

## Commonwealth Health Research Board Meeting Minutes for June 23, 2021 **DRAFT**

### Members in Attendance:

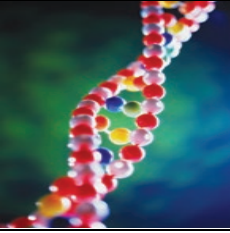
Robert W. Downs, Jr., M.D., Chair  
 Eric Lowe, M.D., Vice Chair  
 Thomas W. Eppes, Jr., M.D.  
 Cynda A. Johnson, M.D., M.B.A.  
 Julia A. Spicer

### 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, OAG
Matt Winders	Systems Engineer, Department of Accounts

### Others in Attendance virtual via WebEx Videoconferencing:

Principal Investigator/ Presenter	Applicant Institution	Presentation Participants
Daniel Conway, Ph.D.	Virginia Commonwealth University	
Babette Fuss, Ph.D.	Virginia Commonwealth University	Unsong Oh, Ph.D., Co-Investigator Jeff Dupree, Ph.D., Co-Investigator
Jeffrey Moran, Ph.D.	George Mason University	Geraldine Grant, Ph.D., Co-Investigator Luis Rodriguez, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Participant
Lisa Shollenberger, Ph.D.	Old Dominion University Research Foundation	Wayne Hynes, Ph.D., Collaborator
Ronan Borenstein, Ph.D.	Eastern Virginia Medical School	Albert Musto, M.D., Ph.D., Co-Investigator
Lee Solomon, Ph.D.	George Mason University	Harinder Dhindsa, M.D., Collaborator
Daeha Joung, Ph.D.	Virginia Commonwealth University	
Youngman Oh, Ph.D.	Virginia Commonwealth University	
Dianne Daniel, Ph.D.	Eastern Virginia Medical School	Frank Lattanzio, Ph.D., Advisor/Mentor Umesh Desai, Ph.D., Advisor/Mentor
Zequan Yang, M.D., Ph.D.	University of Virginia	
Liheng Cai, Ph.D.	University of Virginia	Jose Oberholzer, M.D., Co-Investigator Yong Wang, M.D., Co-Investigator
Yuchin Albert Pan, Ph.D.	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University	
Paul Morton, Ph.D.	Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University	Lijuan Yuan, Ph.D., Co-Investigator
Alia Marie Iqbal O'Meara, M.D.	Virginia Commonwealth University	Carmen Sato-Bigbee, Ph.D., Co-Investigator Jennifer Wolstenholme, Ph.D., Co-Investigator Amanda Furman, Research Assistant



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## **Call to Order:**

Chair Robert Downs, Jr., M.D., called the meeting to order at 8:20 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:**

Chair Robert Downs, Jr., M.D., moved to approve the Minutes from the May 27, 2021 meeting, as revised to delete a reference to a specific percentage increase in the CHRB Administrator's salary on page 9. Ms. Julia Spicer seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were then unanimously approved, as revised, by the Board.

## **CLOSED SESSION: FY 2021/2022 CHRB Grant Process Step Three: Presentation of 14 Full Proposals to the Board via WebEx Videoconferencing**

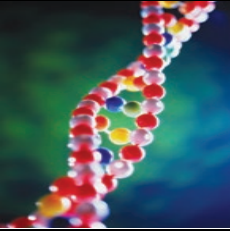
Chair Robert Downs, Jr., M.D., moved that the Board go into closed session pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3711 (A) (7), § 2.2-3711 (A) (30), and § 2.2-3705.6(17) for the purpose of

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. Lowe, Vice Chair. The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously.

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



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**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

**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;

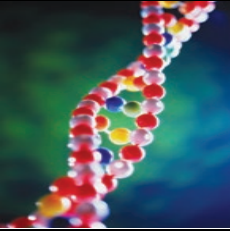
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Commonwealth Health Research Board certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution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

**Results of Closed Session:**

Ms. Julia Spicer made a motion that the following eight Principal Investigators receive a CHRB grant award for FY 2021/2022. Dr. Lowe, Vice Chair, seconded the motion. The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously. Administrator Pace will contact the following successful candidates 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.

Principal Investigator	Institution
Daniel Conway, Ph.D.	Virginia Commonwealth University
Babette Fuss, Ph.D.	Virginia Commonwealth University
Jeffrey Moran, Ph.D.	George Mason University
Lee Solomon, Ph.D.	George Mason University
Daeha Joung, Ph.D.	Virginia Commonwealth University
Zequan Yang, M.D., Ph.D.	University of Virginia
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Chair Robert Downs, Jr., M.D. provided the Board with updates on General Assembly Appointments and an upcoming interview with a Postdoctoral Fellow working with the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV) to discuss basic scientific research in Virginia.

**Next Meeting:**

Chair 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 3:25 p.m.

The Board's next meeting will be **Thursday, December 9, 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 2022/2023 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.