

**MINUTES OF THE  
MARYLAND STEM CELL RESEARCH COMMISSION**

Friday, April 30, 2021

Via Video Conference

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**Members in attendance:**

Scott Bailey  
Margaret Conn Himelfarb  
Diane Hoffman  
Haig Kazazian  
Debra Mathews, MSCRC Chair  
David Mosser  
Linda Powers  
Avram Reisner  
Ira Schwartz  
Curt Van Tassell, Vice-Chair

**Staff in Attendance:**

None

The Commission meeting, held in closed executive session solely to consider the personnel recommendations of the Hiring & Compensation Committee (the "Committee"), was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

The Committee, comprised of Commissioners Himelfarb, Kazazian, Mathews, Mosser and Schwartz, presented its recommendations to the Commission regarding the hiring of a replacement for incumbent MSCRF Executive Director Dan Gincel, Ph.D. ("Dr. Gincel"), who has submitted his resignation effective May 14, 2021.

After a thorough review and discussion of the Committee's recommendations, and issues surrounding the need to ensure the stability and continued efficient and proper operation of the MSCRF program, upon Motion duly made and seconded the Commission unanimously approved a Resolution setting forth that:

(1) Effective May 14, 2021, Amritha Jaishankar, Ph.D., the current MSCRF Director-Programs & Strategic Alliances ("Dr. Jaishankar"), is appointed to succeed Dr. Gincel as Executive Director of the MSCRF.

(2) Notwithstanding the foregoing, Dr. Jaishankar is, effective immediately, authorized and directed to assume control over all MSCRF communications and marketing efforts, including but not limited to those pertaining to Dr. Gincel's resignation and her appointment to succeed Dr. Gincel as MSCRF Executive Director.

(3) Dr. Jaishankar's Employment Contract shall be revised accordingly.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 pm.