

**MINUTES OF THE  
MARYLAND STEM CELL RESEARCH COMMISSION**  
Monday, May 3, 2010  
TEDCO Offices  
Columbia, MD

**Action Items from May 3, 2010**

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**1. The Commission requested to review and approve the January 12, 2010 meeting minutes via email.**

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**Members in attendance:**

Brenda Crabbs  
Margaret Himelfarb  
Suzanne Ostrand-Rosenberg  
Linda Powers  
Avram Reisner  
Karen Rothenberg, Chair  
Steven Salzberg  
Ira Schwartz  
Jeremy Sugarman  
Curt Van Tassell  
Bowen Weisheit

**Others in attendance:**

Dan Gincel, TEDCO  
John Richters (SRO), LTS Corp.  
John Wasilisin, TEDCO

The Commission meeting was called to order at 10:13 a.m.

Introduction of new Commission Members Avram Reisner & Curt Van Tassell.

**I. Approval of Minutes**

The Commission considered the minutes of January 12, 2010 and due to the time passed since last meeting the Commission decided to review and approve by email. The minutes were so approved on May 14.

**II. Statement for Closing the Meeting**

A motion was made and seconded that the Commission go in to a closed session. The motion stated the following:

STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION

**State Government Article Sec.10-503(a)(1)(i):**

This subtitle does not apply to a public body when it is carrying out an administrative function.

**State Government Article Sec.10-508(a)(5):**

A public body may meet in closed session to consider the investment of public funds.

**State Government Article Sec.10-508(a)(13):**

A public body may meet in closed session to comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.

**TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

The discussion will concern the implementation of the commission's previously adopted criteria for grant funding. The Commission will discuss which applications to recommend for funding, given the scientific rankings and other relevant factors. The discussion might also relate to the characteristic of specific applications.

**REASON FOR CLOSING:**

Paralleling the NIH process for considering funding applications, the Commission believes that confidentiality is essential to protect the sensitive information about plans and processes that applicants divulge, to avoid a chilling effect on future submissions, and to enable the most candid Commission discussion of how best to invest limited resources.

The motion passed unanimously. The Commission went into a closed session.

In the closed session, the same persons were present as are listed above. The Commission reviewed tables showing the scientific ranking of, and key information about, each application within the three categories (Investigator-Initiated, Exploratory and Fellowship). The applications did not identify the applicants. The Commission focused on applications that received competitive, meritorious scores.

The Commission recommended applications from the three funding categories for TEDCO Board approval.