

## Commonwealth Health Research Board Meeting Minutes for October 22, 2020

### Members in Attendance:

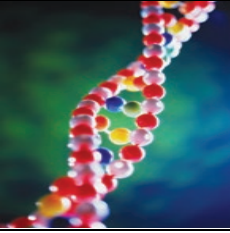
Cynda A. Johnson, M.D., M.B.A., Chair  
 Robert W. Downs, Jr., M.D., Vice Chair  
 Thomas W. Eppes, Jr., M.D.  
 Eric Lowe, M.D. (virtual via WebEx video conferencing)  
 Julia A. Spicer (virtual via WebEx video conferencing)

### Staff in Attendance:

Anne C. Pace, M.P.A.	Administrator
Raya Mandler, Ph.D. (virtual via WebEx)	Scientific Consultant
Merrill Mitler, Ph.D. (virtual via WebEx)	Scientific Consultant
Arnold Revzin, Ph.D. (virtual via WebEx)	Scientific Consultant
Carla R. Collins (virtual via WebEx)	Senior Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General
Matt Winders	Systems Engineer, Department of Accounts

### Others in Attendance virtual via WebEx: (Principal Investigator in bold)

<b>Eastern Virginia Medical School</b>  <b>Aurora Kerscher, Ph.D.</b> Julius Nyalwidhe, Ph.D.	<b>George Mason University</b>  <b>Farrokh Alemi, Ph.D.</b>  <b>Martin Wiener, Ph.D.</b> Marilyn Kraus, Ph.D. Kelly Michaelis, Ph.D.
<b>University of Virginia</b>  <b>Kyle Lampe, Ph.D.</b> Zhiyi Zuo, Ph.D.  <b>Chongzhi Zang, Ph.D.</b>  <b>University of Virginia's College at Wise</b>  <b>Steven Shell, Ph.D.</b>	<b>Virginia Commonwealth University</b>  <b>Paul Fisher, MPhil, Ph.D.</b> Umesh Desai, Ph.D.  <b>Sandeep Singh, Ph.D.</b> Sarah Spiegel, Ph.D.
<b>Virginia Polytechnic Institute &amp; State University</b>  <b>Bahareh Behkam, Ph.D.</b> Amrinder Nain, Ph.D. John Rossmeisl, Ph.D.  <b>Konark Mukherjee, Ph.D.</b> Sarika Srivostava, Ph.D. Read Montague, Ph.D. Bradley Anglin  <b>Alicia Pickrell, Ph.D.</b> Michelle Theus, Ph.D.	



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### Call to Order:

Chair Cynda A. Johnson, M.D., M.B.A. called the meeting to order at 8:19 a.m. The meeting was held at the Monroe Building, 101 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, George Washington Conference Room, Richmond, Virginia 23219. A quorum was present for the transaction of business throughout the meeting. The Board then discussed the instructions for presentations, including the manner in which questions would be asked of the presenters and the time limitations for each presentation.

### Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Downs moved to approve the Minutes from the September 16, 2020 meeting. The meeting minutes were then unanimously approved by the Board upon Dr. Eppes' second of Dr. Downs's motion.

### **CLOSED SESSION: FY 2020/2021 CHRB Grant Process Step Three: Presentation of 7 Full Proposals to the Board**

Robert Downs, Jr., M.D., moved that the Board go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A) (7), § 2.2-3711 (A) (30), and § 2.2-3705.6(17) for the purpose of

consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the Board, and consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by the Board regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel regarding:

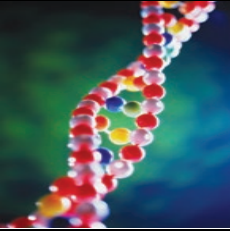
records submitted as a grant or loan application, or accompanying a grant or loan application.....to the extent such records contain proprietary business or research-related information produced or collected by the applicant in the conduct of or as a result of study or research on medical, rehabilitative, scientific, technical, technological, or scholarly issues, when such information has not been publicly released, published, copyrighted, or patented, if the disclosure of such information would be harmful to the competitive position of the applicant. Virginia Code § 2.2-3705.6 (17).

The motion was seconded by Dr. Johnson. The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously.

Robert Downs, Jr., M.D., moved that the Board reconvene in open session. Dr. Eppes seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously. The Board adopted the following resolution by roll call vote.

### **CERTIFICATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth Health Research Board has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and



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**WHEREAS**, Section 2.2-3712 of the *Code of Virginia* requires a certification by this Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Commonwealth Health Research Board certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

A roll call vote of members present was taken. Each approved this certification.

### **Election of CHRB Officers effective November 1, 2020**

The Board unanimously approved the election of CHRB officers for November 1, 2020 through November 1, 2021: Robert Downs, Jr., M.D. was elected as CHRB Chair and Eric Lowe, M.D. was elected as the CHRB's Vice Chair.

### **CLOSED SESSION: FY 2020/2021 CHRB Grant Process Step Three: Presentation of 4 Full Proposals to the Board**

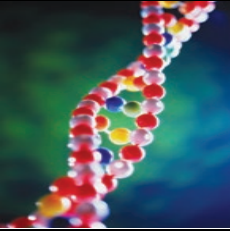
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The motion was seconded by Dr. Eppes. The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously.

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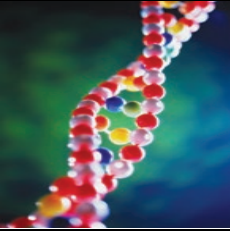
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### **Results of Closed Session:**

Ms. Spicer made a motion that the following eight Principal Investigators receive a CHRБ grant award for FY 2020/2021. Dr. Lowe seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously. Administrator Pace will contact the following Principal Investigators regarding the outcome of the Board's decisions. She will also provide reviewer comments [from the Full Proposal submission] to those Principal Investigators who will not receive a grant award.

Institution	Principal Investigator	Grant Title
George Mason University	Farrokh Alemi, Ph.D.	<i>Optimizing Antidepressant Selection through Artificial Intelligence</i>
Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University	Bahareh Behkam, Ph.D.	<i>Mechanobiology of Implant Infection: Effect of Surface Roughness on the Attachment Density and Phenotype of Adherent Staphylococcus aureus</i>
Virginia Commonwealth University	Paul Fisher, MPhil, Ph.D.	<i>Rational Design of Cancer Invasion and Metastasis Inhibitors</i>
Eastern Virginia Medical School	Aurora Esquela Kerscher, Ph.D.	<i>Molecular dissection of a microRNA cluster network of aggressiveness</i>
University of Virginia	Kyle Lampe, Ph.D.	<i>Self-assembling, shear-thinning peptide hydrogels to support cell transplantation and host cell interaction after ischemic stroke</i>
Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University	Alicia Pickrell, Ph.D.	<i>STING-dependent Type I Interferon Response in TBI</i>
University of Virginia's College at Wise	Steven Shell, Ph.D.	<i>Mass Spectrometry Analysis of the Human XPA-XPC Complex</i>
University of Virginia	Chongzhi Zang, Ph.D.	<i>Aberrant CTCF binding as an epigenetic signature of cancer</i>



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### Next Meeting:

Robert Downs, Jr., M.D., moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Dr. Eppes, voted upon and passed unanimously by the Board. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The Board's next meeting will be **Thursday, March 4, 2021** in Richmond, Virginia at a location to be determined. The meeting will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. At this meeting, the Board will review the Concept Papers submitted, as part of the 2021/2022 grant process, and review the panel's recommendations regarding which ones should be developed into Full Proposals. The Board then will determine which Principal Investigators will be asked to submit Full Proposals.