



MEMORANDUM

TO: CIRM GOVERNING BOARD
FROM: JAMES HARRISON
SUBJECT: Memo re. New Appointments to ARS
DATE: MARCH 23, 2021

Under the Board's bylaws (art. VI, § 6), all members of the Board are members of the Application Review Subcommittee, which is responsible for considering applications for CIRM research funding. However, members who are appointed based on their status as executive officers at academic and non-profit research institutions that are eligible to apply for CIRM research funding are ex officio members, meaning that they may participate in the discussion of an application, provided that they do not have a conflict of interest with respect to that application, but they are precluded voting on all applications.

Proposition 14 expanded the size of the Board from 29 members to 35 members, including two additional members appointed based on their position as executive officers of campuses of the University of California (UC Riverside and UCSF Fresno-Clovis), two nurses, and two patient advocates for mental health conditions. Because these new Board positions did not exist at the time the Board created the Application Review Subcommittee, these new Board members are not currently members of the Application Review Subcommittee. In order to formally add them to the Application Review Subcommittee, we request that the Board adopt a motion appointing the new nurse and patient advocate Board members as voting members of the Application Review Subcommittee and appointing the two new UC-executive officer members as non-voting members. The CIRM team will propose conforming changes to the Board bylaws, along with other changes, at the Board's June meeting.

Recommendation: Approve motion to appoint the new nurse and patient advocate Board members as voting members of the Application Review Subcommittee and to appoint the two new UC-executive officer members as non-voting members of the Application Review Subcommittee.