

**MINUTES**  
**Oversight Committee Quarterly Meeting**  
**Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas**

**Thompson Auditorium, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor**  
**Texas Medical Association**  
**401 W 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin Texas**

**June 18, 2010**  
**1:00 p.m.**

James Mansour, Chairman, announced a quorum and called the Oversight Committee Quarterly Meeting of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (Institute) to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Members Present**

James Mansour, Chairman  
Dr. Joseph Bailes  
Martin Hubert (Designee for the  
Comptroller of Public Accounts)  
Charles Tate  
Barbara Canales  
Phil Wilson  
Joyce King  
Lionel Sosa

**Members Absent**

Cindy Brinker Simmons  
Jay Dyer (Designee for the Attorney General)  
The Honorable Judge Faith Johnson

**Legal Counsel**

Kristen Doyle

**Staff Present**

William "Bill" Gimson, Executive Director  
Heidi McConnell, Chief Operating Officer  
Dr. Alfred Gilman, Chief Scientific Officer  
Dr. Becky Garcia, Chief Prevention Officer  
Jerry Cobbs, Chief Commercialization Officer  
Therry Simien, Information Technology Officer  
Sandra Balderrama, Senior Advisor to the Executive Director  
Alfonso Royal, Finance Manager  
Jo Ann Eckert, Director of Scientific Review  
Lisa Nelson, Operations Manager  
Michelle Frerich, Program Manager  
Ramona Magid, Prevention Program Director  
Yvette Jimenez, Administrative Assistant  
Gracie Diaz, temporary administrative

### **Excused Absences**

Chairman Mansour read a letter from Cindy Brinker Simmons requesting an excused absence due to being out of the country.

Jay Dyer made a verbal request to the CPRIT office for an excused absence due to a scheduling conflict.

Judge Faith Johnson made a verbal request to the CPRIT office for an excused absence due to a pressing business matter.

***Motion to grant excused absences to Cindy Brinker Simmons, Jay Dyer and Faith Johnson was made by Lionel Sosa and seconded by Joe Bailes. Motion carried.***

### **Minutes**

***Joe Bailes moved to adopt the minutes of the March 10, 2010, CPRIT Oversight Committee Quarterly Meeting. Martin Hubert seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.***

### **Report from Chairman**

#### ***New Member Welcome***

Chairman James Mansour introduced three new members to the Oversight Committee.

Phil Wilson of Austin, appointed by Governor Rick Perry on March 12, 2010.  
Barbara Canales of Corpus Christi, appointed by Speaker Joe Straus on April 12, 2010.  
Joyce King of Plano, appointed by Governor Rick Perry on May 5, 2010.

#### ***Appointment of Vice Chairman***

Chairman Mansour announced that with the departure of Dr. Malcolm Gillis from the board earlier this year, he has appointed Dr. Joseph S. Bailes as Vice Chairman of the Oversight Committee. He noted that Dr. Bailes is the longest serving board member. Dr. Bailes is the only member of the Oversight Committee who has served on Boards of both the Texas Cancer Council and CPRIT.

#### ***Board Member Address to Committee***

Chairman Mansour reported that the San Antonio City Council is currently considering a proposed no-smoking policy for the bars and restaurants in the city. Oversight Committee member Lionel Sosa, a San Antonio resident, sent a letter to the city council personally opposing the no-smoking policy. Mr. Mansour stated that Mr. Sosa has been a trusted and valued member of the Oversight Committee since its inception, and after sending the letter Mr. Sosa came to realize that he had made statements reflecting his personal beliefs that were not consistent with the mission/policies of CPRIT and his position as a CPRIT Oversight Committee member. Mr. Mansour recognized Mr. Sosa to read a letter to the committee apologizing for his role in the matter and reiterating his support for CPRIT's mission and policies.

### ***Thank you to the Oversight Committee***

Mr. Mansour thanked the committee members for their service this first year. He stated that last year many people were doubtful that CPRIT would be able to get systems in place quickly to be able to find and fund the best research and prevention programs in Texas this year. But thanks to the hard work of the CPRIT team and the dedication of the Oversight Committee, the first year was extremely successful and the impact through the cancer prevention and research awards made by CPRIT was more than anyone could have expected.

### **Report from the Executive Director**

Executive Director Bill Gimson provided an update and overview of CPRIT activities for the first full year of operations:

- ***CPRIT Update***

- Agency Progress Report

- Check Presentations

- CPRIT website

- CPRIT this year

- 1,100 Proposals Received

- 150 Reviewers

- 8,500 Reviews Performed

- 155 Awards

- 43 Institutions/Organizations

- Virtually all regions of the state represented

- \$216,000,000 Total

- Equivalent of \$831,000/Workday

- Investing in the Health of Texans

- Investing in Research Superiority

- Investing in Life Science Infrastructure

- Investing in our Economy

- Save the Date

- November 16

- CPRIT Foundation Roundtable

- First Annual *“CPRIT Innovations in Cancer Prevention and Research conference”*

- Report from Diversity Work Group

- In the absence of Judge Faith Johnson, Chair, Alfonso Royal who is now serving as CPRIT's Diversity Coordinator gave a report on the work group's activities.

- Report from Advisory Committee on Childhood Cancer

- Mr. Gimson introduced Gail Thompson, M.D., Chair, to report on her committee's activities.

- Report from the CPRIT Foundation

- Mr. Gimson introduced Jennifer Lustina, Executive Director of the Foundation, to report on the foundation activities.

## Appointments for FY 2010 CPRIT Scientific Research and Prevention Program (SRPP) Committees

Executive Director Bill Gimson presented a list of new appointees to Scientific Research and Prevention Program Committee, adding that these men and women are esteemed experts in their respective cancer fields.

25 New SRPP members for research  
16 New SRPP members for prevention  
4 New SRPP members for Commercialization  
Total of 45 new members

Mr. Gimson requested that the Oversight Committee approve his appointments to the Scientific Research and Prevention Program Committees.

Chairman James Mansour explained that Texas law requires the Oversight Committee to take action to approve the Executive Director's appointments to the SRPP committees.

***Joe Bailes moved to approve the Executive Director's appointments to the Scientific Research and Prevention Programs (SRPP) committees. Charles Tate seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.***

## Presentation of Slates – Research Grant Applications Recommended for Funding.

Mr. Gimson introduced CPRIT's Chief Scientific Officer, Dr. Al Gilman, to present research grant award slates. Dr. Gilman reports this round of proposals were fantastic. Dr. Gilman gave a brief description of each of the five research slates CPRIT's Executive Director recommended for funding.

Chairman Mansour addressed the Committee to explain that Texas law (Health and Safety Code § 102.252) requires the Oversight Committee to follow the Executive Director's funding recommendation unless two-thirds of the Oversight Committee members vote to disregard the recommendation. And, because agency rules require each slate to be considered separately, Chairman Mansour explained that he will ask for motions for each of the five slates. If no motion to reject is heard, he will move to the next slate.

**SLATE 1** *Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the **Multiple Investigator Research Awards**.*

*Hearing no motion, he moved to the next slate.*

**SLATE 2** *Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the **Research Training Awards**.*

*Hearing no motion, he moved to the next slate.*

**SLATE 3** Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the **Scientific Recruitment Awards**.

*Hearing no motion, he moved to the next slate.*

**SLATE 4** Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the **Individual Investigator Awards**.

*Hearing no motion, he moved to the next slate.*

**SLATE 5** Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the **High Impact/High Risk Awards**.

*Hearing no motion, he moved to the next slate.*

*Hearing no motion to disregard any of the slates, Chairman Mansour called for a motion to delegate contract negotiation authority to the Executive Director and the General Counsel and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the contracts on behalf of the Institute.*

***Motion was made by Joe Bailes and seconded by Lionel Sosa. None opposed. Motion carried.***

### **Presentation of Slates – Prevention Grant Applications Recommended for Funding.**

Mr. Gimson introduced Becky Garcia, Chief Prevention Officer to report on prevention activities and present the slate of funding recommendations.

*Chairman Mansour called for separate votes on each slate.*

**SLATE 6** Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the **Community Collaborative Prevention Programs and Services for Breast, Cervical, and Colorectal Cancers Awards.**"

*Hearing no motion, he moved to the next slate.*

**SLATE 7** Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the **Health Care Professional Education and Training Awards.**"

*Hearing no motion, he moved to the next slate.*

**SLATE 8** Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the **Health Promotion, Public Education, and Outreach Programs Awards.**"

*Hearing no motion, he moved to the next slate.*

**SLATE 9** Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the ***Innovation Awards for Cancer Prevention Programs and Services Awards.***"

*Hearing no motion, he moved to the next item.*

*Hearing no motion to disregard any of the slates, Chairman Mansour called for a motion to delegate contract negotiation authority to the Executive Director and the General Counsel and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the contracts on behalf of the Institute.*

***Motion was made by Lionel Sosa and seconded by Joe Bailes. None opposed. Motion carried.***

### **Submission of Slate(s) – Research Commercialization Grant Applications Recommended for Funding**

Mr. Gimson introduced Jerry Cobbs, Chief Commercialization Officer to present the slates for research commercialization awards

**SLATE 10** Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the ***Company Commercialization Awards.***

*Hearing no motion, he moved to the next slate.*

**SLATE 11** Chairman Mansour called for a motion to disregard the Executive Director's funding recommendation for the ***Company Recruitment Award.***"

*Hearing no motion, he moved to the next item.*

*Hearing no motion to disregard the slates, Chairman Mansour called for a motion to delegate contract negotiation authority to the Executive Director and the General Counsel and to authorize the Executive Director to sign the contracts on behalf of the Institute.*

***Motion was made by Joe Bailes and seconded by Phil Wilson. None opposed. Motion carried.***

Chairman Mansour reminded members that, as indicated by Jerry Cobbs, each of these award recommendations are subject to the satisfactory completion of due diligence. The Oversight Committee is not scheduled to meet again before the end of the fiscal year. In the event that there is a problem discovered during the due diligence, he proposed the Executive Committee convene to consider any appropriate action recommended by the Executive Director.

Chairman Mansour called for a motion to delegate authority to the Executive Committee to take appropriate action in the event that the Executive Director

must revise his recommendation with regard to any commercialization awards.

***Motion was made by Lionel Sosa and seconded by Barbara Canales. None opposed. Motion carried.***

Chairman Mansour recognized Charles Tate who recommended that CPRIT form a Commercialization Advisory Committee. He suggested that members should be from inside and outside the state and could help CPRIT prioritize ideas that make sense from a commercialization prospective. The committee would function in the same way as SPAC and ACCC. All agreed to move forward with that recommendation. No vote needed.

### **Advance Authority**

Chairman Mansour introduced Heidi McConnell, CPRIT's Chief Operating Officer, to address the issue of advance authority with regard to certain grant awards.

***A motion was made by Joe Bailes to authorize CPRIT to make advance payments of grant award funds consistent with the General Appropriations Act, Article IX, Section 4.03(a) to the following recipients:***

- ***Recruitment Award recipients,***
- ***Company Investment Award recipients***
- ***Visualase, an Individual Investigator Award recipient, and***
- ***InGeneron, a high Impact/High Risk Award recipient, in the first cycle,***

***Seconded by Phil Wilson. None opposed. Motion carried.***

### **Presentations**

Chairman Mansour introduced Annette Leslie. Ms. Leslie is a newly appointed member of CPRIT's Advisory Council on Childhood Cancer. She lost her son, Carson, in January to cancer and promised to make a difference in the fight against pediatric cancer. One of the ways she is doing that is by serving on this council.

Dr. Gilman introduced Dr. Gail Tomlinson, who is a CPRIT grant award recipient for her study of *Genetics and Biology of Liver Cancer in Children*. Dr. Tomlinson was scheduled to give a presentation about her study, but due to time considerations, indicated that she would return to another meeting of the Oversight Committee to deliver the presentation.

## **Strategic Plan**

Ms. McConnell provided background information regarding CPRIT's Strategic Plan. The plan is due to the Legislative Budget Board and the Governor's Office of Budget, Planning and Policy on June 18, 2010.

Chairman Mansour called for a motion to approve the Strategic Plan *as presented today and to submit the plan to the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) and Governor's Office.*

***Motion was made by Joyce King and seconded by Joe Bailes. None opposed. Motion carried.***

## **Legislative Appropriations Request (LAR)**

Ms. McConnell provided background information regarding the agency LAR. The LAR is due on August 9, 2010. No Oversight Committee meetings are scheduled before the LAR must be submitted.

Chairman Mansour called for a motion to delegate authorization to the Executive Committee to approve the LAR and submit it to the Legislative Budget Board and Governor's Office.

***Motion was made by Lionel Sosa and seconded by Martin Hubert. None opposed. Motion carried.***

## **Agency Operation Report**

Reports presented by Ms. McConnell:

- FY 2010 Expenditure Report
- Update on the status of the Virtual Management Company/Entrepreneur in Residence (VMC/EIR) request for proposal
- Financial Controls and Monitoring of Awards

***Reports were accepted, no action required.***

## **Establishing Audit Sub-Committee**

Chairman Mansour discussed the requirement to establish an Audit Subcommittee. He announced that he had asked Joe Bailes and Phil Wilson to join him on this subcommittee.

## **Approve Final Order and Amendments to Chapter 703 Agency Administrative Rules (Commercialization Rulemaking)**

Kristen Doyle, CPRIT General Counsel, presented the Final Order adopting Amendments to Chapter 703 agency administrative rules.

Chairman Mansour called for a motion to approve the final order and amendments to Chapter 703 agency administrative rules.



**Motion was made by Joe Bailes and seconded by Martin Hubert. None opposed.  
Motion carried.**

**Proposed Future Meetings Dates and Agenda Items**

The next scheduled meeting date is October 27, 2010. The TMA rooms are not available on that date and securing other meeting space in Austin is always a challenge. TMA is available on the 25<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, or 29<sup>th</sup> of October. Chairman Mansour polled the group and it was decided that Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> works best.

**Public Comment**

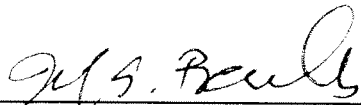
Public Comment was made by Annette Leslie.  
There were no additional public comments.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairman Mansour called for a motion to adjourn.

**Motion was made by Barbara Canales and seconded by Joe Bailes. None opposed.  
Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

  
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Signature

10-29-2010  
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Date