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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

On Thursday, November 20, 2008, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a public hearing on the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM). The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. in Room 4203 of the State Capitol in Sacramento.

This is the first of two planned hearings the Commission has scheduled to assess the state's stem cell agency. This study was prompted by the request of Senators Sheila Kuehl and George Runner, who in April 2008 asked the Commission to review the governance structure of the California Stem Cell Research and Cures Act, including the membership of the Independent Citizens Oversight Committee (ICOC) and the relative roles of the committee and the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM). A complete agenda is on the reverse.

At this hearing, the Commission will hear testimony from a panel of law professors who will discuss the governance of the state's stem cell agency and from a panel of consumer advocates who will speak about transparency and accountability. The Commission also will hear from a panel of representatives from institutions who have applied for and received grant money from CIRM who will discuss the approval process and how their organizations are using the money. Finally the chair of the ICOC and the president of CIRM will discuss their organizations' efforts in managing the state's investment in stem cell research.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the hearing. The Commission also encourages written comments.

All public notices for meetings are on the Commission's Web site, [www.lhc.ca.gov](http://www.lhc.ca.gov). If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Stuart Drown at (916) 445-2125 or [littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov](mailto:littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov) by Thursday, November 13, 2008.



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**Public Hearing on the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine  
Thursday, November 20, 2008  
State Capitol, Room 4203  
Sacramento**

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**Public Hearing: 9 a.m.**

***Academic Perspective: Creating Good Governance***

1. Michael Klausner, Professor of Law, Stanford Law School
2. Ken Taymor, Executive Director, Berkeley Center for Law, Business and the Economy

***Consumer Perspective: Ensuring Transparency and Accountability***

3. John Simpson, Director, Stem Cell Oversight and Accountability Project, Consumer Watchdog
4. Jesse Reynolds, Director, Project on Biotechnology in the Public Interest, Center for Genetics and Society

***Institution Perspective: Achieving the Goals of Proposition 71***

5. Susan V. Bryant, Vice Chancellor for Research, University of California, Irvine, and member, Independent Citizens Oversight Committee
6. Ralph O'Rear, Vice President, Facilities and Planning, Buck Institute for Age Research

***Agency Perspective: Managing California's Investment***

7. Robert Klein, Chairperson, Independent Citizens Oversight Committee
8. Alan Trounson, President, California Institute for Regenerative Medicine

**Business Meeting Agenda**

***(The Commission will consider agenda items I-VI at approximately 12:30 p.m. The precise time will vary depending upon the testimony of witnesses and will be determined at the discretion of the chair.)***

- I. Business Meeting Minutes from October 23, 2008
- II. Draft Report – Data and Technology
- III. Schedule/Project Selection
- IV. Subcommittee Reports
- V. Implementation Activity
- VI. Reports from Bureau of State Audits