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CANCER PREVENTION & RESEARCH  
INSTITUTE OF TEXAS

**Oversight Committee Meeting  
January 17, 2018**

NOTE: Unless the information is confidential, the reports and presentations referenced in the minutes are available at [http://www.cprit.state.tx.us/cprit-media/oc\\_packet\\_01-17-2018.pdf](http://www.cprit.state.tx.us/cprit-media/oc_packet_01-17-2018.pdf).

**Call to Order – Agenda Item 1**

A quorum being present, Presiding Officer Montgomery called the Oversight Committee to order at 10:02 a.m.

**Roll Call/Excused Absences – Agenda Item 2**

Committee Members Present:

Angelos Angelou

Donald (Dee) Margo

Amy Mitchell

Bill Rice, M.D.

Will Montgomery

Craig Rosenfeld, M.D.

Mahendra Patel, M.D., was not present at the roll call, but arrived at 10:25 a.m.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Susan Dawson addressed the Oversight Committee regarding Agenda Item 7, New Initiatives. Ms. Dawson indicated that she would follow up with staff after the meeting to address additional ideas for consideration in the event the Oversight Committee decides to move forward with the staff proposal.

**Special Meeting Overview – Agenda Item 3**

Presiding Officer Montgomery and Chief Executive Officer Wayne Roberts reviewed the material behind Tab 1 in the meeting books concerning the meeting's purposes and expectations.

**Budget Preparation – Agenda Item 4**

Presiding Officer Montgomery asked Mr. Roberts and Heidi McConnell, Chief Operating Officer, to explain the three budget projection scenarios for fiscal years 2020 through 2023 for consideration by the Oversight Committee. The budget scenarios and supporting information are located behind Tab 2.

Mr. Roberts addressed the future budget constraints resulting from declining constitutional bond funds available for agency grant making and operations. He explained that after Fiscal Year 2019 the amount of bond funding remaining will not be sufficient to sustain the agency's operations and grant awards at the current level of \$300 million each year, the maximum allowed by law.

The Oversight Committee and agency senior staff discussed pros and cons to each budget scenario. Dr. James Willson, Chief Scientific Officer; Dr. Rebecca Garcia, Chief Prevention Officer; and Mr. Michael Lang, Chief Product Development Officer, recommended Scenario 4 that divides the available grant funds between fiscal years 2020 and 2021 with CPRIT making no awards in fiscal year 2022.

After discussion, the Oversight Committee indicated a preference for Scenario 4 and instructed staff to discuss this option with advocates, the grantee community, and legislators with an interest in CPRIT activities. Presiding Officer Montgomery asked Mr. Roberts to report back to the Oversight Committee at the next meeting for additional discussion and public comment. The Oversight Committee did not act on the budget scenarios.

An Oversight Committee member asked Mr. Roberts and Ms. McConnell about whether CPRIT may request an exceptional item from the General Revenue Fund to make up the expected shortfalls after Fiscal Year 2019 to sustain agency operations and grant making activities at \$300 million per year. Mr. Roberts responded that no legal or statutory impediment prevents the request from being made.

#### **Fiscal Year 2018 Program Priorities and FY 2015 – 2017 Program Impact – Agenda Item 5**

Presiding Officer Montgomery recognized Mr. Roberts to summarize the material in the meeting books behind Tab 3 related to previously approved Fiscal Year 2018 Program Priorities and how CPRIT's awards align with program priorities in effect each fiscal year between 2015 – 2017.

#### **Fiscal Year 2019 Program Priorities – Agenda Item 6**

Dr. Garcia, Dr. Willson, and Mr. Lang summarized their recommendations for Fiscal Year 2019 Program Priorities. Each of their presentations are in the meeting books behind Tab 4 concerning.

#### **MOTION:**

On a motion made by Dr. Rice and seconded by Dr. Rosenfeld, the Oversight Committee unanimously approved the staff recommendations for the Fiscal Year 2019 Program Priorities.

**New Initiatives – Agenda Item 7**

Presiding Officer Montgomery asked Wayne Roberts to introduce the discussion on a proposed new initiative. Mr. Roberts summarized the report in the meeting books behind Tab 5. Drs. Willson and Garcia responded to questions on the new initiative, “Collaborative Action Program to Reduce Liver Cancer Mortality in Texas,” including how the proposed project relates to a new Fiscal Year 2019 Program Priority, Hepatocellular cancer, approved earlier in the meeting. The staff recommended approval to develop a Request for Applications for the new project.

**MOTION:**

On a motion made by Mr. Angelou and seconded by Dr. Rosenfeld, the Oversight Committee unanimously approved the staff recommendation to develop a Request for Applications for “Collaborative Action Program to reduce liver cancer mortality in Texas” for an estimated release during the summer of 2018.

**Post Fiscal Year 2019 Program Priorities and Program Budgeting – Agenda Item 8**


Presiding Officer Montgomery recognized Mr. Roberts to discuss future annual program priority processes. Mr. Roberts explained that due to today’s decisions, no additional Oversight Committee action is necessary at this time. The Fiscal Year 2020 Program Priorities process will occur in the spring of 2019 for adoption at the February or May 2019 Oversight Committee meeting. This will allow the program priorities to continue guiding the requests for applications released by CPRIT.


**Adjourn – Agenda Item 9**

**Motion:**

There being no further business, the Oversight Committee unanimously approved a motion to adjourn made by Presiding Officer Montgomery and seconded by Mr. Margo.

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

  
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# CANCER PREVENTION & RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF TEXAS

The Oversight Committee of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, also known as CPRIT, by unanimous vote of its members, adopts the following resolution.

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ned S. Holmes, has served as an Oversight Committee member of CPRIT since September 22, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes assumed the role as Oversight Committee member during a critical period of regaining the confidence of the Texas Legislature and the citizens of Texas in order for CPRIT to resume its role in the fight against cancer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes was pivotal in restoring that confidence; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes worked selflessly for and on behalf of CPRIT, giving his time, prestige, and energy without remuneration; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes steadfastly performed the duties of his office with equanimity, determination, and poise; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes earned the respect and admiration of CPRIT staff through his dedication in furthering the mission of CPRIT; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes likewise earned the respect of his fellow Oversight Committee members through his wise counsel and able leadership of the Nominations and Board Governance subcommittees; and

WHEREAS, CPRIT's mission of promoting prevention, academic research, and product development research advanced under Mr. Holmes' guidance to the benefit of all Texans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Oversight Committee hereby recognizes Ned S. Holmes for his distinguished service to the citizens of the State of Texas, and expresses its gratitude for his many and lasting contributions to CPRIT; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Mr. Holmes as an expression of high regard by Oversight Committee members and CPRIT staff.

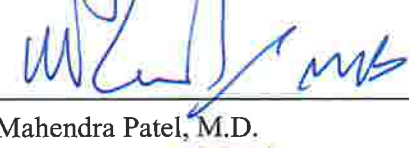
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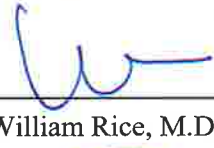
  
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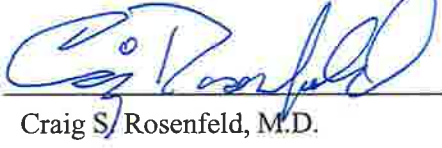
  
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The Oversight Committee of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, also known as CPRIT, by unanimous vote of its members, adopts the following resolution.

### R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the Honorable Preston "Pete" Geren has served as the Presiding Officer of the Oversight Committee from August 19, 2015, to August 16, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Geren assumed the role as Presiding Officer during an important period when maintaining the confidence of the Texas Legislature and the citizens of Texas was critical as CPRIT fully reengaged in its role in the fight against cancer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Geren was pivotal in maintaining that confidence; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Geren worked selflessly for and on behalf of CPRIT, giving his time, prestige, and energy without remuneration; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Geren steadfastly performed the duties of his office with equanimity, persistence, and poise; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Geren earned the respect and admiration of CPRIT staff through his dedication in furthering the mission of CPRIT; and


WHEREAS, Mr. Geren likewise earned the respect of his fellow Oversight Committee members through his wise counsel and able leadership; and

WHEREAS, CPRIT's mission of promoting prevention, academic research, and product development research advanced under Mr. Geren's guidance to the benefit of all Texans; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Oversight Committee of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas hereby recognizes the Honorable Preston "Pete" Geren for his distinguished service to the citizens of the State of Texas, and expresses its gratitude for his many and lasting contributions to the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Mr. Geren as an expression of high regard by Oversight Committee members and CPRIT staff.

Signed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017



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Will Montgomery



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Amy Mitchell



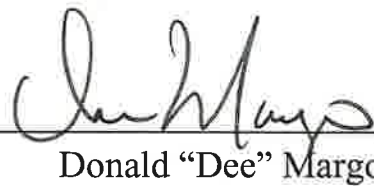
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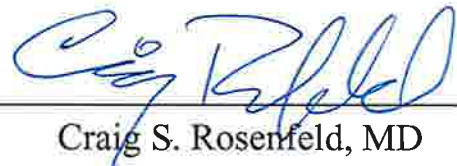
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Wayne R. Roberts  
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