

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

Monday, January 8, 2018
TEDCO Offices,
Columbia, MD

No Action Items

Members in attendance:

Rachel Brewster
Margaret Conn Himelfarb
Diane Hoffmann
Haig Kazazian
Sharon Krag
Debra Mathews, Vice Chair
David Mosser, Chair
Ira Schwartz
Curt Van Tassell

Staff in Attendance:

Dan Gincel, TEDCO
Amritha Jaishankar, TEDCO
Parag Sheth, TEDCO
Sabrina Spinner, TEDCO
Tammi Thomas, TEDCO

The Commission meeting was called to order at 12:09 p.m.

I. Guest Presentations

Mr. Parag Sheth, Director and CMO, MVF gave a presentation on the Maryland Venture Fund program and investment strategies.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Commission reviewed the minutes from the November 6, 2017 meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes as modified. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Executive Director Report

A. FY'18 Applications & Review Meeting

The FY'18 RFA deadline is January 18, 2018, by 5:00 p.m. The Scientific Peer Review Committee meetings are scheduled March 18 - 22, 2018. Most of the reviewers have been identified and will be assigned applications following the deadline. The meeting location has been secured.

B. New Website - Update

Management is working with a website development company to create an integrated, informative, and interactive website for all TEDCO programs, including the MSCRF. The proposed completion date is June 2018. Dr. Gincel will keep the Commission updated on the progress.

C. Publications

Management has partnered with a market research database firm that specialize in the stem cell industry news, to highlight publications and current advances in stem cell science, therapies, and cures supported through MSCRF-funded research.

D. TEDCO Expo/Stem Cell Symposium

The Annual MSCR Stem Cell Symposium will be integrated the with the TEDCO Entrepreneur EXPO at the Hotel at the UM College Park, October 30, 2018.

IV. Other Issues

The Commission discussed Universities potential to create an undergrad Stem Cell degree in partnership with industry.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.