

Board, Centre for Molecular Medicine Norway (NCMM)
Oslo 23 October 2023

Notice of NCMM Board Meeting

Time: Monday 23 October 2023, 12:00-15:00
Place: Room Kilo, Forskningsparken (Zoom if requested)

Executive Officer: Ingrid Kjelsvik/ Ragni Indahl

Agenda: (O = information item, D = discussion item B = decision item)

Case 31-23B Approval of minutes from last Board meeting

Draft minutes from the Board meeting on 23 August is attached

Proposed

Decision: The minutes are approved.

Case 32-23O EVALMEDHELSE 2023-2024

The Research Council of Norway (RCN) are just starting evaluating Norwegian medicine and health research (EVALMEDHELSE), as the second evaluation of two evaluations in their ongoing process of evaluating Norwegian life sciences 2022-2024. NCMM as a whole is registered as an administrative unit to be evaluated. The NCMM board approved of Terms of Reference for the assessment of NCMM, in June meeting. The Director will update the Board in the meeting on the coming process.

Proposed

Decision: The Board takes note of the briefing

Case 33-23O Personnel case – update

Exempt information cf. §13 Offentlighetsloven

Due to change of people and strategy at both MN and MED, it is unclear how the original agreement about a core facility will be honored. The Director will give an update in the meeting.

Proposed

Decision: The Board takes note of the briefing.

Case 34-23O Work environment issue - Personnel case

Exempt information cf. §13 Offentlighetsloven

NCMM was informed of a serious work environment issue in August 2022. The case has been handled at UiO level, and a report is written. The NCMM Director will give an update on the case in the meeting.

Proposed

Decision: The Board takes note of the briefing.

Case 35-23O NCMMs financial report

NCMM finances after the second 4-month period in 2023. A report of NCMM finances by end of second 4-month period compared with prognosis is enclosed. Ingrid Kjelsvik will give an update in the meeting.

Proposed

Decision: The Board takes note of the briefing.

Case 36-23B Long-term budget (LØP)

UiO is piloting a new tool for long-term budgeting, called LØP. MED and NCMM take part in the pilot. A suggestion for NCMM's long-term budget (2025-2028) will be presented and discussed with the board. (Attachment 3).

Proposed

Decision: The NCMM long-term budget is approved.

Case 37-23O Strategy discussion on continuation of NCMM beyond 2024 - update

NCMM is in an interim period since RCNs decision to stop funding after 2024 – ongoing until UiO has decided on new mandate and funding scheme. The NCMM Director presented NCMM to the new Deanship at MED on March 6, and The Director and Chair of the Board attended a workshop organized by the Rector of UiO on March 17. There was also a workshop on June 26. Rectors' ambition for NCMM is to integrate NCMM better into UiO and he has set up a working group to put forth concrete suggestions for the future NCMM. The proposal to the UiO Board for setting up the working group describes the roles of the working group members and a timeline for work. The work group aim to finish this task in the first half of 2024. Which means a full year in an interim period. In this period, NCMM is hindered in keeping up the work by instructions from the Medical Faculty that NCMM must stop hiring until further instructions. (Directors presentation of NCMM at the UiO Board meeting in September and the instructions from the Medical Faculty, dated 21.09.23 is attached; attachment 4 and 5). The Director will update the Board in the meeting about the latest news.

Proposed

Decision: The Board takes note of the briefing.

Case 38-23O Miscellaneous

- Board meeting dates for 2024 – a doodle with suggested dates will be out soon.
- New hirings at NCMM

Sincerely,
Jens Petter Berg
Chair NCMM Board

Janna Saarela
NCMM Director