectal cancer screening. The Advisory Committee on Childhood Cancer will also hold a meeting at the conference.

Other Communications Activities

Dr. Garcia said a press release announcing that Prevention grantees surpassed the \$2 million mark in prevention services delivered is being prepared.

15. Internal Auditor Report (TAB 12)

Alyssa Martin of Weaver and Tidwell, LLP (Weaver), CPRIT's internal audit services contractor for fiscal year 2015, presented the internal auditor report. She gave an overview of the updated FY 2015 Internal Audit Plan and Status, which can be found in the meeting materials.

Ms. Martin stated there were five items on the previously approved audit plan:

- Grants Management
- Expenditures
- Information Technology
- Grantee Field Audits
- Special Projects

Since the Compliance division now audits grantees regularly, Ms. Martin stated it was not necessary for the internal auditors to spend extensive time in that area. Therefore, the audit plan was revised as follows:

- Risk Assessment
- Grants Management
- Expenditures
- Follow-up Procedures Over Prior Year Information Technology and Governance Findings
- Follow-up Procedures Over Prior Year Grantee Field Audit Findings
- Project Management and Annual Report
- Special Projects

In response to an Oversight Committee member question, Ms. Martin stated all projects will be completed in August and the report will be completed during the month of September. A draft report will be provided to CPRIT management and management's response will be included in the final report.

An Oversight Committee member asked for a further explanation of what the Risk Assessment entailed and what time period was evaluated. Ms. Martin responded that the Risk Assessment was a forward-looking, point-in-time assessment of the relevant risk categories of the business and organizational processes that CPRIT has to execute against. It is done for the purpose of building an internal audit plan. Weaver reviewed the risk assessment performed by the prior internal auditors over the last two years and updated the methodology for internal audit purposes. Weaver is in the process of performing that risk assessment and a risk rating meeting with management will be held in the coming week.

Mr. Roberts stated the Audit Subcommittee will review the final report before it is presented to the full Oversight Committee.

16. Interim Chief Product Development Officer Report (TAB 4)

Mr. Roberts stated that the Product Development report would be delayed until the September meeting when Ms. Kristen Doyle, General Counsel and Interim Chief Product Development Office, could present the report in detail.

Consultation with General Counsel (taken out of order)

Dr. Rice stated that CPRIT's legal counsel is negotiating revenue sharing terms to be included in a Product Development contract and the Oversight Committee thus needs to seek legal advice, pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act Section 551.071. Dr. Rice called the meeting into executive session, including Wayne Roberts, CEO, and Cameron Eckel, legal counsel. In addition, CPRIT's outside counsel, Carmelo Gordian and Michelle Kwan, joined the executive session.

Dr. Rice convened the closed session at 11:29 a.m.

Dr. Rice reconvened the open meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Dr. Rice stated for the record that the following motion results from unique circumstances and does not constitute a precedence for any other equity decisions.

MOTION:

Dr. Rice entertained a motion to authorize the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and to execute a contract, pursuant to the terms and changes discussed during the executive session, with the advice of both outside counsel and CPRIT's legal counsel.

Motion was made by Mr. Angelou and seconded by Dr. Rosenfeld. Dr. Mulrow opposed.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION:

Dr. Rice entertained a motion to direct the Chief Executive Officer to develop policies and procedures for the Oversight Committee's use in future equity agreements, the policies and procedures to be presented to the Oversight Committee at a future meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes and seconded by Dr. Rosenfeld.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

17. Chief Compliance Officer Report (TAB 13)

Mr. Vince Burgess, Chief Compliance Officer, reported on compliance activities:

- Submission Status of Required Grant Recipient Reports
- CPRIT's Grant Reports Reconciliation Project
 - 65 reports by 16 entities were still outstanding
- Compliance Program Activities
 - Training session provided to grantees
 - FSR reviews
 - Desk reviews
 - On-site visits
 - Compliance Reporting

- Risk Assessment Model for determining grantee risk and need for review
 - Financial exposure
 - Entity maturity
 - Prior experience administering grants
- Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Hotline
 - CPRIT implemented a compliance and ethics hotline on July 1, 2015, called “Red Flag Reporting” which is a service that allows individuals to report anonymously.

An Oversight Committee member asked if the outstanding grantee reports could be categorized by importance. Mr. Burgess stated a number of reports are matching certifications, interim reports, and some revenue sharing progress reports—an even spread of reports.

18. Chief Operating Officer Report (TAB 14)

Ms. Heidi McConnell, Chief Operating Officer, presented the Chief Operating Officer Report, which covered:

- CPRIT Financial Overview for FY 2015, Quarter 3
 - FY 2015, 3rd Quarter Operating Budget
 - FY 2015 3rd Quarter Performance Measures
 - Debt Issuance Report

An Oversight Committee member asked if it matters whether CPRIT issues commercial notes or bonds. Ms. McConnell stated it doesn’t, but commercial notes are quicker to prepare for than bonds.

- FY 2016 Budget Overview

Wayne noted that even with additional staff being hired, our calculated administrative costs is under 6%.

19. FY 2016 Program Priorities Process (TAB 15)

Mr. Roberts reported that each program subcommittee had met and decided that CPRIT should continue the program priorities adopted in November 2014, largely on the basis that CPRIT is just beginning to issue RFAs based on those priorities. A final decision will be brought to the Oversight Committee for consideration in November.

20. Personnel – Chief Scientific Officer, Chief Product Development Officer

Mr. Roberts stated he had covered this issue during his CEO report and had no additional comments. Oversight Committee members did not have comments or questions.

21. Subcommittee Assignments (TAB 16)

Mr. Roberts suggested taking this item up at the September meeting as three members had to leave today's meeting early. Dr. Rice stated the members could look over the current subcommittee assignments and further discussion will be taken up at the September meeting. Oversight Committee members did not have comments or questions.

22. Subcommittee Business

Dr. Rice stated there was no subcommittee business to be taken up.

23. Officer Elections (TAB 17)

Mr. Ned Holmes, Chair of the Nominations Subcommittee, presented the subcommittee's unanimous recommendation for the following slate of officers: Pete Geren as presiding officer; Will Montgomery as assistant presiding officer; and Amy Mitchell as secretary.

MOTION:

Dr. Rice entertained a motion to approve the recommended slate of officers: Pete Geren as presiding officer, Will Montgomery as assistant presiding officer, and Amy Mitchell as secretary.

Motion was made by Mr. Angelou and seconded by Dr. Mulrow.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

24. Compliance Investigation Pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 102.2631

Dr. Rice stated this item will be taken up at the next meeting.

25. Consultation with General Counsel

This item was taken out of order.

MOTION:

Dr. Rice entertained a motion to excuse the absence of Ms. Amy Mitchell.

Motion was made by Mr. Holmes and seconded by Mr. Montgomery.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

26. Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items (TAB 18)

Dr. Rice noted the next Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2015, starting at 1:00 p.m. CPRIT staff will circulate a tentative agenda prior to the meeting. The meeting packet includes calendars for FY 2016 and FY 2017 outlining the Oversight Committee and subcommittee schedule.

Mr. Geren requested that the November meeting be moved to the 19th. Discussion will take place at the September meeting.

RESOLUTION:

Mr. Montgomery proposed a resolution honoring Dr. Rice for his service as presiding officer.

MOTION:

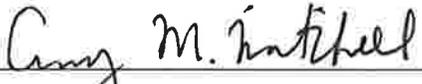
Mr. Montgomery called for a motion to approve the proposed resolution honoring Dr. Rice for his service as presiding officer.

Motion was made by Dr. Rosenfeld and seconded by Mr. Holmes.

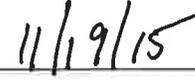
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

27. Adjourn

There being no further business, Dr. Rice adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.



Signature



Date



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "W.R.R.", located in the top right corner of the page.

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July 30, 2015

Dear Oversight Committee Members:

I am pleased to present the Program Integration Committee's (PIC) unanimous recommendations for funding 8 grant applications totaling \$25,000,000. The PIC recommendations for 8 academic research recruitment awards are attached. Dr. Kripke has prepared overviews of the academic research program slates to assist your evaluation of the recommended awards. The overviews are intended to provide a comprehensive summary of the recommended proposals with enough detail that you should be able to understand the substance of the proposal and the reasons endorsing grant funding. All of the information reviewed by the Review Council is available by clicking on the appropriate link in the portal. This information includes the full application, peer reviewer critiques, budget/scope change recommendations (if applicable) and the CEO affidavit for each proposal.

There is a possibility of insufficient funds by the time the Oversight Committee votes on awards to support all eight of the PIC's recommendations. If that is the case, the PIC voted unanimously to recommend two options to Oversight Committee members. Option 1 is to disapprove RR150089 and reduce the budget of RR150076 by \$1 million. Option 2 is to reduce all Recruitment of Established Investigators by \$500,000 each, reduce RR150076 by \$1 million, and reduce all Recruitment of First-Time Tenure-Track Faculty Members by \$200,000 each.

The approval of these grant recommendations is governed by a statutory process that requires two-thirds of the members present and voting to approve each recommendation. Vince Burgess, CPRIT's Chief Compliance Officer, will certify that the review process for the recommended grants followed CPRIT's award process prior to any Oversight Committee action.

The award recommendations will not be considered final until the Oversight Committee meeting on Wednesday, August 19, 2015. Consistent with the non-disclosure agreement that all Oversight Committee members have signed, the recommendations should be kept confidential and not be disclosed to anyone until the award list is publicly announced at the Oversight Committee meeting. I request that Oversight Committee members not print, email or save to your computer's hard drive any material on the portal. I appreciate your assistance in taking all necessary precautions to protect this information.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the review process or any of the projects recommended for an award, CPRIT's staff are always available. Please feel free to contact us directly should you have any questions. The programs that will be supported by the CPRIT awards are an important step in our efforts to mitigate the effects of cancer in Texas. Thank you for being part of this endeavor.

Sincerely,
Wayne R. Roberts
Chief Executive Officer

Academic Research Award Recommendations –

The PIC unanimously recommends approval of 8 academic research recruitment grant proposals totaling \$25,000,000. The recommended grant proposals were submitted in response to one of two grant mechanisms: Recruitment of First-Time, Tenure-Track Faculty; and Recruitment of Established Investigators. The PIC followed the recommendations made by the Scientific Review Council (SRC). The SRC met twice to consider two cycles of applications and provided the prioritized list of recommendations for the Recruitment awards to the presiding officers on May 15 and June 12, 2015.

The PIC is required to give funding priority, to the extent possible, to applications that meet one or more criteria set forth in V.T.C.A., TEX. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE § 102.251(a)(2)(C). The PIC determined that these academic research proposals met the following CPRIT funding priorities:

- could lead to immediate or long-term medical and scientific breakthroughs in the area of cancer prevention or cures for cancer;
- strengthen and enhance fundamental science in cancer research;
- ensure a comprehensive coordinated approach to cancer research and cancer prevention;
- are interdisciplinary or interinstitutional;
- address federal or other major research sponsors' priorities in emerging scientific or technology fields in the area of cancer prevention or cures for cancer;
- are matched with funds available by a private or nonprofit entity and institution or institutions of higher education;
- are collaborative between any combination of private and nonprofit entities, public or private agencies or institutions in this state, and public or private institutions outside this state (the PIC chose this factor for Multi-Investigator Research Awards and High-Impact, High-Risk Research Awards);
- have a demonstrable economic development benefit to this state;
- enhance research superiority at institutions of higher education in this state by creating new research superiority, attracting existing research superiority from institutions not located in this state and other research entities, or enhancing existing research superiority by attracting from outside this state additional researchers and resources; and
- address the goals of the Texas Cancer Plan.

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1	RR150071	RFT	The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	Dr. Thales Papagiannakopoulos	\$2,000,000	1.0
2	RR150075	RFT	The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	Dr. Daniel A. Bachovchin	\$2,000,000	1.0
3	RR150074	RFT	The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	Dr. Jan Erzberger	\$2,000,000	2.0
4	RR150076	RFT	The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	Dr. Kendra King Frederick	\$3,000,000	2.3

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5	RR150072	REI	The University of Texas Southwestern Medical	Dr. Yang-Xin Fu	\$6,000,000	2.5

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RR150071 and RR150075 were withdrawn by the applicants after the SRC meeting but before the PIC meeting.

Rank	App ID	Mech.	Organization/Company	Candidate	Budget Requested	Overall Score
1	RR150082	RFT	The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center	Dr. Sidi Chen	\$2,000,000	1.5
2	RR150093	RFT	Baylor College of Medicine	Dr. Charles Y. Lin	\$2,000,000	1.8
3	RR150085	RFT	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	Dr. Leng Han	\$2,000,000	2.0
4	RR150088	REI	University of Houston	Dr. Frank McKeon	\$6,000,000	2.0
5	RR150089	RFT	The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	Dr. Peter M. Douglas	\$2,000,000	2.5

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**Conflict of Interest Disclosure – Oversight Committee Members
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Disclosure

One member of the Oversight Committee, Amy Mitchell, declared conflicts of interest but she was not present at the meeting.

By my signature, this list of reported conflicts of interest shall be included as the official record of conflicts of interest reported by Oversight Committee members for grant award recommendations considered at the August 19, 2015, Oversight Committee meeting.

A blue ink signature of Dr. William Rice, consisting of a large, stylized 'W' followed by a smaller 'R'.

Dr. William Rice, Presiding Officer, Oversight Committee

11-19-15

Date

A blue ink signature that reads "Amy Mitchell by Will Harrison". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Amy Mitchell, Secretary, Oversight Committee

8/19/15

Date