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BEFORE THE  
GOVERNANCE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE  
INDEPENDENT CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE  
TO THE  
CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR REGENERATIVE MEDICINE  
ORGANIZED PURSUANT TO THE  
CALIFORNIA STEM CELL RESEARCH AND CURES ACT  
REGULAR MEETING

LOCATION: VIA ZOOM

DATE: JANUARY 24, 2025  
2:30 P.M.

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ITEM DESCRIPTION	PAGE NO.
<b>OPEN SESSION</b>	
1. CALL TO ORDER	3
2. ROLL CALL	3
3. DISCUSSION OF ICOC CHAIR, ICOC VICE-CHAIR, AND CIRM PRESIDENT/CEO REVIEW: PROCEDURES, TIMELINES, AND SURVEY QUESTIONS: PROCEDURES AND TIMELINES, CHAIR SURVEY QUESTIONS, VICE-CHAIR SURVEY QUESTIONS, PRESIDENT/CEO SURVEY QUESTIONS	4
<b>CLOSED SESSION</b>	10
4. DISCUSSION OF PERSONNEL [EVALUATION OF CIRM ICOC CHAIR] (GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 11126, SUBDIVISION (A); HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 125290.30(F)(3)(D)).	
<b>OPEN SESSION</b>	
5. PUBLIC COMMENT	NONE
6. ADJOURNMENT	11

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CHAIRPERSON GASSON: ALL RIGHT THEN.  
LET'S GO AHEAD AND --

MR. TOCHER: ARE WE RECORDING? OKAY.  
SORRY ABOUT THAT.

CHAIRPERSON GASSON: GOOD AFTERNOON,  
EVERYONE. THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THIS GOVERNANCE  
SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING TODAY. CALL THE MEETING TO  
ORDER; AND, CLAUDETTE, COULD YOU DO THE ROLL CALL  
PLEASE.

MS. MANDAC: DAN BERNAL. GEORGE  
BLUMENTHAL.

DR. BLUMENTHAL: HERE.

MS. MANDAC: MARIA BONNEVILLE.

VICE CHAIR BONNEVILLE: PRESENT.

MS. MANDAC: LINDA BOXER. ANNE-MARIE  
DULIEGE.

DR. DULIEGE: PRESENT.

MS. MANDAC: ELENA FLOWERS.

DR. FLOWERS: PRESENT.

MS. MANDAC: JUDY GASSON.

CHAIRPERSON GASSON: HERE.

MS. MANDAC: VITO IMBASCIANI.

CHAIRMAN IMBASCIANI: PRESENT.

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1 MS. MANDAC: PAT LEVITT.

2 DR. LEVITT: PRESENT.

3 MS. MANDAC: LINDA MALKAS.

4 DR. MALKAS: PRESENT.

5 MS. MANDAC: ADRIANA PADILLA. DON TAYLOR.

6 BACK TO YOU, JUDY. WE HAVE QUORUM.

7 CHAIRPERSON GASSON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

8 SO THE FIRST ITEM ON THE AGENDA IS THE DISCUSSION OF  
9 THE ICOC CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, AND CIRM PRESIDENT/CEO  
10 REVIEW: PROCEDURES, TIMELINES, AND SURVEY  
11 QUESTIONS.

12 AND I WANT TO START BY THANKING SUSAN AND  
13 SCOTT FOR DRAFTING THE DOCUMENTS THAT YOU'VE ALL NOW  
14 SEEN. AND I WILL TURN IT OVER TO THE TWO OF THEM TO  
15 START WITH THE PROCEDURES AND THE TIMELINES.

16 MS. WHITE: ALL RIGHT. SO, SCOTT, IF  
17 YOU'RE OKAY, I'M GOING TO GO AHEAD AND SHARE MY  
18 SCREEN.

19 MR. TOCHER: GREAT.

20 MS. WHITE: AND I'D LIKE TO BRING UP THE  
21 TIMELINE THAT YOU'VE SEEN, BUT I THINK IT'S HELPFUL  
22 FOR ME TO SHARE SOME THINGS THAT WE'RE DOING  
23 DIFFERENTLY. YOU CAN SEE THE TIMELINE IN FRONT OF  
24 YOU?

25 MR. TOCHER: WE CAN.

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1 MS. WHITE: THANK YOU SO MUCH. OKAY. SO  
2 WHAT WE'RE DOING DIFFERENTLY IN 2025 IS THAT WE'RE  
3 GOING TO DO ALL THREE REVIEWS SIMULTANEOUSLY. SO  
4 RATHER THAN DO IT PIECEMEAL, WE THOUGHT IT MADE  
5 SENSE TO LAY EVERYTHING OUT, TRY TO MAKE IT AS EASY  
6 AS POSSIBLE ON ALL THE PARTICIPANTS.

7 SO THE BOARD CHAIR AND THE VICE CHAIR, AS  
8 YOU KNOW, WE HAD EVALUATED THAT LAST YEAR AT MAY  
9 1ST. AND SO INSTEAD, WE'RE GOING TO PUSH IT SO THAT  
10 WE CAN ALIGN THE PRESIDENT'S OR J.T.'S. SO WE'LL  
11 HAVE A 14-MONTH EVALUATION PERIOD FOR BOTH THE CHAIR  
12 AND THE VICE CHAIR, AND WE'LL HAVE A 12-MONTH FOR  
13 J.T.

14 WE'RE GOING TO FOLLOW THE SAME PROCESS. I  
15 THINK IT'S MUCH MORE STREAMLINED IN THAT WE WILL  
16 HAVE EACH OF THE INCUMBENTS COMPLETE THEIR OWN  
17 SURVEY AHEAD OF TIME. SO WHEN WE SEND OUT THE  
18 SURVEY TO ALL THE BOARD MEMBERS, FOR EXAMPLE,  
19 THEY'LL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT THE  
20 SELF-ASSESSMENTS PRIOR TO THEM COMPLETING EACH OF  
21 THE THREE SURVEYS.

22 WE'RE GOING TO DO THE SAME THING WE'VE  
23 DONE THE LAST COUPLE YEARS, WHICH, IN ADDITION TO  
24 HAVING THE INDIVIDUAL DO A SELF-ASSESSMENT, THEIR  
25 DIRECT REPORTS, IF THEY HAVE ANY, AND, OF COURSE,

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1 J.T. HAS HIS DIRECT REPORTS, THE LEADERSHIP TEAM;  
2 MARIA AND VITO HAVE THE BOARD GOVERNANCE TEAM. SO  
3 IN ADDITION TO THE DIRECT REPORTS, WE'RE INVITING  
4 THE BOARD TO DO THE SURVEY; BUT FOR THE INTERVIEWS,  
5 WE'RE GOING TO DO -- WE'RE GOING TO STICK WITH THE  
6 COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND CO-CHAIRS IN ADDITION TO THE  
7 CHAIR AND THE VICE CHAIR FOR THE INTERVIEWS.

8 SO IT'S GOING TO BE THE SAME PROCESS. THE  
9 ONLY THING NEW THIS YEAR IS THE ACTUAL QUESTIONS  
10 THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE ASKING FOR THE PRESIDENT AND  
11 CEO. WE'RE GOING TO USE THE SAME QUESTIONS ON THE  
12 SURVEY THAT WE USED LAST YEAR FOR THE CHAIR AND VICE  
13 CHAIR. BUT WITH J.T., WE HAVE A NEW SET OF  
14 QUESTIONS. AND THE REASON FOR THAT IS THAT WE  
15 WANTED TO MAKE IT SIMPLER.

16 IF YOU RECALL, THE LAST TIME WE DID A  
17 PRESIDENT AND CEO, WE HAD OVER 40 QUESTIONS THAT WE  
18 ASKED. WE'VE GOT IT DOWN NOW TO 16 QUESTIONS, AND  
19 IT MATCHES, PARALLELS, THE SEARCH CRITERIA THAT WAS  
20 USED WHEN J.T. WAS SELECTED.

21 WHY DON'T WE JUST BE QUIET FOR A MOMENT  
22 AND SEE IF THERE'S ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROCESS  
23 OR ABOUT THE TIMELINE. THE BOARD MEMBERS ARE GOING  
24 TO BE ASKED TO COMPLETE THEIR INPUT EARLY JUNE. SO  
25 IT WILL BE JUNE THE 5TH TO JUNE THE 16TH. SO THAT

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1 WILL BE THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT THE SURVEYS ARE  
2 COMPLETED. SIMULTANEOUSLY, THE INTERVIEWS FOR ANY  
3 DIRECT REPORTS AND FOR THE CHAIR AND CO-CHAIRS OF  
4 THE BOARD WILL HAPPEN AT THE SAME TIME.

5 WE WILL DO A LATE WINDOW RESPONSE. SO  
6 REALLY JUNE 19 EVERYTHING CLOSES AND I CAN START THE  
7 ANALYSIS WORK.

8 ANY QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT. I THINK THAT'S  
9 PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD.

10 I WOULD BE HAPPY TO GO THROUGH OR SHARE  
11 THE PRESIDENT QUESTIONS. J.T., OF COURSE, HAD A  
12 CHANCE TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT. PAT AND JUDY LOOKED AT  
13 IT. I DON'T KNOW THE LEVEL OF DETAIL. IF ANYBODY  
14 ELSE WOULD LIKE TO GO THROUGH THOSE QUESTIONS, 16 OF  
15 THEM.

16 CHAIRPERSON GASSON: IT SEEMS FAIRLY WELL  
17 HARMONIZED AND STRAIGHTFORWARD BASED UPON WHAT WE  
18 DID THIS YEAR. SO I THINK THAT'S GOOD. THERE HAVE  
19 BEEN SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT SHOULD WE BE ASKING MORE  
20 SPECIFIC QUESTIONS OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS. AND I  
21 THINK THE PHILOSOPHY HERE IS THAT WE WANT THIS  
22 DOCUMENT TO BE A LIVING DOCUMENT THAT'S NOT  
23 PARTICULAR TO ANY INCUMBENT, BUT THAT WOULD EVALUATE  
24 THE OVERALL ATTRIBUTES, QUALITIES, AND PERFORMANCE  
25 THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN EACH OF THESE

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1 INDIVIDUALS. IS THAT YOUR SENSE, SUSAN?

2 MS. WHITE: THAT IS RIGHT. WE DO WANT  
3 TO -- IT'S THE EXPECTATION OF THE ROLE THAT WE WANT  
4 TO BE ASKING. AND YOU WANT CONSISTENCY YEAR AFTER  
5 YEAR SO THAT YOU SEE IF PROGRESS IS MADE OR IF  
6 THINGS ARE FALLING BEHIND. SO I THINK IT'S  
7 IMPORTANT TO KEEP ASKING THE SAME QUESTIONS. THIS  
8 WILL BE THE FIRST YEAR OF J.T.'S, OF COURSE.

9 CHAIRPERSON GASSON: I AM NOT SEEING ANY  
10 HANDS. CLAUDETTE, DO YOU SEE -- YOU'RE NOT SEEING  
11 ANY HANDS EITHER? I CAN SEE EVERYBODY. I THINK I  
12 MUST BE. OKAY. WELL, IN THAT CASE I WOULD ASK  
13 FOR -- SINCE NO ONE IS ASKING TO GO THROUGH THE  
14 DETAILED QUESTIONS, I WOULD ASK FOR A MOTION TO  
15 APPROVE THE -- AND WE DO HAVE A QUORUM -- THE CHAIR,  
16 THE VICE CHAIR, AND THE CIRM REVIEWS: PROCEDURES,  
17 TIMELINES, AND SURVEY QUESTIONS.

18 DR. BLUMENTHAL: I MOVE.

19 DR. DULIEGE: SECOND.

20 MR. TOCHER: THE MOTION IS MADE BY DR.  
21 BLUMENTHAL AND SECONDED BY ANNE-MARIE DULIEGE.  
22 THANK YOU.

23 CHAIRPERSON GASSON: GREAT. BEFORE WE  
24 VOTE ON THE MOTION, AGAIN, ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS  
25 FROM MEMBERS OF THE BOARD? OKAY. ARE THERE ANY



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QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC?  
MR. TOCHER: IT DOES NOT APPEAR SO.  
CHAIRPERSON GASSON: OKAY. IN THAT CASE  
THEN WE'LL GO AHEAD AND TAKE THE ROLL CALL VOTE.  
MR. TOCHER: GEORGE BLUMENTHAL.  
DR. BLUMENTHAL: YES.  
MR. TOCHER: MARIA BONNEVILLE.  
VICE CHAIR BONNEVILLE: YES.  
MR. TOCHER: ANNE-MARIE DULIEGE.  
DR. DULIEGE: YES.  
MR. TOCHER: ELENA FLOWERS.  
DR. FLOWERS: YES.  
MR. TOCHER: JUDY GASSON.  
CHAIRPERSON GASSON: YES.  
MR. TOCHER: VITO IMBASCIANI.  
CHAIRMAN IMBASCIANI: YES.  
MR. TOCHER: PAT LEVITT.  
DR. LEVITT: YES.  
MR. TOCHER: LINDA MALKAS.  
DR. MALKAS: YES.  
MR. TOCHER: AND DON TAYLOR.  
DR. TAYLOR: YES.  
MR. TOCHER: THANK YOU, DON. IT'S  
UNANIMOUS. THE MOTION CARRIES.  
CHAIRPERSON GASSON: I WANT TO THANK SUSAN

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1 AGAIN AND SCOTT AGAIN FOR ALL OF THEIR HARD WORK  
2 MAKING THIS EASY FOR US TO GET INTO A ROUTINE THAT  
3 WE CAN REPEAT EVERY YEAR NOW.

4 OKAY. THE NEXT ITEM, NO. 4, ON THE  
5 AGENDA, IS THE CLOSED SESSION. AND SO I WOULD ASK  
6 SCOTT TO READ THE STATUTE THAT TAKES US INTO CLOSED  
7 SESSION PLEASE.

8 MR. TOCHER: YES. VERY GOOD. SO WE WILL  
9 BE ADJOURNING TO CLOSED SESSION FOR A DISCUSSION OF  
10 PERSONNEL PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION  
11 11126(A) AND HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION  
12 125290.30 (F)(3)(D).

13 CHAIRPERSON GASSON: THANK YOU, SCOTT.

14 MR. TOCHER: YES. SO YOU SHOULD SEE A  
15 LITTLE JOINT BREAKOUT ROOM TAB. JUST CLICK JOIN.

16 (THE COMMITTEE THEN WENT INTO CLOSED  
17 SESSION, NOT REPORTED NOR HEREIN TRANSCRIBED. THE  
18 FOLLOWING WAS THEN HEARD IN OPEN SESSION:)

19 CHAIRPERSON GASSON: DOES IT LOOK LIKE  
20 WE'RE ALL BACK, CLAUDETTE?

21 MR. TOCHER: IT DOES.

22 MS. MANDAC: YES.

23 CHAIRPERSON GASSON: OKAY. EXCELLENT. NO  
24 ACTION WAS TAKEN DURING THE CLOSED SESSION. AND  
25 WE'LL MOVE ON NOW TO ITEM 5, WHICH IS PUBLIC COMMENT

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1 ON THE DISCUSSION TODAY OR ANY OTHER TOPICS.

2 CLAUDETTE, DO YOU SEE ANY HANDS RAISED?

3 MS. MANDAC: THERE ARE NO HANDS RAISED.

4 CHAIRPERSON GASSON: IS THERE ANYBODY ELSE

5 ON THE GOVERNANCE SUBCOMMITTEE THAT HAS ANY FINAL

6 COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS, OR

7 SUGGESTIONS? IF NOT, WE WILL ADJOURN THIS MEETING.

8 AND THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR

9 PARTICIPATION IN THIS IMPORTANT COMMITTEE.

10 (THE MEETING WAS THEN CONCLUDED AT 3:41 P.M.)

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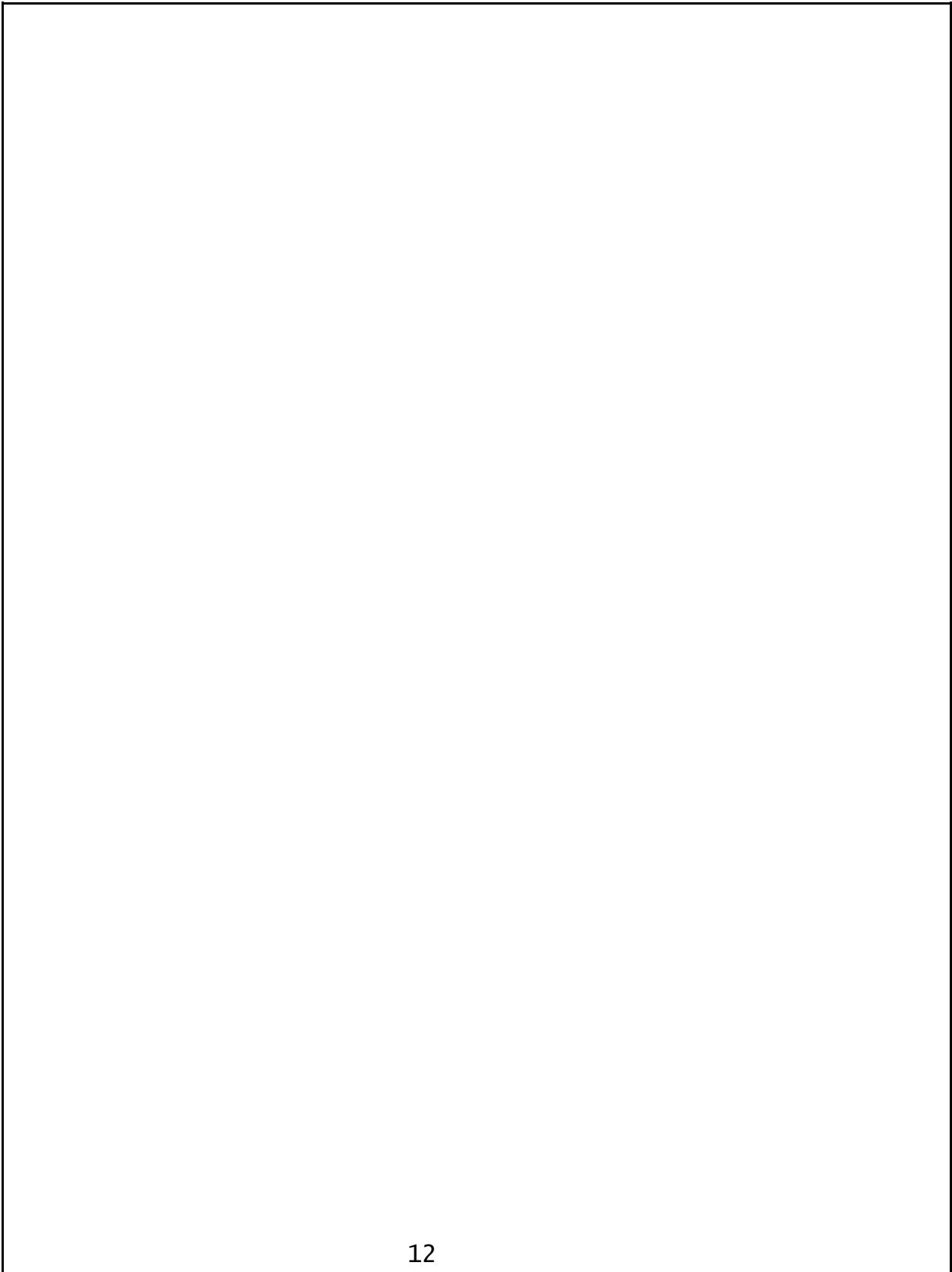
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