

To: Members, Governing Board

From: Jonathan Thomas, Chair

**Date:** October 17, 2022

Re: Addition of General Comment Opportunity for ARS Meetings

As the Board and the Application Review Subcommittee (ARS) are aware, CIRM's Conflict of Interest policy prohibits members from commenting on any pending application on which a member may have a conflict. In reviewing the structure of the ARS meetings and the desire for members to express comments generally during the meetings, we are adding a section to the end of the ARS agenda once all decisions related to applications are complete for all members to make comments generally on procedural matters. During that comment period, we will still restrict comments from conflicted members on any specific application on which they have a conflict.