



CANCER PREVENTION & RESEARCH
INSTITUTE OF TEXAS

**Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2022**

NOTE: Unless the information is confidential, the reports, presentations, and grant award information referenced in the minutes are available at <http://ocmeetings.cprit.texas.gov> in the "Oversight Committee Board Packet" section for the corresponding meeting date.

Call to Order – Agenda Item 1

With a quorum present, Vice Presiding Officer Dr. David Cummings called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and asked Oversight Committee Secretary Cindy Barberio Payne to take attendance of the members.

Roll Call/Excused Absences – Agenda Item 2

Committee Members Present

David Cummings, M.D.

Donald (Dee) Margo

Ambrosio Hernandez, M.D.

Will Montgomery

Cindy Barberio Payne

Bill Rice, M.D.

Craig Rosenfeld, M.D.

MOTION:

On a motion by Dr. Rice and seconded by Mr. Montgomery, the Oversight Committee unanimously voted to excuse Presiding Officer Dr. Mahendra Patel's absence.

Adoption of Minutes from the February 16, 2022, Meeting – Agenda Item 3 – Tab 1

MOTION:

On a motion by Dr. Rosenfeld and seconded by Mr. Montgomery, the Oversight Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2022, Oversight Committee meeting as presented.

Public Comment – Agenda Item 4

Vice Presiding Officer Dr. Cummings noted for the record that no member of the public requested to provide comments.

Chief Executive Officer Report – Agenda Item 5, Tab 2

Vice Presiding Officer Dr. Cummings recognized Chief Executive Officer Wayne Roberts to present his report.

Mr. Roberts advised Oversight Committee members of the amount of FY 2022 funds available. He introduced newly hired CPRIT staff, including Dr. Abria Magee who began work as the program manager for product development. Mr. Roberts went on to inform members that they will receive a CPRIT-specific email address. He gave a brief preview on an update for the product development project that CPRIT staff have been working on to increase outreach.

Mr. Roberts and Chief Strategic Initiatives and Intellectual Property Officer Tracey Davies reported on their trip to Israel as part of the Texas-Israel Alliance. Dr. Rosenfeld inquired about CPRIT working with the BIRD Foundation to fund research projects.

Chief Compliance Officer Report and Compliance Certification for the Proposed Grant Awards – Agenda Item 6, Tab 3

Vice Presiding Officer Cummings recognized Chief Compliance Officer Vince Burgess to present the Compliance Report and Compliance Certification of Grant Award Process. Mr. Burgess presented the Compliance Report for the past quarter's activities.

There were no questions from the Oversight Committee members.

Mr. Burgess presented the Compliance Certification for the proposed academic research grant awards, confirming that the proposed awards and review process complied with all applicable state and agency requirements.

Chief Scientific Officer Report and Grant Award Recommendations – Agenda Item 7, Tab 4

Vice Presiding Officer Dr. Cummings recognized Dr. Le Beau to present the academic research program award recommendations.

Dr. Le Beau directed Oversight Committee members to page 4 of the agenda packet and provided an overview of the proposed FY 2023 Recruitment RFAs.

Dr. Le Beau then directed Oversight Committee members to page 4 of the Proposed Grant Awards Book that listed the Scientific Review Council (SRC) and Program Integration Committee (PIC) recommendations for the FY2022 Recruitment Cycles 22.7, 22.8 and 22.9, which included 19 applications totaling \$57,998,029.

Dr. Le Beau reported that because the SRC recommendations exceeded the funds budgeted to fund Academic Research Program awards for the third quarter of 2022, the PIC deferred action on two recruits. The two deferred applications, totaling \$10,000,000, include one Recruitment of Established Investigator award recommended by the SCR for The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and one Recruitment of Rising Star award recommended by the SRC to The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

FY 2022 Cycle 7 – 9 Recommended Awards

Rank	App. ID	Mechanism	Candidate	Organization	Budget	Overall Scores
1	RR220084	RFTFM	Linde Miles	The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	\$2,000,000	1.0
2	RR220087	RRS	Hans Renata	Rice University	\$4,000,000	1.0
3	RR220068	RFTFM	Elizabeth Wasmuth	The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	\$2,000,000	1.0
4	RR220069	RFTFM	William Hudson	Baylor College of Medicine	\$2,000,000	1.0
5	RR220075	RFTFM	Nicholas Riley	The University of Texas at Austin	\$2,000,000	1.0
6	RR220033	REI	Pavan Reddy	Baylor College of Medicine	\$6,000,000	1.0
7	RR220062	RFTFM	Aria Vaishnavi	The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center	\$2,000,000	1.0
8	RR220065	RFTFM	Mingjie Dai	Rice University	\$2,000,000	1.4
9	RR220072	RRS	Christine Lovly	The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center	\$4,000,000	1.4
10	RR220063	RRS	Ku-Lung Hsu	The University of Texas at Austin	\$4,000,000	1.7
11	RR220051	REI	Michael Taylor	Baylor College of Medicine	\$6,000,000	1.8
12	RR220081	RFTFM	Jonathan Clinger	Baylor University	\$1,998,029	2.0
13	RR220086	RFTFM	Jason Schenkel	The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center	\$2,000,000	2.0
14	RR220088	RRS	Abdel Kareem Azab	The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center	\$2,000,000	2.0
17*	RR220055	RFTFM	Samantha Yruegas	Rice University	\$2,000,000	2.0
18	RR220066	RFTFM	Deepshika Ramanan	The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center	\$2,000,000	2.2
19	RR220035	RFTFM	Qian Zhu	Baylor College of Medicine	\$2,000,000	2.5

*The PIC deferred action on the two applications ranked 15 and 16 by the SRC. The Oversight Committee did not consider the two deferred applications.

REI = Recruitment of Established Investigator

RRS = Recruitment of Rising Stars

RFTFM = Recruitment of First-Time, Tenure Track Faculty Members

Conflict of Interest Notification

Vice Presiding Officer Dr. Cummings noted for the record that no Oversight Committee member had reported a conflict with any award recommendations presented today.

Approval Process – Academic Research Awards

MOTION:

On a motion made by Dr. Rosenfeld and seconded by Mr. Montgomery, the Oversight Committee members voted unanimously to approve the PIC’s recommendations for the 17 academic research recruitment awards.

MOTION:

On a motion made by Mr. Margo and seconded by Dr. Rice, the Oversight Committee members voted to approve the delegation of contract negotiation authority to CPRIT’s CEO and staff and authorized the CEO to sign the contracts on behalf of CPRIT.

Approval Process – FY 2023 RFAS

MOTION:

On a motion made by Mr. Margo and seconded by Mr. Montgomery, the Oversight Committee members voted to approve the proposed FY2023 RFAs presented by Dr. Le Beau.

Chief Prevention Officer Report – Agenda Item 8, Tab 5

Vice Presiding Officer Cummings recognized Chief Prevention Officer Ramona Magid to present the prevention program update. She highlighted the release of two new requests for applications.

Oversight Committee members and Ms. Magid also discussed the impact of the pandemic on cancer screenings.

Chief Product Development Officer Report – Agenda Item 9, Tab 6

Vice Presiding Officer Dr. Cummings recognized Interim Chief Product Development Officer Dr. Ken Smith to present the Product Development Research update.

Dr. Smith reported on the status of the applications under review in the current 22.2 cycle. He noted that the total amount of funding requested by applications in due diligence exceed the \$72 million dollar allotment for FY 2022 Product Development Research awards.

Dr. Smith presented the five proposed FY2023 Product Development Requests for Applications (RFAs): Texas Therapeutic Company Award (TTCA), Texas Device Company Award (TDeCA), Texas Diagnostic Company Award (TDiCA), Texas Emerging Frontier Company Award (TEFCA), and Texas Seed Company Award (SEED).

MOTION:

On a motion made by Mr. Montgomery and seconded by Dr. Rice, the Oversight Committee members voted to approve the proposed FY 2023 RFA’s presented by Dr. Smith.

Internal Auditor Report – Agenda Item 10, Tab 7

Vice Presiding Officer Dr. Cummings recognized Dan Graves, representing CPRIT’s internal auditor Weaver & Tidwell, to give the Internal Auditor’s Report. Mr. Graves updated the committee members on the FY 2022 Internal Audit Plan schedule. He directed the members to page 7-3 of the meeting book with the list of audits and audit advisory engagements, explaining that Weaver would review and re-evaluate the audit follow-ups on information technology general controls, communications, governance, and information security as well as the disaster recovery and business continuity follow-up advisory audit to focus on information technology issues, some of which overlap, around the same time in May-June.

There were no questions for Mr. Graves.

Scientific Research and Prevention Program Committee Appointments – Agenda Item 11, Tab 8

Vice Presiding Officer Dr. Cummings recognized Mr. Roberts to present his two appointments to the Scientific Research and Prevention Program Committee.

MOTION:

On a motion by Dr. Rice and seconded by Mr. Montgomery, the Oversight Committee unanimously voted to approve Dr. Jaffee and Dr. Wang’s appointment to the Scientific Research and Prevention Program Committee.

Advisory Committees – Item 12, Tab 9

Vice Presiding Officer Dr. Cummings recognized Mr. Roberts to present the Presiding Officer’s new appointments to the Prevention Advisory Committee and the Product Development Advisory Committee.

Mr. Roberts presented proposed appointees to the Prevention Advisory Committee: Dorothy Gibbons and Dr. Rakhshanda Rahman; and proposed appointees to the Product Development Advisory Committee: Dr. Gabby Everett, Victoria Ford, Heather Hansen, Dan Hargrove, and Dr. Tom Luby.

MOTION:

On a motion made by Mr. Margo and seconded by Dr. Rice, the Oversight Committee members voted unanimously to approve the Presiding Officer’s appointments to the Prevention Advisory Committee and the Product Development Advisory Committee.

Product Development Advisory Committee presentation

Vice Presiding Officer Cummings recognized Dr. Smith to introduce Andrew Strong and Dr. Michele Park, co-chairs of the Product Development Advisory Committee.

Mr. Strong and Dr. Park presented the PDAC’s report. They discussed the capital market conditions and global biotech declines, explaining that CPRIT is of great value of early-stage

biotech companies given the current state of the market. Despite the market challenges, biotech employment is on the rise, private capital markets are tight but holding and venture/private debt placements are still brisk. The PDAC recommends that CPRIT increases the number of product development awards made annually, implement new RFAs and improve the efficiency of current review process.

In response to an Oversight Committee member's question, Dr. Smith and Ms. Doyle explained that the proposed changes for the FY 2023 product development program review process will address several of the PDAC's recommendations.

Members thanked Mr. Strong and Dr. Park for the presentation.

Geographic Diversity Advisory Committee presentation

Vice Presiding Officer Dr. Cummings called on Dr. Le Beau to introduce Dr. Sarah Williams-Blangero, Chair of the Geographic Diversity Advisory Committee (GDAC) to provide the GDAC Annual Report. Dr. Williams-Blangero presented the GDAC annual report.

In response to a question by an Oversight Committee member inquiring about the due date for the Texas Regional Excellence in Cancer (TREC) Letter of Intent, Dr. Williams-Blangero noted that the TREC letter of intent was due April 25.

Members thanked Dr. Williams-Blangero for the presentation.

Amendments to 25 T.A.C. Chapters 703 – Item 13, Tab 10

Vice Presiding Officer Dr. Cummings recognized Assistant General Counsel Cameron Eckel to present the proposed rule amendments. Ms. Eckel reviewed the proposed final order approving a rule amendment initially presented at the February Oversight Committee meeting. CPRIT published the proposed amendment in the March 4th edition of the *Texas Register*; CPRIT did not receive any public comments.

MOTION:

On a motion made by Mr. Montgomery and seconded by Mr. Margo, the Oversight Committee unanimously voted to approve the final order adopting rule changes to the Texas Administrative Code Chapter 703.

Chief Operating Officer Report – Agenda Item 14, Tab 11

Vice Presiding Officer Dr. David Cummings recognized Chief Operating Officer Heidi McConnell to present her report. Ms. McConnell updated members on CPRIT's revenue sharing payments, bond issuance, and work on the agency's strategic plan for FY 2023-2027, which CPRIT will submit to the Governor's Office on June 1. Ms. McConnell also provided an update on the CPRIT Conference, noting that CPRIT received several proposals for the conference venue.

In response to a question from an Oversight Committee member about the proposed location of the conference, Ms. McConnell reported that Fort Worth and Galveston submitted proposals.

Legislative Appropriations Request for 2024 – 2025 Biennium – Agenda Item 15, Tab 12

Ms. McConnell reviewed the Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR) for the 2024-25 Biennium. She informed the committee that CPRIT expects the instructions on compiling the LAR to come in June and that the LAR will be due in August.

MOTION:

On a motion made by Mr. Margo and seconded by Dr. Rosenfeld, the Oversight Committee unanimously voted to approve the proposed LAR for 2024-2025.

Contract Approvals – Agenda Item 16, Tab 13

Ms. McConnell reviewed the proposed contract approvals for an increase in budget of the FY 2022 outside counsel contract with Baker Botts to \$125,000 and the FY 2023 grant management support services contract renewal for one year with an amount not to exceed \$9,984,746.

In response to a question by an Oversight Committee member inquiring if CPRIT usually expends the full amount of the GDIT contract, Ms. McConnell explained that the contract amount is the maximum amount and that CPRIT does not typically expend the full amount.

MOTION:

On a motion made by Mr. Margo and seconded by Dr. Rice, the Oversight Committee unanimously voted to approve the proposed increase to the FY 2022 outside counsel contract budget in the amount recommended by staff and to approve renewing the contract with GDIT for grant management support services.

Fiscal Year 2023 Bond Issuance Resolution – Agenda Item 17, Tab 14

Ms. McConnell reviewed the proposed resolution authorizing the Texas Public Finance Authority (TPFA) to issue debt on behalf of CPRIT for FY 2023.

In response to a question by an Oversight Committee member inquiring about current bond rates, Ms. McConnell responded that rates are starting to increase. The rate was approximately 2.19% in 2021. She has not received a recent report from TPFA.

MOTION:

On a motion made by Mr. Margo and seconded by Dr. Rice, the Oversight Committee unanimously voted to approve the resolution requesting financing for \$300 million in bond proceeds by the TPFA in FY 2023.

Communication Report – Agenda Item 18, Tab 15

Vice Presiding Officer Dr. Cummings recognized Communications Director Mark Loeffler to present his report. Mr. Loeffler updated the committee members on communications activities.

There were no questions for Mr. Loeffler.

**Subcommittee Business – Agenda Item 19
Compliance Investigation Pursuant to Health & Safety Code § 102.2631 – Agenda Item 20
Consultation with General Counsel – Agenda Item 21**

Vice Presiding Officer Dr. Cummings announced that the Oversight Committee would not take up standing agenda items 19, 20 and 21.

Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items – Agenda Item 22

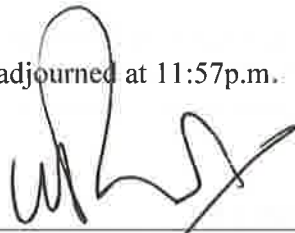
Vice Presiding Officer Dr. Cummings reminded the Oversight Committee members that they would convene for their next regular meeting on August 17. He advised members that the Oversight Committee may convene a special meeting with the chairs of the Advisory Committee and the Review Committee Councils to discuss program priorities. CPRIT staff would provide more information.

Adjournment – Agenda Item 23

MOTION:

There being no further business, the Oversight Committee unanimously voted to approve Vice Presiding Officer Dr. Cumming’s motion to adjourn, which Dr. Rosenfeld seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:57p.m.



Signature *Cindy Barberis Payne* Date *8/17/2022*

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