



TO: Members of the ICOC

FROM: C. Scott Tocher, Sr. Dir. Board Governance

DATE: June 27, 2024

RE: **Item 9** – Appointment of Co-Chairs of the Task Force on Neuroscience and Medicine

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The goal of the CIRM Task Force on Neuroscience and Medicine is to generate a general plan for the \$1.5 billion set aside for neuroscience and related medicine as specified in Proposition 14. In addition to generating a general plan for Neuroscience and related medicine, the task force aims to identify unusual opportunities for high impact in these areas for enhanced investment.

Established in January of 2023 by the ICOC, the Task Force has met regularly since and was chaired by Dr. Larry Goldstein until his retirement from the board last month. Accordingly, pursuant the board's bylaws, the ICOC must appoint the new chair(s) of this task force. It is proposed that the following members be appointed Co-Chairs of the task force:

Dr. Pat Levitt  
Dr. Carolyn Meltzer

Biographical summaries are attached to this memo.

**Requested Action:** It is requested that the Board appoint ICOC members Levitt and Meltzer to co-chair the CIRM Task Force on Neuroscience and Medicine.



## **Pat Levitt, PhD**

Pat Levitt, PhD, is Chief Scientific Officer, Vice President and Director, The Saban Research Institute, Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA). He holds the Simms/Mann Chair, Developmental Neurogenetics at CHLA and W.M. Keck Provost Professor, Neurogenetics, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California. Dr. Levitt served as Chairman of the Department of Neurobiology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and the Director of the Vanderbilt Kennedy Center for Research on Human Development. Dr. Levitt was appointed to the U.S. National Advisory Mental Health Council for the National Institute of Mental Health.

Dr. Levitt is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine, and an elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Dana Alliance for Brain Initiatives. He is a senior fellow at the Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University, and serves as Co-Scientific Director of the National Scientific Council on the Developing Child, a policy council focused on communicating science to assist policy makers, service providers and business leaders in making decisions regarding investments in child brain and physical health programs.

## **Carolyn Meltzer, MD**

Dr. Meltzer is an expert in neuroradiology and nuclear medicine and is well known for her role in evaluating and translating novel technologies, such as the first human-combined PET-CT scanner and the application of AI to medical images.

Her NIH-funded research has focused on the brain's structure and function during normal aging, dementia, Alzheimer's disease, and psychiatric disorders in later life. Dr. Meltzer currently serves as the Dean of the Keck School of Medicine of USC and the May S. and John H. Hoover Dean's Chair in Medicine.

Prior to her appointment at the Keck School, Dr. Meltzer was the William P. Timmie Professor and Chair in the Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences at the Emory School of Medicine. She's held numerous academic positions throughout her career and received several recognitions for her work, including the distinguished service award from the American Medical Association and gold medal award from the American College of Radiology.

Dr. Meltzer earned her medical degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and completed her graduate medical education at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. She holds an undergraduate degree in neurobiology with honors from Cornell University.

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