

**MINUTES OF THE
MARYLAND STEM CELL RESEARCH COMMISSION**
Tuesday, March 16, 2020
Virtual Meeting

Members:

Scott Bailey
Rachel Brewster
Margaret Conn Himelfarb
Diane Hoffmann
Haig Kazazian
Debra Mathews, Chair
David Mosser
Linda Powers
Avram Reisner
Ira Schwartz
Curt Van Tassell, Vice Chair
Bowen Weisheit

Staff:

Stephen Auvil, TEDCO
Dan Gincel, TEDCO
Amritha Jaishankar, TEDCO
Sabrina Spinner, TEDCO

The Commission meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

I. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the January 14, 2020 and February 7, 2020 meetings. A motion was made and seconded to approve both meeting minutes as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Executive Director Report

Dr. Gincel presented the Executive Director's Report, which focused on the following:

A. COVID-19 – Operational Updates

Due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus, we've implemented some changes to best support the health and safety of staff, the Commission, and our community until further notice.

- All in-person meetings will be held virtually or via teleconference. This includes the upcoming MSCRF Peer Review meeting, Commission meetings, and company presentations. Video conference equipment was purchased and will be used to support the upcoming virtual meetings.
- We will provide a 30-day extension for all active MSCRF projects.
- At this time, TEDCO is open and fully operational. However, provisions are being made to assist our transitions to work remotely – *if required*.

B. 2020 Legislative Session - Update

There were no reductions to the Stem Cell FY'21 budget, which remains at level funding from FY'20 (\$8.2M). At this time, no bills were introduced related to Commission matters. The session is scheduled to adjourn on March 18, 2020.

C. Commission Review Meeting – Update

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the April 2020 Commission Review meeting will be rescheduled to a later date. A scheduling poll will be circulated via email to lock in a new date and time for the next Commission Review meeting.

III. Budget Committee Resolution - Draft

Mr. Schwartz reported that the Commission Budget Committee met on February 7, 2020 to review and make recommendations to the full Commission regarding discharging its responsibility for overseeing the MSCRF budget. The Commission was provided with a draft Resolution summarizing the recommendations for full Commission approval.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the resolution as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.