

Life Sciences Discovery Fund Authority
Public Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 5, 2008 10:30-11:00am
Via Telecon

Trustees Present Via Telecon: Lura Powell, Jim Cook, Sen Chris Marr, Rep Jeff Morris, Bruce Montgomery, Rep Skip Priest, Cheryl Scott, Rita Colwell, Sen Jerome Delvin

Trustees Absent: Tony Hey, Gov Gary Locke

Others Attending Via Telecon: Lee Huntsman, John Des Rosier, Mark Hertle, Kelly Moutsos, Alden Jones, Dianne Needham, Cathy Manner, Brenda Stav, Pamela Anderson (AG), Mike Tribble (AG), Ed Derrick (AAAS), David Boerner (ethics observer), Charles Mays (Arcadia Biosciences), Cheryl Baird (PNNL), Chris Fisher (PNNL), Dean Forbes (FHCRC), Ed Kesicki, Effie Petersdorf (FHCRC), Glen Duncan (UW), Jim Gore (PNDRI), Joseph Tartakoff (Seattle PI), Joseph Wall (Providence St. Peters Hospital), Kostas Pedritis (PNNL), Kristin Sitcov (Foundation Health Care Quality), Neil Davies (WSU) Roberta Wilkes (UW), Sherry Winner (WSU).

MINUTES

Following an Executive Session from 10:00a-10:30a in which the board discussed 08-01 grant applications and awards, a public session ensued.

Welcome and Description of 08-01 Award Process – Chairman Powell welcomed those joining via teleconference and described the purpose of the 08-01 competition: “Innovative Research Projects to Improve Health and Health Care.” The 08-01 competition was designed to sponsor health research projects at eligible Washington organizations. Projects consisted of investigator-initiated scientific studies with a sharply-defined research focus.

Each of the 86 proposals received for the 08-01 competition was evaluated by national experts convened by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

Informed by the AAAS review, the Life Sciences Discovery Fund Board of Trustees then chose the awardees. Those that were selected met the Life Sciences Discovery Fund’s mission of advancing health care for Washingtonians, strengthening the state’s economy and promoting life sciences competitiveness. The six applications for funding total \$5.2 million in awards.

Funding for these grant projects comes from Washington’s allocation of bonus payments under the Master Tobacco Settlement—revenues arising from multi-state litigation with tobacco product manufacturers. This group of awardees is the second to be funded through the tobacco settlement mechanism.

Review of Conflict of Interest Policy – Pam Anderson, Washington State Attorney General’s office, reviewed the LSDF Conflict of Interest policy per the grant selection and announcement process. Anderson noted that the policy is posted online at the LSDF website. In general, the policy ensures that the awards are made in a fair and objective manner, in compliance with the Ethics in Public Service Act and the mission of the LSDF. Anderson stated that a full disclosure of each Trustee’s declared conflicts and actions taken as a result of the disclosure, at each stage of the awards process, is attached as an Addendum to the minutes. Anderson also noted that applicant Diane Cook is not related to LSDF trustee Jim Cook.

Formal Vote on 08-01 Grant Awards – Chairman Powell then read the following information and asked for a roll call vote on each of the six proposals:

The first proposal is from **Clifford Berkman at Washington State University**. His project title is, “**Chemoaffinity Agents for the Detection of Prostate Cancer.**” The project’s focus is to demonstrate a new approach to imaging prostate tumors.

The award amount is: **\$679,964.**

Roll Call of Vote – Priest (yes), Delvin (yes), Morris (yes), Marr (yes), Montgomery (yes), Scott (yes), Cook (yes), Colwell (yes), Powell (yes).

Absent from Roll Call – Hey, Locke

The second proposal is from **Diane Cook at Washington State University**. Her project title is, **“Smart Home-Based Health Platform for Functional Monitoring and Intervention.”** The project’s focus is to create a “smart environment” that enables older adults or individuals experiencing cognitive or physical limitations to function independently and remain in their own home setting.

The award amount is: **\$790,906.**

Roll Call of Vote – Priest (yes), Delvin (yes), Morris (yes), Marr (yes), Montgomery (yes), Scott (yes), Cook (yes), Colwell (yes), Powell (yes).

Absent from Roll Call – Hey, Locke

The third proposal is from **Eberhard Fetz at the University of Washington**. His project title is, **“Brain-Computer Interfaces for Functional Recovery from Brain Injury.”** The project’s focus is to increase functional recovery in damaged areas of the brain using implantable electrical stimulators.

The award amount is: **\$1,068,985.**

Roll Call of Vote – Priest (yes), Delvin (yes), Morris (yes), Marr (yes), Montgomery (yes), Scott (yes), Cook (yes), Colwell (yes), Powell (yes).

Absent from Roll Call – Hey, Locke

The fourth proposal is from **Cecilia Giachelli at the University of Washington**. Her project title is, **“Engineering Monocytes to Treat Ectopic Calcification.”** The project’s focus is to develop technologies for local human cell therapies that can inhibit and regress tissue calcification.

The award amount is: **\$1,469,606.**

Roll Call of Vote – Priest (yes), Delvin (yes), Morris (yes), Marr (yes), Montgomery (yes), Scott (yes), Cook (yes), Colwell (yes), Powell (yes).

Absent from Roll Call – Hey, Locke

The fifth proposal is from **Pierre Mourad at the University of Washington**. His project title is, **“Transcutaneous Acoustic Palpation (TAP) for Localizing Painful Pathology.”** The project’s focus is to demonstrate the use of intense-focused ultrasound in identifying the source of deep pain.

The award amount is: **\$224,958.**

Roll Call of Vote – Priest (yes), Delvin (yes), Morris (yes), Marr (yes), Montgomery (yes), Scott (yes), Cook (yes), Colwell (yes), Powell (yes).

Absent from Roll Call – Hey, Locke

The sixth proposal is from **Patrick Stayton at the University of Washington**. His project title is, **“Self-Powered Smart Cards for Diagnostic Screening.”** The project’s focus is to develop a rapid, low-cost, self-powered, easy-to-use device to detect infectious agents in blood.

The award amount is: **\$972,232.**

Roll Call of Vote – Priest (yes), Delvin (yes), Morris (yes), Marr (yes), Montgomery (yes), Scott (yes), Cook (yes), Colwell (yes), Powell (yes).

Absent from Roll Call – Hey, Locke

Closing Remarks – Powell directed those interested in more information on the awards to lifesciencesdiscoveryfund.org and to communications manager Dianne Needham 206 732 6776. She then thanked fellow board members for their participation, time and input. Powell congratulated the Life Sciences Discovery Fund 08-01 grant awardees. Powell also expressed thanks to Governor Christine Gregoire and to all Washington State legislators for their ongoing support in carrying out the mission of the Life Sciences Discovery Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Huntsman, Executive Director, Life Sciences Discovery Fund Authority

Board of Trustees' Potential Conflicts of Interest Disclosures Life Sciences Discovery Fund 08-01 Proposals

The following potential conflicts of interest, based on the policy at http://www.lsdfa.org/about/background/Ethics_conflicts_interest_policy.pdf, were disclosed by board members for the July 29, 2008 board meeting at which proposals from applicants to the LSDF 08-01 competition were discussed. On August 5, 2008, the board voted on proposals to fund in the 08-01 competition; conflicts of interest were re-solicited and were identical to those declared at the July 29 meeting. In addition, LSDF wishes to clarify that there is no family relationship between trustee Jim Cook and applicant Diane Cook, i.e., there is no inherent conflict of interest.

Proposal # 2322061

Board Member: Gov. Gary Locke

Applicant: Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center

Reason for disclosure: Gov. Locke declared a "Beneficial Interest" in an applicant, co-applicant, or collaborator

Result of disclosure: Gov. Locke did not rank, discuss or vote on the proposal.

Proposal # 2334089

Board Member: Gov. Gary Locke

Applicant: Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center

Reason for disclosure: Gov. Locke declared a "Beneficial Interest" in an applicant, co-applicant, or collaborator

Result of disclosure: Gov. Locke did not rank, discuss or vote on the proposal.

Proposal # 2365079

Board Member: Sen. Chris Marr

Applicant: Group Health Cooperative

Reason for disclosure: Sen. Marr declared past employment with applicant, co-applicant, or collaborator.

Result of disclosure: Sen. Marr did not rank, discuss or vote on the proposal.

Proposal # 2365079

Board Member: Cheryl Scott

Applicant: Group Health Cooperative

Reason for disclosure: Cheryl Scott declared past employment with applicant, co-applicant, or collaborator.

Result of disclosure: Cheryl Scott did not rank, discuss or vote on the proposal.

Proposal # 2371041

Sen. Chris Marr

Applicant: Group Health Cooperative

Reason for disclosure: Sen. Marr declared a volunteer relationship with applicant, co-applicant, or collaborator.

Result of disclosure: Sen. Marr did not rank, discuss or vote on the proposal.

Proposal # 2371041

Board Member: Cheryl Scott

Applicant: Group Health Cooperative

Reason for disclosure: Cheryl Scott declared past employment with applicant, co-applicant, or collaborator.

Result of disclosure: Cheryl Scott did not rank, discuss or vote on the proposal.

Proposal # 2377983

Board Member: Gov. Gary Locke

Applicant: University of Washington

Reason for disclosure: Gov. Locke declared a "Beneficial Interest" in an applicant, co-applicant, or collaborator

Result of disclosure: Gov. Locke did not rank, discuss or vote on the proposal.

Proposal # 2389620

Board Member: Gov. Gary Locke

Applicant: University of Washington

Reason for disclosure: Gov. Locke declared a "Beneficial Interest" in an applicant, co-applicant, or collaborator

Result of disclosure: Gov. Locke did not rank, discuss or vote on the proposal.

Proposal # 2394595

Board Member: Gov. Gary Locke

Applicant: Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center

Reason for disclosure: Gov. Locke declared a "Beneficial Interest" in an applicant, co-applicant, or collaborator

Result of disclosure: Gov. Locke did not rank, discuss or vote on the proposal.

Proposal # 2395396

Board Member: Gov. Gary Locke

Applicant: Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center

Reason for disclosure: Gov. Locke declared a "Beneficial Interest" in an applicant, co-applicant, or collaborator

Result of disclosure: Gov. Locke did not rank, discuss or vote on the proposal.

Proposal # 2396530

Board Member: Gov. Gary Locke

Applicant: Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center

Reason for disclosure: Gov. Locke declared a "Beneficial Interest" in an applicant, co-applicant, or collaborator

Result of disclosure: Gov. Locke did not rank, discuss or vote on the proposal.

Proposal # 2323159

Board Member: Gov. Gary Locke

Applicant: University of Washington

Reason for disclosure: Gov. Locke declared a "Beneficial Interest" in an applicant, co-applicant, or collaborator

Result of disclosure: Gov. Locke did not rank, discuss or vote on the proposal.

Proposal # 2362630

Board Member: Gov. Gary Locke

Applicant: Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center

Reason for disclosure: Gov. Locke declared a "Beneficial Interest" in an applicant, co-applicant, or collaborator

Result of disclosure: Gov. Locke did not rank, discuss or vote on the proposal.

Proposal # 2388966

Board Member: Gov. Gary Locke

Applicant: Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center

Reason for disclosure: Gov. Locke declared a "Beneficial Interest" in an applicant, co-applicant, or collaborator

Result of disclosure: Gov. Locke did not rank, discuss or vote on the proposal.

Proposal # 2396719

Board Member: Gov. Gary Locke

Applicant: Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center

Reason for disclosure: Gov. Locke declared a "Beneficial Interest" in an applicant, co-applicant, or collaborator

Result of disclosure: Gov. Locke did not rank, discuss or vote on the proposal.