

**INDEPENDENT CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
OF THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF REGENERATIVE MEDICINE
May 2, 2007 Minutes DRAFT**

The Independent Citizens Oversight Committee on the above date at the Miyako Hotel, San Francisco, and various noticed telephonic locations as noted in the notice and agenda.

Present was Chairman Klein. Attending by telephone were Vice Chair Penhoet and members Azziz, Brenner, Bryant, Feit, Friedman, Goldberg, Henderson, Kessler, Levey, Pizzo, Pomeroy, Prieto, Reed, Roth, Samuelson, Serrano Sewell, Sheehy, Shestack, Steward, and Wright.

The meeting convened at 7:15 a.m. with Chairman Klein presiding.

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON TO SCIENTIFIC AND MEDICAL RESEARCH FACILITIES WORKING GROUP

Chairman Klein recommended the appointment of David Lichtenger, a real estate specialist member of the Scientific and Medical Research Facilities Working Group, to serve as its Chair. Member Pomeroy so moved, and the motion was seconded. Vice Chair of the working group, member Serrano Sewell concurred in the recommendation. On a call for public comment, John Simpson of the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights spoke in favor of the motion. On a roll call vote, the motion was adopted with the abstention of member Prieto.

2. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT AND INTERIM CHIEF SCIENTIFIC OFFICER

Chairman Klein conveyed the recommendation of retiring institute President and Chief Scientific Officer Dr. Hall that until the ICOC votes to appoint a new President, the ICOC should ask Scientific Director Dr. Arlene Chiu and Chief Administrative and Financial Officer Lori Hoffman to share co-equal leadership of the institute on an interim basis, with Dr. Chiu leading scientific operations and Ms. Hoffman leading administrative and financial operations. Because there must be a single officer designated to sign documents on the institute's behalf, Dr. Hall recommended that Ms. Hoffman serve as acting President. At that point, the ICOC adjourned the open session and went into closed session, as duly noticed in the notice of meeting and agenda pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 125290.30(d)(3)(D).

After the closed session, the ICOC resumed the meeting in open session. Member Henderson moved, that the ICOC appoint Dr. Chiu Interim Chief Scientific Officer of the institute, which motion was seconded. On a request for public comment, Mr. Simpson spoke in favor of the motion. The motion carried unanimously on a roll-call vote.

Member Pizzo moved, and was duly seconded, that the ICOC appoint Ms. Hoffman Acting President of the institute, and approve a stipend, in addition to Ms. Hoffman's current salary, of an additional \$4000 per month for the period during which she serves as Acting President. On a request for public comment, there was none. The motion carried unanimously on a roll-call vote.

3. PUBLIC MEETINGS TO BE HELD BY SCIENTIFIC AND MEDICAL FACILITIES WORKING GROUP

Chairman Klein reported that at its April 13, 2007 meeting, the Scientific and Medical Facilities Working Group voted unanimously to hold public hearings for the purpose of gathering information that would help it refine the definitions, rules and policies for an anticipated RFA for large facilities grants; and that the working group intended to hold these meetings and recommend a refined set of criteria for such grants to the ICOC at its August 2007. This would delay by 60 days the anticipated schedule for staff's presentation to the ICOC of a concept plan for a large facilities RFA. Chairman Klein asked working group Chair David Lichtenger and other working group members to speak to the motion, which they did.

Member Roth moved, and was duly seconded, that the ICOC authorize the working group to move forward with public hearings with the goal of putting its recommendations before the ICOC at its August meeting. On a request for public comment, Mr. Simpson spoke in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a roll-call vote.

The Chair asked for any other public comment, and Mr. Don Reed spoke.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

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