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Omega Therapeutics, Inc.

# **NOTICE & PROXY STATEMENT**

**Annual Meeting of Stockholders** 

June 20, 2024 2:30 p.m. (Eastern time)

OMEGA THERAPEUTICS, INC. 140 FIRST STREET, SUITE 501 CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

#### [ ], 2024

#### To Our Stockholders:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2024 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") of Omega Therapeutics, Inc. at 2:30 p.m. Eastern time, on Thursday, June 20, 2024. The Annual Meeting will be a completely virtual meeting, which will be conducted via live webcast.

The Notice of Meeting and Proxy Statement on the following pages describe the matters to be presented at the Annual Meeting. Please see the section called "Who can attend the Annual Meeting?" on page 3 of the proxy statement for more information about how to attend the meeting online.

Whether or not you attend the Annual Meeting online, it is important that your shares be represented and voted at the Annual Meeting. Therefore, I urge you to promptly vote and submit your proxy by phone, via the Internet, or, if you received paper copies of these materials, by signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card in the enclosed envelope, which requires no postage if mailed in the United States. If you have previously received our Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, then instructions regarding how you can vote are contained on the proxy card. If you decide to attend the Annual Meeting, you will be able to vote online, even if you have previously submitted your proxy.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Mahesh Karande President, Chief Executive Officer and Director

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#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS To Be Held THURSDAY, June 20, 2024

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") of Omega Therapeutics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), will be held at 2:30 p.m. Eastern time on Thursday, June 20, 2024. The Annual Meeting will be a completely virtual meeting, which will be conducted via live webcast. You will be able to attend the Annual Meeting online and submit your questions during the meeting by visiting

*www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/OMGA2024* and entering your 16-digit control number included in your Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, on your proxy card or on the instructions that accompanied your proxy materials. The Annual Meeting will be held for the following purposes:

- To elect Rainer J. Boehm, M.D., Richard N. Kender and Elliott M. Levy, M.D. as Class III Directors to serve until the 2027 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, and until their respective successors shall have been duly elected and qualified;
- To ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024;
- To approve an amendment to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation to provide for exculpation of officers from breaches of fiduciary duty to the fullest extent permitted by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware ("DGCL"); and
- To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any continuation, postponement, or adjournment of the Annual Meeting.

Holders of record of our common stock as of the close of business on April 25, 2024 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting, or any continuation, postponement or adjournment of the Annual Meeting. A complete list of such stockholders will be open to the examination of any stockholder for a period of ten days prior to the Annual Meeting for a purpose germane to the meeting by sending an email to Ling Zeng, Chief Legal and Administrative Officer and Secretary, at contact@omegatx.com, stating the purpose of the request and providing proof of ownership of Company stock. The Annual Meeting may be continued or adjourned from time to time without notice other than by announcement at the Annual Meeting.

It is important that your shares be represented regardless of the number of shares you may hold. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting online, we urge you to vote your shares via the toll-free telephone number or over the Internet, as described in the enclosed materials. If you receive a copy of the proxy card by mail, you may sign, date and mail the proxy card in the enclosed return envelope. Promptly voting your shares will ensure the presence of a quorum at the Annual Meeting and will save us the expense of further solicitation. Submitting your proxy now will not prevent you from voting your shares at the Annual Meeting if you desire to do so, as your proxy is revocable at your option.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Ling Zeng Chief Legal and Administrative Officer and Secretary

Cambridge, Massachusetts [ ], 2024



#### OMEGA THERAPEUTICS, INC. 140 First Street, Suite 501 Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

#### PROXY STATEMENT

This proxy statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation by the Board of Directors of Omega Therapeutics, Inc. of proxies to be voted at our Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on Thursday, June 20, 2024 (the "Annual Meeting"), at 2:30 p.m. Eastern time, and at any continuation, postponement, or adjournment of the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will be a completely virtual meeting, which will be conducted via live webcast. You will be able to attend the Annual Meeting online and submit your questions during the meeting by visiting

*www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/OMGA2024* and entering your 16-digit control number included in your Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, on your proxy card or on the instructions that accompanied your proxy materials.

Holders of record of shares of our common stock, \$0.001 par value per share, as of the close of business on April 25, 2024 (the "Record Date"), will be entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and any continuation, postponement, or adjournment of the Annual Meeting. As of the Record Date, there were [\_\_\_\_] shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Each share of common stock is entitled to one vote on any matter presented to stockholders at the Annual Meeting.

This proxy statement and the Company's Annual Report to Stockholders for the year ended December 31, 2023 (the "2023 Annual Report") will be released on or about [ ] to our stockholders on the Record Date.

In this proxy statement, "Omega", "Company", "we", "us", and "our" refer to Omega Therapeutics, Inc.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE STOCKHOLDER MEETING TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024

#### This Proxy Statement and our 2023 Annual Report to Stockholders are available at http://www.proxyvote.com/

#### Proposals

At the Annual Meeting, our stockholders will be asked:

- To elect Rainer J. Boehm, M.D., Richard N. Kender and Elliott M. Levy, M.D. as Class III Directors to serve until the 2027 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, and until their respective successors shall have been duly elected and qualified;
- To ratify the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024;
- To approve an amendment to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation to provide for exculpation of officers from breaches of fiduciary duty to the fullest extent permitted by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware ("DGCL"); and
- To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any continuation, postponement, or adjournment of the Annual Meeting.



We know of no other business that will be presented at the Annual Meeting. If any other matter properly comes before the stockholders for a vote at the Annual Meeting, however, the proxy holders named on the Company's proxy card will vote your shares in accordance with their best judgment.

#### **Recommendations of the Board**

The Board of Directors (the "Board") recommends that you vote your shares as indicated below. If you return a properly completed proxy card, or vote your shares by telephone or Internet, your shares of common stock will be voted on your behalf as you direct. If not otherwise specified, the shares of common stock represented by the proxies will be voted, and the Board of Directors recommends that you vote:

- FOR the election of Rainer J. Boehm, M.D., Richard N. Kender and Elliott M. Levy, M.D. as Class III Directors;
- FOR the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024; and
- FOR the approval of an amendment to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation to provide for exculpation of officers from breaches of fiduciary duty to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL

If any other matter properly comes before the stockholders for a vote at the Annual Meeting, the proxy holders named on the Company's proxy card will vote your shares in accordance with their best judgment.

#### **Information About This Proxy Statement**

Why you received this proxy statement. You are viewing or have received these proxy materials because Omega's Board of Directors is soliciting your proxy to vote your shares at the Annual Meeting. This proxy statement includes information that we are required to provide to you under the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and that is designed to assist you in voting your shares.

Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials. As permitted by SEC rules, Omega is making this proxy statement and its 2023 Annual Report available to its stockholders electronically via the Internet. On or about [ ], 2024, we mailed to our stockholders a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the "Internet Notice") containing instructions on how to access this proxy statement and our 2023 Annual Report and vote online. If you received an Internet Notice by mail, you will not receive a printed copy of the proxy materials in the mail unless you specifically request them. Instead, the Internet Notice instructs you on how to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy statement and 2023 Annual Report. The Internet Notice also instructs you on how you may submit your proxy over the Internet. If you received an Internet Notice by mail and would like to receive a printed copy of our proxy materials, you should follow the instructions for requesting such materials contained on the Internet Notice.

Printed Copies of Our Proxy Materials. If you received printed copies of our proxy materials, then instructions regarding how you can vote are contained on the proxy card included in the materials.

**Householding.** The SEC's rules permit us to deliver a single set of proxy materials to one address shared by two or more of our stockholders. This delivery method is referred to as "householding" and can result in significant cost savings. To take advantage of this opportunity, we have delivered only one set of proxy materials to multiple stockholders who share an address, unless we received contrary instructions from the impacted stockholders prior to the mailing date. We agree to deliver promptly, upon written or oral request, a separate copy of the proxy materials, as requested, to any stockholder at the shared address to which a single copy of those documents was delivered. If you prefer to receive separate copies of the proxy materials, contact Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. at 1-866-540-7095 or in writing at Broadridge, Householding Department, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, New York 11717.

If you are currently a stockholder sharing an address with another stockholder and wish to receive only one copy of future proxy materials for your household, please contact Broadridge at the above phone number or address.



#### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE 2023 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

#### Who is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting?

The Record Date for the Annual Meeting is April 25, 2024. You are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting only if you were a stockholder of record at the close of business on that date, or if you hold a valid proxy for the Annual Meeting. Each outstanding share of common stock is entitled to one vote for all matters before the Annual Meeting. At the close of business on the Record Date, there were [] shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting.

#### What is the difference between being a "record holder" and holding shares in "street name"?

A record holder holds shares in his or her name. Shares held in "street name" means shares that are held in the name of a bank or broker on a person's behalf.

#### Am I entitled to vote if my shares are held in "street name"?

Yes. If your shares are held by a bank or a brokerage firm, you are considered the "beneficial owner" of those shares held in "street name." If your shares are held in street name, these proxy materials are being provided to you by your bank or brokerage firm, along with a voting instruction card if you received printed copies of our proxy materials. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your bank or brokerage firm how to vote your shares, and the bank or brokerage firm is required to vote your shares in accordance with your instructions. See "How do I vote – Beneficial Owners of Shares Held in 'Street Name'" below for additional information.

#### How many shares must be present to hold the Annual Meeting?

A quorum must be present at the Annual Meeting for any business to be conducted. The presence at the Annual Meeting online or by proxy, of the holders of a majority in voting power of the common stock issued and outstanding and entitled to vote on the Record Date will constitute a quorum.

#### Who can attend the Annual Meeting?

You may attend the Annual Meeting online only if you are an Omega stockholder who is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, or if you hold a valid proxy for the Annual Meeting. You may attend and participate in the Annual Meeting by visiting the following website:

*www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/OMGA2024*. To attend and participate in the Annual Meeting, you will need the 16-digit control number included in your Internet Notice, on your proxy card or on the instructions that accompanied your proxy materials. If your shares are held in "street name," you should contact your bank or broker to obtain your 16-digit control number or otherwise vote through the bank or broker. If you lose your 16-digit control number, you may join the Annual Meeting as a "Guest" but you will not be able to vote, ask questions or access the list of stockholders as of the Record Date. The meeting webcast will begin promptly at 2:30 p.m. Eastern time. We encourage you to access the meeting prior to the start time. Online check-in will begin at 2:15 p.m., Eastern time, and you should allow ample time for the check-in procedures.

#### What if a quorum is not present at the Annual Meeting?

If a quorum is not present at the scheduled time of the Annual Meeting, the Chairperson of the Annual Meeting is authorized by our Amended and Restated Bylaws to adjourn the meeting, without the vote of stockholders.

#### What does it mean if I receive more than one Internet Notice or more than one set of proxy materials?

It means that your shares are held in more than one account at the transfer agent and/or with banks or brokers. Please vote all of your shares. To ensure that all of your shares are voted, for each Internet Notice or set of proxy materials, please submit your proxy by phone, via the Internet, or, if you received printed copies of the proxy materials, by signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card in the enclosed envelope.

#### How do I vote?

Stockholders of Record. If you are a stockholder of record, you may vote:

- by Internet—You can vote over the Internet at www.proxyvote.com by following the instructions on the Internet Notice or proxy card;
- by Telephone—You can vote by telephone by calling 1-800-6903 and following the instructions on the proxy card;
- by Mail—You can vote by mail by signing, dating and mailing the proxy card, which you may have received by mail; or
- Electronically at the Meeting—If you attend the meeting online, you will need the 16-digit control number included in your Internet Notice, on your proxy card or on the instructions that accompanied your proxy materials to vote electronically during the meeting.

Internet and telephone voting facilities for stockholders of record will be available 24 hours a day and will close at 11:59 p.m., Eastern time, on June 19, 2024. To participate in the Annual Meeting, including to vote via the Internet or telephone, you will need the 16-digit control number included on your Internet Notice, on your proxy card or on the instructions that accompanied your proxy materials.

Whether or not you expect to attend the Annual Meeting online, we urge you to vote your shares as promptly as possible to ensure your representation and the presence of a quorum at the Annual Meeting. If you submit your proxy, you may still decide to attend the Annual Meeting and vote your shares electronically.

*Beneficial Owners of Shares Held in "Street Name.*" If your shares are held in "street name" through a bank or broker, you will receive instructions on how to vote from the bank or broker. You must follow their instructions in order for your shares to be voted. Internet and telephone voting also may be offered to stockholders owning shares through certain banks and brokers. If your shares are not registered in your own name and you would like to vote your shares online at the Annual Meeting, you should contact your bank or broker to obtain your 16-digit control number or otherwise vote through the bank or broker. If you lose your 16-digit control number, you may join the Annual Meeting as a "Guest" but you will not be able to vote, ask questions or access the list of stockholders as of the Record Date. You will need to obtain your own Internet access if you choose to attend the Annual Meeting online and/or vote over the Internet.

#### Can I change my vote after I submit my proxy?

Yes.

If you are a registered stockholder, you may revoke your proxy and change your vote:

- by submitting a duly executed proxy bearing a later date;
- by granting a subsequent proxy through the Internet or telephone;
- by giving written notice of revocation to the Secretary of Omega prior to or at the Annual Meeting; or
- by voting online at the Annual Meeting.

Your most recent proxy card or Internet or telephone proxy is the one that is counted. Your attendance at the Annual Meeting by itself will not revoke your proxy unless you give written notice of revocation to the Secretary before your proxy is voted or you vote online at the Annual Meeting.

If your shares are held in street name, you may change or revoke your voting instructions by following the specific directions provided to you by your bank or broker, or you may vote online at the Annual Meeting by obtaining your 16-digit control number or otherwise voting through the bank or broker.

#### Who will count the votes?

A representative of Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc., our inspector of election, will tabulate and certify the votes.

#### What if I do not specify how my shares are to be voted?

If you submit a proxy but do not indicate any voting instructions, the persons named as proxies will vote in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors' recommendations are indicated on page 2 of this proxy statement, as well as with the description of each proposal in this proxy statement.

#### Will any other business be conducted at the Annual Meeting?

We know of no other business that will be presented at the Annual Meeting. If any other matter properly comes before the stockholders for a vote at the Annual Meeting, however, the proxy holders named on the Company's proxy card will vote your shares in accordance with their best judgment.

#### What if during the check-in time or during the Annual Meeting I have technical difficulties or trouble accessing the virtual meeting website?

We will have technicians ready to assist you with any technical difficulties you may have accessing the virtual meeting website, and the information for assistance will be located on *www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/OMGA2024*.

#### Will there be a question and answer session during the Annual Meeting?

As part of the Annual Meeting, we will hold a live Q&A session, during which we intend to answer questions submitted online during the meeting that are pertinent to the Company and the meeting matters, as time permits. Only stockholders that have accessed the Annual Meeting as a stockholder (rather than as a "Guest") by following the procedures outlined above in "Who can attend the Annual Meeting?" will be permitted to submit questions during the Annual Meeting. Each stockholder is limited to no more than two questions. Questions should be succinct and only cover a single topic. We will not address questions that are, among other things:

- irrelevant to the business of the Company or to the business of the Annual Meeting;
- related to material non-public information of the Company, including the status or results of our business since our last Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q;
- related to any pending, threatened or ongoing litigation;
- related to personal grievances;
- derogatory references to individuals or that are otherwise in bad taste;
- substantially repetitious of questions already made by another stockholder;
- in excess of the two question limit;
- in furtherance of the stockholder's personal or business interests; or
- out of order or not otherwise suitable for the conduct of the Annual Meeting as determined by the Chair or Secretary in their reasonable judgment.

Additional information regarding the Q&A session will be available in the "Rules of Conduct" available on the Annual Meeting webpage for stockholders that have accessed the Annual Meeting as a stockholder (rather than as a "Guest") by following the procedures outlined above in "Who can attend the Annual Meeting?".



#### How many votes are required for the approval of the proposals to be voted upon and how will abstentions and broker non-votes be treated?

Proposal	Votes required	Effect of Votes Withheld / Abstentions and Broker Non-Votes
Proposal 1: Election of Directors	The plurality of the votes cast. This means that the three nominees receiving the highest number of affirmative "FOR" votes will be elected as Class III Directors.	Votes withheld and broker non-votes will have no effect.
<u>Proposal 2</u> : Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm	The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority in voting power of the votes cast affirmatively or negatively.	Abstentions will have no effect. We do not expect any broker non-votes on this proposal.
<u>Proposal 3</u> : Approval of an amendment to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation to provide for exculpation of officers	The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the common stock outstanding and entitled to vote.	Abstentions and broker non-votes have the effect of votes against this proposal.

#### What is a "vote withheld" and an "abstention" and how will votes withheld and abstentions be treated?

A "vote withheld," in the case of the proposal regarding the election of directors, or an "abstention," in the case of the proposal regarding the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm and the proposal regarding an amendment to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation, represents a stockholder's affirmative choice to decline to vote on a proposal. Votes withheld and abstentions are counted as present and entitled to vote for purposes of determining a quorum. Votes withheld have no effect on the election of directors. Abstentions have no effect on the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP. Abstentions have the effect of votes against the proposal to amend our Restated Certificate of Incorporation to provide for the exculpation of officers.

#### What are broker non-votes and do they count for determining a quorum?

Generally, broker non-votes occur when shares held by a broker in "street name" for a beneficial owner are not voted with respect to a particular proposal because the broker (1) has not received voting instructions from the beneficial owner and (2) lacks discretionary voting power to vote those shares. A broker is entitled to vote shares held for a beneficial owner on routine matters, such as the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm, without instructions from the beneficial owner of those shares. On the other hand, absent instructions from the beneficial owner of such shares, a broker is not entitled to vote shares held for a beneficial owner of non-routine matters, such as the election of directors and the amendment to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation to provide for the exculpation of officers. Broker non-votes count for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present.

#### Where can I find the voting results of the Annual Meeting?

We plan to announce preliminary voting results at the Annual Meeting and we will report the final results in a Current Report on Form 8-K, which we intend to file with the SEC after the Annual Meeting.

#### PROPOSALS TO BE VOTED ON

#### **Proposal 1: Election of Directors**

At the Annual Meeting, three (3) Class III Directors are to be elected to hold office until the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held in 2027 and until each such director's respective successor is elected and qualified or until each such director's earlier death, resignation or removal.

We currently have nine (9) directors on our Board. Our current Class III Directors are Luke M. Beshar, Rainer J. Boehm, M.D. and Elliott M. Levy, M.D. Luke M. Beshar has not been nominated for re-election at the Annual Meeting. Mr. Beshar will continue to serve as a director through the end of his term, which concludes at the Annual Meeting. The Board has nominated Rainer J. Boehm, M.D., Richard N. Kender and Elliott M. Levy, M.D. for election as Class III Directors at the Annual Meeting.

As set forth in our Restated Certificate of Incorporation, the Board of Directors is divided into three classes with staggered, three-year terms. At each annual meeting of stockholders, the successors to directors whose terms then expire will be elected to serve from the time of election and qualification until the third annual meeting following election. The current class structure is as follows: Class I, whose term will expire at the 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders; Class II, whose term will expire at the 2026 Annual Meeting of Stockholders; and Class III, whose current term will expire at the Annual Meeting and, if elected at the Annual Meeting, whose subsequent term will expire at the 2027 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The current Class I Directors are Mahesh Karande, Christian S. Schade and Michelle C. Werner; the current Class II Directors are John Mendlein, Ph.D., J.D., Mary T. Szela and Richard A. Young, Ph.D.; and the current Class III Directors are Luke M. Beshar, Rainer J. Boehm, M.D. and Elliott M. Levy, M.D.

Our Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws provide that, subject to the rights of holders of any series of preferred stock to elect directors, the authorized number of directors may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors. Any additional directorships resulting from an increase in the number of directors will be distributed among the three classes so that, as nearly as possible, each class will consist of one-third of the directors. The division of our Board of Directors may be removed only for cause by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds in voting power of the outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote in the election of directors.

If you submit a proxy but do not indicate any voting instructions, the persons named as proxies will vote the shares of common stock represented thereby for the election as Class III Directors of the persons whose names and biographies appears below. In the event that any of Dr. Boehm, Mr. Kender or Dr. Levy should become unable to serve, or for good cause will not serve, as a director, it is intended that votes will be cast for a substitute nominee designated by the Board of Directors or the Board may elect to reduce its size. The Board of Directors has no reason to believe that any of Dr. Boehm, Mr. Kender or Dr. Levy will be unable to serve if elected. Each of Dr. Boehm, Mr. Kender or Dr. Levy has consented to being named in this proxy statement and to serve if elected.

#### Vote required

The proposal regarding the election of directors requires the approval of a plurality of the votes cast. This means that the three nominees receiving the highest number of affirmative "FOR" votes will be elected as Class III Directors.

Votes withheld and broker non-votes are not considered to be votes cast and, accordingly, will have no effect on the outcome of the vote on this proposal.

#### **Recommendation of the Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors unanimously recommends a vote FOR the election of each of the below Class III Director nominees.



#### Nominees For Class III Director (terms to expire at the 2027 Annual Meeting)

The nominees for election to the Board of Directors as Class III Directors are as follows:

Name	Age	Served as a Director Since	Position with Omega
Rainer J. Boehm, M.D.	63	2022	Director
Richard N. Kender	68	—	Director Nominee
Elliott M. Levy, M.D.	65	2021	Director

The principal occupations and business experience, for at least the past five years, of each Class III Director nominee are as follows:

#### Rainer J. Boehm, M.D.

Rainer J. Boehm has served as a member of our Board since September 2022. Dr. Boehm held several senior management positions during his tenure at Novartis Pharma AG and its predecessor, CIBA-Geigy, spanning from 1988 to 2017, most recently as Chief Commercial & Medical Affairs Officer. Dr. Boehm currently serves on the boards of directors of Cellectis SA and Humanigen Inc and previously served on the board of directors of Nordic Nanovector S.A. from July 2018 to April 2022. He holds a medical degree from the University of Ulm in Germany, and a Master of Business Administration from Schiller University, Strasbourg Campus in France. We believe that Dr. Boehm's significant leadership experience in the pharmaceutical industry, including his clinical and managerial experience, qualifies him to serve on our board of directors.

#### **Richard N. Kender**

Richard N. Kender is a nominee for election to our Board. From October 1978 to September 2013, Mr. Kender held positions in a variety of corporate areas at Merck & Co., Inc., or Merck, a pharmaceutical company, most recently serving as Senior Vice President of Business Development and Corporate Licensing. Mr. Kender has served on the boards of directors of Poxel S.A., a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company, since March 2015, Bicycle Therapeutics PLC since July 2019, and Seres Therapeutics, Inc. since October 2014. He previously served on the boards of directors of INC Research Holdings, Inc. (now known as Syneos Health) between December 2014 and August 2017, Abide Therapeutics, Inc., a privately held company, between December 2015 and May 2019, and ReViral Ltd., a privately held company, from November 2019 to June 2022. Mr. Kender received a B.S. in Accounting from Villanova University and an M.B.A. from Fairleigh Dickinson University. We believe that Mr. Kender is qualified to serve on our Board because of his finance experience and knowledge of the biotechnology industry.

#### Elliott M. Levy, M.D.

Elliott M. Levy has served on our Board since March 2021. Dr. Levy served as Senior Vice President of Global Development of Amgen from September 2014 to June 2020 and Senior Vice President of R&D Strategy and Operations from June 2020 to May 2021. He has served on the board of directors of NuCana plc since November 2021. Dr. Levy received his M.D. from Yale University and his B.A. from Yale College. We believe Dr. Levy is qualified to serve on our Board because of his scientific expertise and experience in the industry.

#### **Continuing members of the Board of Directors:**

#### Class I Directors (terms to expire at the 2025 Annual Meeting)

The current members of the Board of Directors who are Class I Directors are as follows:

Name	Age	Served as a Director Since	Position with Omega
Mahesh Karande	51	2019	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director
Christian S. Schade	63	2023	Chairman of the Board of Directors
Michelle C. Werner	48	2023	Director

The principal occupations and business experience, for at least the past five years, of each Class I Director are as follows:

#### Mahesh Karande

Mahesh Karande has served as the President and Chief Executive Officer and as a member of our Board since April 2019. From April 2018 to March 2019, Mr. Karande served as President and CEO of Macrolide Pharmaceuticals (subsequently Zikani Therapeutics), a biotechnology company. From March 2010 to April 2017, Mr. Karande held senior leadership roles at Novartis, including VP and Franchise Head, US Oncology, President Novartis Africa and President Novartis Egypt. Mr. Karande holds an M.B.A. from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. He is also a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology where he completed his M.S. in engineering and the University of Bombay where he completed his undergraduate studies in engineering. He also currently serves on the board of directors of KSQ Therapeutics. We believe that Mr. Karande's extensive experience in running, building, and leading businesses, and organizations in biopharmaceuticals across various geographies qualifies him to serve on our Board.

#### Christian S. Schade

Christian S. Schade has served as a member of our Board since July 2023 and as Chairman of our Board since August 2023. Mr. Schade is a seasoned executive with over 30 years of experience across private and public biopharma companies, including proven leadership in several executive roles. He joined Flagship Pioneering as a Growth Partner in January 2023. From July 2016 to August 2022, he was President and Chief Executive Office of Aprea Therapeutics. Mr. Schade had served as a member of the Aprea Therapeutics' board since 2016 and as Chairman of the board from September 2020 until August 2023. Prior to Aprea, he held leadership positions at Novira, Omthera Pharmaceuticals and Medarex. In addition to industry expertise, Mr. Schade brings extensive corporate finance and capital markets experience from the investment banking industry, with roles at Merrill Lynch and JP Morgan Chase & Co. He has served on the board of directors of Integra LifeSciences, Inc. (Nasdaq: IART) since 2006. He received a Master of Business Administration from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania and a Bachelor of Arts from Princeton University. We believe that Mr. Schade's extensive leadership experience in the biotechnology and investment bank industries qualifies him to serve on our Board.

#### Michelle C. Werner

Michelle C. Werner has served as a member of our Board since August 2023. She has over 20 years of biopharma experience spanning commercial and R&D responsibilities, and since April 2022 has served as the CEO of Alltrna, a biotechnology company, and CEO-Partner at Flagship Pioneering. Prior to her current role, Ms. Werner served as Worldwide Franchise Head, Solid Tumors at Novartis Oncology from July 2020 until April 2022, where she was responsible for delivering the disease area strategies across multiple tumors and led business development efforts. Prior to Novartis, she was a senior leader at AstraZeneca in several roles, including Global Franchise Head in Hematology and Head of U.S. Oncology from 2016 until July 2020. Ms. Werner previously spent 10 years at Bristol Myers Squibb in various roles in sales, marketing, and market access in both the U.S. and the U.K., and above market in Europe and Global almost exclusively in oncology. We believe that Ms. Werner's extensive leadership experience in the pharmaceutical industry qualifies her to serve on our Board.

Class II Directors (terms to expire at the 2026 Annual Meeting)

The current members of the Board of Directors who are Class II Directors are as follows:

Name	Age	Served as a Director Since	Position with Omega
John Mendlein, Ph.D., J.D.	64	2020	Director
Mary T. Szela	60	2019	Director
Richard A. Young, Ph.D.	70	2017	Director

The principal occupations and business experience, for at least the past five years, of each Class II Director are as follows:

#### John Mendlein, Ph.D., J.D.

John Mendlein has served as a member of our Board since January 2020. Dr. Mendlein has served as an Executive Partner at Flagship Pioneering, a life sciences venture capital company, since February 2019. From January 2018 to February 2019, Dr. Mendlein served as President of Corporate and Product Strategy of Moderna, Inc., a pharmaceutical and biotechnology company. From 1996 until 2017, Dr. Mendlein held different senior executive and board roles, including Executive Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and General Counsel, of various biotechnology companies, including Affinium Pharmaceuticals (acquired by Debiopharm Group), Adnexus Therapeutics (acquired by BMS), aTyr Pharma, Inc., or aTyr, Aurora Biosciences (acquired by Vertex), and Fate Therapeutics, Inc., or Fate. From 2011 to 2017, he also served as Chief Executive Officer of aTyr. He started his biotechnology career at Smith Kline and French (now GlaxoSmithKline). He currently serves as Vice Chairman of the board of directors of Fate and previously served on the public boards of directors of Moderna, Monogram, aTyr, and Editas Medicine, Inc. Dr. Mendlein holds a Ph.D. in physiology and biophysics from the University of California, Los Angeles, a J.D. from the University of California, College of the Law, San Francisco and a B.S. in biology from the University of Miami. We believe that Dr. Mendlein's extensive scientific experience and experience in the biotechnology industry qualifies him to serve on our Board.

#### Mary T. Szela

Mary T. Szela has served as a member of our Board since June 2019. Ms. Szela has served as the Chief Executive Officer and President of TriSalus Life Sciences, Inc. (formerly Surefire Medical, Inc.), a privately held immuno-oncology company since January 2018. From January 2016 to November 2016, Ms. Szela served as Chief Executive Officer and a director of Aegerion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. In November 2016, Aegerion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. merged with QLT Inc. to form Novelion Therapeutics Inc. where Ms. Szela served as Chief Executive Officer and as a member of its board of directors until November 2017. Ms. Szela served as the Chief Executive Officer and a member of the board of directors of Melinta Therapeutics, Inc., an antibiotic development company, from April 2013 to August 2015. Ms. Szela held ascending management positions at Abbott Laboratories from 1987 to 2012, including President of the company's U.S. pharmaceutical business from January 2008 to December 2010. Ms. Szela has served as a member of the public boards of directors of Kura Oncology, Inc. since November 2018, Prometheus Biosciences since March of 2021, Coherus Biosciences from July 2014 to August 2021 and Alimera Sciences Inc. from June 2018 to March 2021. Ms. Szela has also served as a member of the board of directors of TriSalus Life Sciences, Inc., a privately held company, since January 2018, and Sail Bio (formerly known as Senda Biosciences, Inc. and Kintai Therapeutics, Inc.), a privately held company, since January 2018 to March 2021. Ms. Szela earned an M.B.A. in Business and a B.S. in nursing, both from the University of Illinois. We believe that Ms. Szela's extensive leadership experience in the pharmaceutical industry qualifies her to serve on our Board.

#### Richard A. Young, Ph.D.

Richard A. Young has served on our Board since August 2017. He has been a member of the Whitehead Institute and Professor of Biology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology since 1984. Dr. Young currently serves as a member of the board of directors of Syros Pharmaceuticals, Inc. since November 2011. Dr. Young currently also serves as a member of the private company boards of directors of Camp4 Therapeutics, Inc. since February 2016, Dewpoint Therapeutics, Inc. since October 2020, Paratus Sciences since November 2021, and Precede Biosciences since February 2023. In May 2012, he was elected to the National Academy of Sciences and in October of 2019, he was elected to the National Academy of Medicine. Dr. Young received his Ph.D. in molecular biophysics and biochemistry from Yale University. We believe Dr. Young is qualified to serve on our Board because of his scientific expertise.

#### **Board Diversity Matrix**

### Board Diversity Matrix (As of [ ])

Total Number of Directors			9	
	Female	Male	Non-Binary	Did Not Disclose Gender
Part I: Gender Identity				
Directors	2	7		
Part II: Demographic Background				
African American or Black				
Alaskan Native or Native American				
Asian		1		
Hispanic or Latinx				
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander				
White	2	6		
Two or More Races or Ethnicities				
LGBTQ+				
Did Not Disclose Demographic Background				

#### Proposal 2: Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Our Audit Committee has appointed Deloitte & Touche LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. Our Board has directed that this appointment be submitted to our stockholders for ratification at the Annual Meeting. Although ratification of our appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP is not required, we value the opinions of our stockholders and believe that stockholder ratification of our appointment is a good corporate governance practice.

Deloitte & Touche LLP also served as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. Neither the accounting firm nor any of its members has any direct or indirect financial interest in or any connection with us in any capacity other than as our auditors, providing audit and non-audit services. A representative of Deloitte & Touche LLP is expected to attend the 2024 Annual Meeting and to have an opportunity to make a statement and be available to respond to appropriate questions from stockholders.

In the event that the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP is not ratified by the stockholders, the Audit Committee will consider this fact when it appoints the independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025. Even if the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP is ratified, the Audit Committee retains the discretion to appoint a different independent auditor at any time if it determines that such a change is in the interest of the Company.

#### **Vote Required**

This proposal requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority in voting power of the votes cast. Abstentions are not considered to be votes cast and, accordingly, will have no effect on the outcome of the vote on this proposal. Because brokers have discretionary authority to vote on the ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP, we do not expect any broker non-votes in connection with this proposal.

#### **Recommendation of the Board of Directors**



The Board of Directors unanimously recommends a vote FOR the Ratification of the Appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as our Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.



#### **REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Audit Committee has reviewed the audited consolidated financial statements of Omega Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company") for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 and has discussed these financial statements with management and the Company's independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee has also received from, and discussed with, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm various communications that such independent registered public accounting firm is required to provide to the Audit Committee, including the matters required to be discussed by the applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB") and the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Company's independent registered public accounting firm also provided the Audit Committee with a formal written statement required by PCAOB Rule 3526 (*Communications with Audit Committees Concerning Independence*) describing all relationships between the independent registered public accounting firm and the Company, including the disclosures required by the applicable requirements of the PCAOB regarding the independent registered public accounting firm's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence. In addition, the Audit Committee discussed with the independent registered public accounting firm its independence from the Company.

Based on its discussions with management and the independent registered public accounting firm, and its review of the representations and information provided by management and the independent registered public accounting firm, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited consolidated financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

Luke M. Beshar (Chair)

Rainer J. Boehm, M.D.

Mary T. Szela

#### INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FEES AND OTHER MATTERS

The following table summarizes the fees of Deloitte & Touche LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, billed to us for each of the last two fiscal years for audit services and billed to us in each of the last two fiscal years for other services:

Fee Category	2023	2022
Audit Fees	\$ 806,300	\$ 715,315
Audit-Related Fees	—	—
Tax Fees	—	—
All Other Fees	1,895	1,895
Total Fees	\$ 808,195	\$ 717,210

### Audit Fees

Audit fees consist of aggregate fees for professional services provided in connection with the annual audit of our consolidated financial statements, the review of our quarterly condensed consolidated financial statements, consultations on accounting matters directly related to the audit, and comfort letters, consents and assistance with and review of documents filed with the SEC.

#### All Other Fees

All other fees consist of aggregate fees billed for products and services provided by our independent registered public accounting firm other than those disclosed above, including fees for accessing Deloitte & Touche LLP's online accounting research tool.

#### Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policy and Procedures

The Audit Committee has adopted a policy (the "Pre-Approval Policy") that sets forth the procedures and conditions pursuant to which audit and non-audit services proposed to be performed by the independent auditor may be pre-approved. The Pre-Approval Policy generally provides that we will not engage Deloitte & Touche LLP to render any audit, audit-related, tax or permissible non-audit service unless the service is either (i) explicitly approved by the Audit Committee ("specific pre-approval") or (ii) entered into pursuant to the pre-approval policies and procedures described in the Pre-Approval Policy ("general pre-approval"). Unless a type of service to be provided by Deloitte & Touche LLP has received general pre-approval under the Pre-Approval Policy, it requires specific pre-approvals. Any proposed services exceeding pre-approved cost levels or budgeted amounts will also require specific pre-approval. For both types of pre-approval, the Audit Committee will consider whether such services are consistent with the SEC's rules on auditor independence. The Audit Committee will also consider whether the independent auditor is best positioned to provide the most effective and efficient service, for reasons such as its familiarity with the Company's business, people, culture, accounting systems, risk profile and other factors, and whether the service should necessarily be determinative. The Audit Committee may review and pre-approve the services (and related fee levels or budgeted amounts) that may be provided by Deloitte & Touche LLP without first obtaining specific pre-approval from the Audit Committee may revise the list of general pre-approved services from time to time, based on subsequent determinations. The Audit Committee pre-approval all services performed since the pre-approved services from time to time, based on subsequent determinations. The Audit Committee pre-approved all services performed since the pre-approved services from time to time, based on subsequent determinations. The Audit Committee pre

# Proposal 3: Approval of Amendment to our Restated Certification of Incorporation to Provide for Exculpation of Officers from Breaches of Fiduciary Duty to the Fullest Extent Permitted by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware

#### General

As part of its continuing review of our corporate governance standards and practices, the Board unanimously approved and declared advisable, subject to stockholder approval, an amendment (the "Amendment") to the



Company's Restated Certificate of Incorporation to update the current exculpation and liability provisions in Article Seventh of our Restated Certificate of Incorporation to reflect developing law. A copy of the Amendment is attached to this Proxy Statement as Annex A-1, and a copy of the Amendment, marked to show changes against current Article Seventh of our Restated Certificate of Incorporation, is attached to this Proxy Statement as Annex A-2.

Effective August 1, 2022, Section 102(b)(7) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "DGCL") was amended ("Amended 102(b)(7)") to enable a corporation to include in its certificate of incorporation a provision exculpating certain corporate officers from liability for breach of the fiduciary duty of care in certain circumstances. Previously, Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL provided for the ability to exculpate directors only and our Restated Certificate of Incorporation currently limits the monetary liability of our directors in certain circumstances consistent with Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL. Amended 102(b)(7) allows for the exculpation of certain officers only in connection with direct claims brought by stockholders, including class actions, but would not eliminate officers' monetary liability for breach of fiduciary duty claims brought by the corporation itself or for derivative claims brought by stockholders in the name of the corporation. Further, Amended 102(b)(7) does not permit a corporation to exculpate covered officers from liability for breach of the duty of loyalty, acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, or any transaction in which the officer derived an improper personal benefit. Under Amended 102(b)(7), the officers who may be exculpated include a person who (i) is the president, chief executive officer, chief operating officer, chief financial officer, chief legal officer, controller, treasurer or chief accounting officer of the corporation at any time during the course of conduct alleged in the action or proceeding to be wrongful, (ii) is or was identified in the corporation's public filings with the SEC because such person is or was one of the most highly compensated executive officers of the corporation, or (iii) has consented to services of process in Delaware by written agreement (the "Covered Officers").

#### Effect of the Amendment

The proposed Amendment would allow for the exculpation of our officers to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL. As described above, this currently means that the proposed Amendment would allow for the exculpation of Covered Officers only in connection with direct claims brought by stockholders, including class actions, but would not eliminate such officers' monetary liability for breach of fiduciary duty claims brought by the corporation itself or for derivative claims brought by stockholders in the name of the corporation. Further, the Amendment would not limit the liability of Covered Officers for any breach of the duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, any acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of the law, or any transaction from which a Covered Officer derived an improper personal benefit.

#### **Rationale for Adoption of the Amendment**

Our Board believes that adopting the Amendment would better position the Company to attract top officer candidates and retain our current officers. The Amendment would also more closely align the protections available to our officers with those already available to our directors. We believe that failing to adopt the Amendment could impact our recruitment and retention of exceptional officer candidates who conclude that the potential exposure to liabilities, costs of defense, and other risks of proceedings exceeds the benefits of serving as an officer of the Company.

In addition, adopting the Amendment would enable the officers to exercise their business judgment in furtherance of the interests of the stockholders without the potential for distraction posed by the risk of personal liability. The nature of the role of officers often requires them to make decisions on crucial matters. Frequently, officers must make decisions in response to time-sensitive opportunities and challenges, which can create substantial risk of investigations, claims, actions, suits, or proceedings seeking to impose liability based on hindsight, especially in the current litigious environment and regardless of merit. Limiting our current and prospective officers' concern about personal risk would empower officers to best exercise their business judgment in furtherance of stockholder interests and better position the Company to retain our current officers and attract top officer candidates. Enhancing our ability to retain and attract experienced officers is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders and we should seek to assure such persons that exculpation under certain circumstances is available.

If our stockholders approve the Amendment, our Board has authorized our officers to file a Certificate of Amendment with the Delaware Secretary of State, which we anticipate doing as soon as practicable following



stockholder approval of the Amendment at the Annual Meeting, and the Certificate of Amendment would become effective upon acceptance by the Delaware Secretary of State.

If our stockholders do not approve the Amendment, the Company's current exculpation provisions relating to directors will remain in place, and the Certificate of Amendment will not be filed with the Delaware Secretary of State. However, even if our stockholders approve the Amendment, our Board retains discretion under Delaware law to determine when to file the Certificate of Amendment with the Delaware Secretary of State and to abandon the Amendment notwithstanding prior stockholder approval of the Amendment.

#### **Vote Required**

This proposal requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the Common Stock outstanding and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have the effect of votes against this proposal.

#### **Recommendation of the Board**



The Board unanimously recommends a vote FOR the Amendment of our Restated Certificate of Incorporation to provide for exculpation of officers from breaches of fiduciary duty to the fullest extent permitted by the General Corporate Law of the State of Delaware.



#### **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

The following table identifies our current executive officers:

Name	Age	Position
Mahesh Karande <sup>(1)</sup>	51	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director
Joshua Reed <sup>(2)</sup>	51	Chief Financial Officer
Thomas McCauley, Ph.D. <sup>(3)</sup>	55	Chief Scientific Officer
Yan Moore, M.D. <sup>(4)</sup>	58	Chief Medical Officer
Ling Zeng <sup>(5)</sup>	55	Chief Legal and Administrative Officer

(1) See biography on page 9 of this proxy statement.

- (2) Joshua Reed has served as the Company's Chief Financial Officer since May 2022. Prior to serving as the Company's Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Reed served as the Chief Financial Officer at Aldeyra Therapeutics from July 2018 to May 2022, where he was responsible for finance, business development, investor relations, compliance, human resources, and information technology. During his time at Aldeyra, Mr. Reed led multiple capital raises, oversaw the company's interactions with current and prospective investors and managed all aspects of the company's financial processes, including quarterly and annual SEC filings. Prior to Aldeyra, Mr. Reed held a variety of finance roles of increasing responsibility at Bristol-Myers Squibb, most recently serving as Vice President and Head of Finance Operations for the United States and Puerto Rico from June 2016 to July 2018. While at Bristol-Myers Squibb, Mr. Reed also led financial planning and analysis and worked on various acquisitions, divestitures, alliances, and collaboration agreements. Earlier in his career, Mr. Reed held positions at JP Morgan Chase, Credit Suisse First Boston, and Chase Manhattan Bank. He also currently serves on the Board of Directors and as Chairman of the Audit Committee of Scholar Rock, a publicly traded biotechnology company. Mr. Reed received his Bachelor of Science in Finance from Rutgers University and his Master of Business Administration from the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business. On April 10, 2024, the Company and Mr. Reed agreed to terminate his employment, effective May 31, 2024, at which point Barbara Chan, the Company's Senior Vice President, Finance, will assume the roles of principal financial officer and principal accounting officer.
- (3) Thomas McCauley, Ph.D., has served as the Chief Scientific Officer of our Company since July 2019. From September 2018 to July 2019, Dr. McCauley served as Chief Scientific Officer of Macrolide Pharmaceuticals (subsequently Zikani Therapeutics) and as Chief Scientific Officer of Translate Bio (formerly RaNA Therapeutics) from September 2016 to April 2018. From April 2010 to August 2016, Dr. McCauley served as vice president and head of Global Nonclinical Development at Shire Pharmaceuticals, where he contributed to the development and global approvals of many of Shire's products, including Replagal® for Fabry disease, Vpriv® for Gaucher disease, Elaprase® for Hunter syndrome, Firazyr® for hereditary angioedema and Xiidra® for dry eye disease. Dr. McCauley holds a Ph.D. from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and a B.S. and M.Eng. from Cornell University.
- (4) Yan Moore, M.D., has served as the Chief Medical Officer of our Company since January 2022. From September 2018 to December 2021, Dr. Moore served as Senior Vice President, Head of Oncology Therapeutic Area at Ipsen Pharmaceuticals. From September 2016 to September 2018, Dr. Moore was the Chief Medical Officer and Senior Vice President of Clinical Development and Research and Development at Anchiano Therapeutics (previously BioCanCell Therapeutics). Earlier in his career, Dr. Moore spent time at Sapir Medical Center, Meir Hospital and Edith Wolfson Medical Center. Dr. Moore received his medical degree and Bachelor of Medical Sciences from the Sackler School of Medicine at Tel Aviv University, Master of Business Administration from the LeBow College of Business at Drexel University, and completed the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School.
- (5) Ling Zeng has served as the Chief Legal and Administrative Officer of our Company since March 2022. From September 2020 to March 2022, Ms. Zeng served as Chief Legal Officer and Secretary at Dicerna Pharmaceuticals where she worked alongside other executives, the board of directors and their committees to develop and implement company strategy, policy, compliance, and governance activities. From August 2017 to September 2020, Ms. Zeng served as Deputy Head Legal, Group Mergers and Acquisitions, at Novartis AG, where she was responsible for global transactions across the Novartis Group, including all business units and regions. Prior to this, she served in various legal executive roles of increasing responsibility at Bausch Health Companies, Inc., Penwest Pharmaceuticals Co. and Barr Laboratories, Inc. Ms. Zeng began her legal career at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton and, prior to that, also spent time as a researcher at Alkermes Inc. and LeukoSite Inc. Ms. Zeng earned her Bachelor of Science in Physics from Peking University, Master of Science in Biophysics from Brandeis University, and her Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

#### General

Our Board of Directors has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines, a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, and charters for our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, Audit Committee and Compensation Committee to assist the Board in the exercise of its responsibilities and to serve as a framework for the effective governance of the Company. You can access our current committee charters, our Corporate Governance Guidelines, and our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics in the "Corporate Governance" section of the "Investors & Media" page of our website located at *www.omegatherapeutics.com*, or by writing to our Secretary at our offices at 140 First Street, Suite 501, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141.

#### **Board Composition**

Our Board of Directors currently consists of nine members: Luke M. Beshar, Rainer J. Boehm, M.D., Mahesh Karande, Elliott M. Levy, M.D., John Mendlein, Ph.D., J.D., Christian S. Schade, Mary T. Szela, Michelle C. Werner, and Richard A. Young, Ph.D. As set forth in our Restated Certificate of Incorporation, the Board of Directors is divided into three classes with staggered, three-year terms. At each annual meeting of stockholders, the successors to directors whose terms then expire will be elected to serve from the time of election and qualification until the third annual meeting following election. Our Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws provide that the authorized number of directors may be changed only by resolution of the Board of Directors. Any additional directorships resulting from an increase in the number of directors will be distributed among the three classes so that, as nearly as possible, each class will consist of one-third of the directors. The division of our Board of Directors may be removed only for cause by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds in voting power of the outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote in the election of directors.

#### **Director Independence**

Luke M. Beshar, Rainer J. Boehm, M.D., Richard N. Kender, Elliott M. Levy, M.D., John Mendlein, Ph.D., J.D., Christian S. Schade, Mary T. Szela, Michelle C. Werner and Richard A. Young, Ph.D. each qualify as "independent" in accordance with the listing requirements of Nasdaq. The Nasdaq independence definition includes a series of objective tests, including that the director is not, and has not been for at least three years, one of our employees and that neither the director nor any of his family members has engaged in various types of business dealings with us. In addition, as required by Nasdaq rules, our Board of Directors has made a subjective determination as to each independent director and director nominee that no relationships exist, which, in the opinion of our Board of Directors, would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director. In making these determinations, our Board of Directors reviewed and discussed information provided by the directors and director nominee and us with regard to each individual's business and personal activities and relationships as they may relate to us and our management, including that Dr. Mendlein, Mr. Schade and Ms. Werner are affiliated with Flagship Pioneering, one of our significant stockholders. There are no family relationships among any of our directors or executive officers.

#### **Director Candidates**

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is primarily responsible for searching for qualified director candidates for election to the Board and filling vacancies on the Board. To facilitate the search process, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may solicit current directors and executives of the Company for the names of potentially qualified candidates or ask directors and executives to pursue their own business contacts for the names of potentially qualified candidates. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may also consult with outside advisors or retain search firms to assist in the search for qualified candidates, or consider director candidates recommended by our stockholders. Once potential candidates are identified, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee reviews the backgrounds of those candidates, evaluates candidates' independence from the Company and potential conflicts of interest and determines if candidates meet the qualifications desired by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee for candidates for election as a director. Rainer J. Boehm,

M.D., Richard N. Kender and Elliott M. Levy, M.D., each a Class III director nominee, were recommended by our Chief Executive Officer, Flagship Pioneering and third-party search firm, respectively.

In evaluating the suitability of individual candidates (both new candidates and current Board members), the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, in recommending candidates for election, and the Board, in approving (and, in the case of vacancies, appointing) such candidates, may take into account many factors, including: personal and professional integrity, ethics and values; experience in corporate management, such as serving as an officer or former officer of a publicly held company; strong finance experience; relevant social policy concerns; experience relevant to the Company's industry; experience as a board member or executive officer of another publicly held company; relevant academic experise or other proficiency in an area of the Company's operations; diversity of expertise and experience in substantive matters pertaining to the Company's business relative to other board members; diversity of background and perspective, including, but not limited to, with respect to age, gender, race, place of residence and specialized experience; practical and mature business judgment, including, but not limited to, the ability to make independent analytical inquiries; and any other relevant qualifications, attributes or skills. The Board evaluates each individual in the context of the Board as a whole, with the objective of assembling a group that can best perpetuate the success of the business and represent stockholder interests through the exercise of sound judgment using its diversity of experience in these various areas. In determining whether to recommend a director for re-election, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may also consider the director's past attendance at meetings and participation in and contributions to the activities of the Board.

Stockholders may recommend individuals to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee for consideration as potential director candidates by submitting the names of the recommended individuals, together with appropriate biographical information and background materials, to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, c/o Secretary, Omega Therapeutics, Inc., 140 First Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141. In the event there is a vacancy, and assuming that appropriate biographical and background material has been provided on a timely basis, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will evaluate stockholder-recommended candidates by following substantially the same process, and applying substantially the same criteria, as it follows for candidates submitted by others.

#### **Communications from Stockholders**

The Board will give appropriate attention to written communications that are submitted by stockholders, and will respond if and as appropriate. Our Secretary is primarily responsible for monitoring communications from stockholders and for providing copies or summaries to the directors as she considers appropriate.

Communications are forwarded to all directors if they relate to important substantive matters and include suggestions or comments that our Secretary and Chairman of the Board consider to be important for the directors to know. In general, communications relating to corporate governance and long-term corporate strategy are more likely to be forwarded than communications relating to ordinary business affairs, personal grievances and matters as to which we tend to receive repetitive or duplicative communications. Stockholders who wish to send communications on any topic to the Board should address such communications to the Board of Directors in writing: c/o Secretary, Omega Therapeutics, Inc., 140 First Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141.

#### Board Leadership Structure and Role in Risk Oversight

Our Amended and Restated Bylaws and Corporate Governance Guidelines provide our Board of Directors with flexibility to combine or separate the positions of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer in accordance with its determination that utilizing one or the other structure would be in the best interests of our Company. We currently have a non-employee Chairman of the Board and a majority of our Board is comprised of independent directors. Our Board believes that separation of the positions of Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, combined with the independent leadership of each of our Board committees, reinforces the independence of the Board from management, creates an environment that encourages objective oversight of management's performance and enhances the effectiveness of the Board as a whole. For these reasons, our Board of Directors has concluded that our current leadership structure is appropriate at this time.

However, our Board of Directors will continue to periodically review our leadership structure and may make such changes in the future as it deems appropriate. Our Corporate Governance Guidelines provide that, where the Chair of the Board is a member of management or not independent, the independent directors may appoint a Lead Director. If appointed, the Lead Director's responsibilities would include, but would not be limited to, presiding over all meetings of the Board of Directors at which the Chairman of the Board is not present, including any executive sessions of the independent directors, approving the Board's meeting schedules and agendas, and acting as liaison between the independent directors of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer and the Chairman of the Board.

Risk assessment and oversight are an integral part of our governance and management processes. Our Board of Directors encourages management to promote a culture that incorporates risk management into our corporate strategy and day-to-day business operations. Management discusses strategic and operational risks at regular management meetings and conducts specific strategic planning and review sessions during the year that include a focused discussion and analysis of the risks facing us. Throughout the year, senior management reviews these risks with the Board of Directors at regular Board meetings as part of management presentations that focus on particular business functions, operations or strategies, and presents the steps taken by management to mitigate or eliminate such risks. Our Board of Directors does not have a standing risk management committee, but rather administers this oversight function directly through the Board of Directors as a whole, as well as through various standing committees of the Board of Directors that address risks inherent in their respective areas of oversight. In particular, our Board of Directors is responsible for monitoring and assessing strategic risk exposure and our Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing our major financial and cybersecurity risk exposures and the steps our management is undertaken. The Audit Committee also monitors compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and considers and approves or disapproves any related person transactions. Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee monitors the effectiveness of our corporate governance practices. Our Compensation Committee assesses and monitors whether any of our compensation policies and programs have the potential to encourage excessive risk-taking. The Board does not believe that its role in the oversight of our risks affect the Board's leadership structure.

#### **Code of Ethics**

We have a written Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to our directors, officers and employees, including our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions. We have posted a current copy of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics on our website, *www.omegatherapeutics.com*, in the "Investors & Media" section under "Corporate Governance." In addition, we intend to post on our website all disclosures that are required by law or the rules of Nasdaq concerning any amendments to, or waivers from, any provision of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics.

#### **Anti-Hedging Policy**

Our Board of Directors has adopted an Insider Trading Compliance Policy, which applies to all of our directors, officers and employees. The policy prohibits our directors, officers and employees and any entities they control from purchasing financial instruments such as prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars, and exchange funds, or otherwise engaging in transactions that hedge or offset, or are designed to hedge or offset, any decrease in the market value of the Company's equity securities, or that may cause an officer, director, or employee to no longer have the same objectives as the Company's other stockholders.

#### Attendance by Members of the Board of Directors at Meetings

There were eleven meetings of the Board of Directors during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, each director attended at least 75% of the aggregate of (i) all meetings of the Board of Directors and (ii) all meetings of the committees on which the director served during the period in which he or she served as a director.

Under our Corporate Governance Guidelines, which are available on our website at *www.omegatherapeutics.com*, a director is expected to spend the time and effort necessary to properly discharge his or her responsibilities. Accordingly, a director is expected to regularly prepare for and attend meetings of the Board and all committees on



which the director sits (including separate meetings of the independent directors), with the understanding that, on occasion, a director may be unable to attend a meeting. A director who is unable to attend a meeting of the Board or a committee of the Board is expected to notify the Chairman of the Board or the Chairman of the appropriate committee in advance of such meeting, and, whenever possible, participate in such meeting via teleconference in the case of an in-person meeting. We do not maintain a formal policy regarding director attendance at the Annual Meeting; however, it is expected that absent compelling circumstances directors will attend. All of our then-incumbent members of the Board attended the 2023 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

#### **COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD**

Our Board has established four standing committees—Audit, Compensation, Nominating and Corporate Governance and Research and Development and Science—each of which operates under a written charter that has been approved by our Board.

The members of each of the Board committees and committee Chairpersons are set forth in the following chart.

Name	Audit	Compensation	Nominating and Corporate Governance	Research and Development and Science
Luke M. Beshar	Chairperson			
Rainer J. Boehm, M.D.	Х	Х		
Elliott M. Levy, M.D.			Х	Chairperson
John Mendlein, Ph.D., J.D.				X
Christian S. Schade		Х	Chairperson	
Mary T. Szela	Х	Chairperson		
Michelle C. Werner			Х	
Richard A. Young, Ph.D.			Х	Х

#### **Audit Committee**

Our Audit Committee's responsibilities include:

- appointing, approving the compensation of, and assessing the independence of our independent registered public accounting firm;
- overseeing the work of our independent registered public accounting firm, including through the receipt and consideration of reports from such firm;
- reviewing and discussing with management and the independent registered public accounting firm our annual and quarterly financial statements and related disclosures;
- coordinating the Board of Directors' oversight of our internal control over financial reporting, disclosure controls and procedures and code
  of business conduct and ethics;
- discussing our policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management and oversight of management of the Company's financial and cybersecurity risks;
- establishing procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of accounting related complaints and concerns;
- meeting independently with our internal auditing staff, if any, independent registered public accounting firm and management;
- · reviewing and approving or ratifying any related person transactions; and
- preparing the audit committee report required by the SEC rules (which is included on page 12 of this proxy statement).

The Audit Committee charter is available on our website at *www.omegatherapeutics.com*. The members of the Audit Committee are Luke M. Beshar, Rainer J. Boehm, M.D. and Mary T. Szela. Mr. Beshar serves as the Chairperson of the committee. Mr. Beshar is not a nominee for re-election at the Annual Meeting. The Board has appointed Richard N. Kender as Chairperson of the Audit Committee, effective as of the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. Our Board has affirmatively determined that each of Mr. Beshar, Dr. Boehm, Mr. Kender and Ms. Szela is independent for purposes of serving on an audit committee under Rule 10A-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act

and that each of Mr. Beshar, Dr. Boehm, Mr. Kender and Ms. Szela meets the independence requirements of the Nasdaq Rules, including those related to Audit Committee membership.

The members of our Audit Committee meet the requirements for financial literacy under the applicable Nasdaq rules. In addition, our Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Kender and Ms. Szela qualifies as an "audit committee financial expert," as such term is defined in Item 407(d)(5) of Regulation S-K, and under the similar Nasdaq Rules requirement that the Audit Committee have a financially sophisticated member.

The Audit Committee met six times in 2023.

#### **Compensation Committee**

Our Compensation Committee's responsibilities include:

- reviewing and approving, or recommending for approval by the Board, the compensation of our CEO and our other executive officers;
- overseeing and administering our cash and equity incentive plans;
- · reviewing and making recommendations to the Board of Directors with respect to director compensation;
- · reviewing and discussing annually with management our "Compensation Discussion and Analysis," to the extent required; and
- preparing the annual compensation committee report, to the extent required by SEC rules.

Pursuant to the Compensation Committee's charter, which is available on our website at *www.omegatherapeutics.com*, the Compensation Committee has the authority to retain or obtain the advice of compensation consultants, legal counsel and other advisors to assist in carrying out its responsibilities. In 2023, the Compensation Committee engaged Pay Governance LLC ("Pay Governance"), a compensation consulting firm, to assist in making decisions regarding the amount and types of compensation to provide our executive officers and non-employee directors. Pay Governance reports directly to the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee has considered the adviser independence factors required under SEC rules as they relate to Pay Governance and has determined that Pay Governance's work does not raise a conflict of interest.

The Compensation Committee may delegate its authority under its charter to one or more subcommittees as it deems appropriate from time to time. The Compensation Committee may also delegate to an officer the authority to grant equity awards to certain employees, as further described in its charter and subject to the terms of our equity plans.

The members of our Compensation Committee are Rainer J. Boehm, M.D., Christian S. Schade and Mary T. Szela. Ms. Szela serves as the Chairperson of the Compensation Committee. Each of Dr. Boehm, Mr. Schade, and Ms. Szela qualifies as an independent director under Nasdaq's heightened independence standards for members of a compensation committee, and each of Dr. Boehm, Mr. Schade and Ms. Szela qualifies as a "non-employee director" as defined in Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act. During his service on the Compensation Committee in 2023, Dr. Mendlein qualified as an independent director under Nasdaq rules.

The Compensation Committee met six times in 2023.

#### Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee's responsibilities include:

- identifying individuals qualified to become Board members;
- recommending to the Board of Directors the persons to be nominated for election as directors and to each Board committee;



- developing and recommending to the Board of Directors corporate governance principles, and reviewing and recommending to the Board of Directors proposed changes to our corporate governance guidelines from time to time; and
- overseeing an annual evaluation of the Board of Directors.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee charter is available on our website at *www.omegatherapeutics.com*. The members of our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are Elliott M. Levy, M.D., Christian S. Schade, Michelle C. Werner and Richard A. Young, Ph.D. Mr. Schade serves as the Chairperson of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Our Board of Directors has determined that Dr. Levy, Mr. Schade, Ms. Werner and Dr. Young are independent under the applicable Nasdaq rules. During his service on the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee in 2023, Dr. Mendlein qualified as independent under the applicable Nasdaq rules. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has the authority to consult with outside advisors or retain search firms to assist in the search for qualified candidates, or consider director candidates recommended by our stockholders.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee met one time in 2023.

#### **Research and Development and Science Committee**

Our Research and Development and Science Committee's responsibilities include:

- reviewing our current and planned platform and pipeline; and
- advising the Board of Directors in matters relating to clinical and product development.

The Research and Development and Science Committee charter is available on our website at *www.omegatherapeutics.com*. The members of our Research & Development and Science Committee are Elliott M. Levy, M.D., John Mendlein, Ph.D., J.D. and Richard A. Young, Ph.D. Dr. Levy serves as the Chairperson of the Research & Development and Science Committee.

The Research and Development and Science Committee met four times in 2023.

#### EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

This section discusses the material components of the executive compensation program for our executive officers who are named in the "2023 Summary Compensation Table" below. In 2023, our "named executive officers" and their positions were as follows:

- Mahesh Karande, President and Chief Executive Officer;
- Yan Moore, M.D., Chief Medical Officer; and
- Joshua Reed, Chief Financial Officer.

#### 2023 Summary Compensation Table

The following table sets forth information concerning the compensation of our named executive officers for the years shown.

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)		Option Awards (\$)(1)		Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)(2)		All Other Compensation (\$)(3)		Total (\$)	
Mahesh Karande,	2023	\$ 578,667		_	\$	765,340	\$	320,320	\$	11,400	\$	1,675,727
President and Chief Executive Officer	2022	\$ 555,833		_	\$	3,007,300	\$	246,400	\$	10,650	\$	3,820,183
Yan Moore, M.D.,	2023	\$ 521,667		_	\$	247,610	\$	205,275	\$	11,400	\$	\$985,952
Chief Medical Officer	2022	\$ 505,000	\$	458,000	\$	3,862,247	\$	167,660	\$	10,650	\$	5,003,557
Joshua Reed,	2023	\$ 465,000		_	\$	247,610	\$	182,988	\$	11,400	\$	\$906,998
Chief Financial Officer												

(1) Amounts reflect the full grant date fair value of option awards granted during the fiscal year computed in accordance with ASC Topic 718, Compensation—Stock Compensation, or ASC Topic 718, rather than the amounts paid to or realized by the named individual. We provide information regarding the assumptions used to calculate the value of option awards in Note 13 to the consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on March 28, 2024.

(2) Amounts shown represent each named executive officer's annual bonus earned with respect to the fiscal year. Refer to "2023 Annual bonuses" below for additional information regarding the Company's annual bonus program for 2023.

(3) The amount reported for each of Mr. Karande, Dr. Moore and Mr. Reed for fiscal year 2023 includes 401(k) matching contributions of \$9,900 and cell phone stipend of \$1,500.

#### Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table

#### 2023 Salaries

The named executive officers receive a base salary to compensate them for services rendered to our company. The base salary payable to each named executive officer is intended to provide a fixed component of compensation reflecting the executive's skill set, experience, role and responsibilities. For 2023, the annual base salaries for Mr. Karande, Dr. Moore, and Mr. Reed were \$582,400, \$525,000, and \$468,000, respectively. The base salaries for each of the named executive officers were effective March 1, 2023.

#### 2023 Annual Bonuses

Each of Mr. Karande, Dr. Moore, and Mr. Reed was eligible to receive an annual bonus under the annual bonus program we maintain for all employees. For 2023, the target bonus amounts, expressed as a percentage of base salary, for Mr. Karande, Dr. Moore, and Mr. Reed were 55%, 40%, and 40%, respectively. Annual bonuses for 2023 were based on the attainment of both corporate and individual performance goals as recommended by the compensation committee and determined by the board of directors. The corporate performance goals for 2023 were based on the achievement of company growth metrics, advancing and developing the Company's research and development programs, and financing and business development objectives. The individual performance goals for 2023 were based on each named executive officer's performance in his or her individually assigned duties and responsibilities. For 2023, Mr. Karande earned a bonus equal to \$320,320, or approximately 100% of his target



amount, Dr. Moore earned a bonus equal to \$205,275, or approximately 98% of his target amount, and Mr. Reed earned a bonus equal to \$182,988, or approximately 98% of his target amount.

#### Equity compensation

We generally offer stock options to our employees, including our named executive officers, as the long-term incentive component of our compensation program. Our stock options generally allow employees to purchase shares of our common stock at a price equal to the fair market value of our common stock on the date of grant, as determined by the board of directors. The stock options granted to our named executive officers generally vest as to 25% of the underlying shares on the first anniversary of the date of grant and in equal quarterly installments over the following three years. Historically, our stock options have been intended to qualify as "incentive stock options," to the extent permitted under the Internal Revenue Code, or the Code.

In connection with our initial public offering, we adopted, and our stockholders approved, the 2021 Incentive Award Plan, referred to below as the 2021 Plan, in order to facilitate the grant of cash and equity incentives to directors, employees (including our named executive officers) and consultants of our company and certain of its affiliates and to enable our company and certain of its affiliates to obtain and retain the services of these individuals. Prior to our initial public offering, we granted equity awards under our 2017 Equity Incentive Plan, referred to as the 2017 Plan; we ceased making grants under the 2017 Plan upon the effective date of our 2021 Plan, but the 2017 Plan continues to govern the terms and conditions of the outstanding awards granted under it.

#### Employee and retirement benefits

We currently offer broad based health and welfare benefits, including health, life, disability, vision, and dental insurance to our named executive officers to the same extent as our other full-time employees, subject to the terms and eligibility requirements of those plans. In addition to the health and welfare benefits, we maintain a 401(k) retirement plan for our full-time employees, including our named executive officers. The 401(k) plan permits us to make discretionary employer contributions. For 2023, Mr. Karande, Dr. Moore, and Mr. Reed all received 401(k) matching contributions of \$9,900 each. Other than the 401(k) plan, we do not provide any qualified or non-qualified retirement or deferred compensation benefits to our employees, including our named executive officers. Our named executive officers are eligible to participate in the 401(k) plan on the same terms as other full-time employees.

#### Outstanding Equity Awards at 2023 Fiscal Year-End

The following table summarizes the number of shares of common stock underlying outstanding equity incentive plan awards for each named executive officer as of December 31, 2023.

			Option Awards						
Name	Grant Date		Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Exercisable <sup>(#)</sup>	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Unexercisable <sup>(#)</sup>	Option Exercise Price <sup>(S)</sup>	Option Expiration Date			
Mahesh Karande	6/24/2019		884,072	_	0.53	6/23/2029			
	1/26/2020		326,382	_	0.60	1/25/2030			
	3/29/2021 (1)	)	644,591	292,997	5.67	3/28/2031			
	3/9/2022 (2)	.)	148,750	191,250	10.34	3/8/2032			
	10/27/2022 (3)		42,500	127,500	5.27	10/26/2032			
	2/28/2023 (4)		_	170,000	6.46	2/27/2033			
Yan Moore, M.D.	1/31/2022 (5)		208,999	268,716	11.36	1/30/2032			
	10/27/2022 (3)		13,750	41,250	5.27	10/26/2032			
	2/28/2023 (4)	•)	_	55,000	6.46	2/27/2033			
Joshua Reed	5/31/2022 (6)	<b>)</b>	120,000	200,000	2.27	5/30/2032			
	10/27/2022 (3)		13,750	41,250	5.27	10/26/2032			
	2/28/2023 (4)	.)	_	55,000	6.46	2/27/2033			

- (1) The option vests over four years, with 25% of the shares vested on March 26, 2022, and the remainder vesting in equal quarterly installments thereafter, subject to continued employment through each applicable vesting date. The option, to the extent outstanding and unvested, will vest in full upon the occurrence of a change in control.
- (2) The option vests over four years, with 25% of the shares vesting on March 9, 2023, and the remainder vesting in equal quarterly installments thereafter, subject to continued employment through each applicable vesting date.
- (3) The option vests over four years, with 25% of the shares vesting on October 27, 2023, and the remainder vesting in equal quarterly installments thereafter, subject to continued employment through each applicable vesting date.
- (4) The option vests over four years, with 25% of the shares vesting on February 28, 2024, and the remainder vesting in equal quarterly installments thereafter, subject to continued employment through each applicable vesting date.
- (5) The option vests over four years, with 25% of the shares vested on January 3, 2023, and the remainder vesting in equal quarterly installments thereafter, subject to continued employment through each applicable vesting date.
- (6) The option vests over four years, with 25% of the shares vested on May 23, 2023, and the remainder vesting in equal quarterly installments thereafter, subject to continued employment through each applicable vesting date.

#### **Executive Employment Agreements**

We entered into new employment agreements with Mahesh Karande in connection with our initial public offering which superseded his prior employment arrangements with us. We entered into an employment agreement with Dr. Moore and Mr. Reed in connection with the commencement of their employment.

Under the employment agreements, if we terminate Messrs. Karande or Reed or Dr. Moore without "cause" or such named executive officer resigns for "good reason", subject to the named executive officer's timely executing a release of claims and continued compliance with certain restrictive covenants, the named executive officer is entitled to receive (i) an amount equal to 0.75 times (or 1.0 times for Mr. Karande) the named executive officer's annual base salary, payable in the form of salary continuation in regular installments over 9 months (or 12 months for Mr. Karande); (ii) payment of any earned but unpaid annual bonus for the year prior to the year of termination; (iii) payment for continued health coverage pursuant to COBRA, less the amount the named executive officer would have paid for coverage as an active employee, for up to 9 months (or 12 months for Mr. Karande) following termination; and (iv) in the case of Mr. Karande only, partial accelerated vesting of any unvested equity or equity-based awards granted prior to the date of our initial public offering, equal to one additional year or, for performance-based awards, 25% of the shares subject to such award. If we terminate Messrs. Karande or Reed or Dr. Moore without "cause" or the named executive officer resigns for "good reason", in either case, on or within 12 months following a change in control, then, in lieu of the severance payments and benefits described above, subject to the named executive officer's timely executing a release of claims and continued compliance with certain restrictive covenants, the named executive officer is entitled to receive (i) severance equal to one times (or 1.5 times for Mr. Karande) the named executive officer's annual base salary payable in equal installments over the 12-month period following termination (or 18-month period for Mr. Karande); (ii) payment of any earned but unpaid annual bonus for the year prior to the year of termination; (iii) payment for continued health coverage pursuant to COBRA, less the amount the named executive officer would have paid for coverage as an active employee, for up to 12 months following termination (or 18 months for Mr. Karande); (iv) a lump sum payment equal to one times (or 1.5 times for Mr. Karande) the named executive officer's annual target bonus; and (v) full accelerated vesting of all unvested equity or equity-based awards (or, in the case of Mr. Karande, equity or equity-based awards granted on or following the date of our initial public offering) held by the executive that vest solely based on continued employment or service. In addition, upon the occurrence of a change in control, any unvested equity or equity-based awards held by Mr. Karande that were granted prior to the date of our initial public offering will vest in full.

For purposes of the employment agreements, "cause" generally means: (i) refusal to carry out the reasonable and lawful instructions of the Chief Executive Officer (or, in the case of Mr. Karande, the board of directors) concerning duties or actions consistent with the named executive officer's position with the company, as determined in the Chief Executive Officer's (or, in the case of Mr. Karande, the board of director's) reasonable and good faith determination, (ii) the named executive officer's breach of a material provision of the employment agreement that, to the extent capable of cure, has remained uncured for a period of 30 days following written notice from the company, (iii) the named executive officer's conviction, plea of no contest, plea of nolo contendere, or imposition of adjudicated probation for any felony or crime involving moral turpitude, (iv) unlawful use or possession of illegal drugs on the company's (or any of our affiliate's) premises or while performing the executive's duties and



responsibilities under the employment agreement, or (v) commission of any act of fraud, embezzlement, misappropriation, willful misconduct, or breach of fiduciary duty against the company or any of our affiliates.

For purposes of the employment agreements, "good reason" generally means, subject to an opportunity for notice and cure, (i) a reduction in the named executive officer's annual base salary or target bonus, (ii) a material decrease in the named executive officer's duties, authority or areas of responsibility as are commensurate with the named executive officer's title or position with the company, (iii) the relocation of the named executive officer's primary office to a location more than twenty-five (25) miles from the named executive officer's primary office as of the date of the employment agreement, or (iv) the company's breach of a material provision of the employment agreement.

Each of our named executive officers has agreed to refrain from competing with us while employed and for a period of 12 months following the named executive officer's termination of employment if terminated for cause or if the named executive officer resigns for any reason and as a condition to the receipt of severance benefits upon a termination without cause or resignation for good reason. Each of our named executive officers has also agreed to refrain from soliciting our employees, consultants, customers, suppliers or vendors, in each case, while employed and for a period of 12 months following the named executive officer's termination of employment for any reason.

#### 2023 Director Compensation

The table below shows all compensation to our non-employee directors during the year ended December 31, 2023. Mahesh Karande, our President and Chief Executive Officer, is also a member of our board of directors, but he does not receive any additional compensation for his service as a director. Information regarding Mr. Karande's 2023 compensation is included in the "2023 Summary Compensation Table", "Outstanding Equity Awards at 2023 Fiscal Year-End" table and associated narrative disclosure above.

Name		Fees Earned or Paid in Cash(\$)		(1)			All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)		
Noubar B. Afeyan, Ph.D. <sup>(3)</sup>	\$	59,171	\$	101,184	\$	_	\$	160,355		
Luke M. Beshar	\$	50,000	\$	101,184	\$		\$	151,184		
Rainer J. Boehm, M.D.	\$	47,500	\$	101,184	\$	—	\$	148,684		
Elliott M. Levy, M.D.	\$	48,008	\$	101,184	\$	—	\$	149,192		
John Mendlein, Ph.D., J.D.	\$	50,103	\$	101,184	\$	—	\$	151,287		
Christian S. Schade <sup>(4)</sup>	\$	13,598	\$	121,953	\$	—	\$	135,551		
Mary T. Szela	\$	52,500	\$	101,184	\$	—	\$	153,684		
Michelle C. Werner <sup>(5)</sup>	\$	3,604	\$	93,905	\$	— (2)	\$	97,509		
Richard A. Young, Ph.D.	\$	44,000	\$	101,184	\$	120,000	\$	265,184		
Richard A. Young, Ph.D.	\$	44,000	\$	101,184	\$	120,000	\$	265,184		

(1) Amounts represent the aggregate grant date fair value of the stock options granted in 2023, calculated in accordance with ASC Topic 718, rather than the amounts paid to or realized by the non-employee director. We provide information regarding the assumptions used to calculate the value of option awards in Note [13] to the consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on March [], 2024.

(2) Amount consists of consulting fees paid to Dr. Young for his advisory services in 2023, pursuant to his consulting agreement with us.

(3) Dr. Afeyan resigned as member of and chair of our board of directors effective August 28, 2023.

(4) Mr. Schade became a director on July 10, 2023.

(5) Ms. Werner became a director on August 26, 2023.

The table below shows the aggregate number of option awards (exercisable and unexercisable) held as of December 31, 2023 by each non-employee director. Our non-employee directors did not hold any unvested restricted stock or restricted stock units as of December 31, 2023.

	Option Awards Outstanding at 2023 Fiscal Year End <sup>(#)</sup>
Noubar B. Afeyan, Ph.D.	-
Luke M. Beshar	89,177
Rainer J. Boehm, M.D.	54,831

Elliott M. Levy, M.D.	89,177
John Mendlein, Ph.D., J.D.	257,596
Christian S. Schade	36,713
Mary T. Szela	120,062
Michelle C. Werner	36,713
Richard A. Young, Ph.D.	36,236

#### Non-Employee Director Compensation Program

We maintain a non-employee director compensation program pursuant to which each of our non-employee directors received the following amounts for their services on our board of directors in 2023:

#### **Cash Compensation**

- An annual director fee of \$35,000;
- If the director serves as lead independent director or chair or on a committee of our board, an additional annual fee as follows:
- Chair of the board or lead independent director, \$30,000;
- Chair of the audit committee, \$15,000;
- Audit committee member other than the chair, \$7,500;
- Chair of the compensation committee, \$10,000;
- Compensation committee member other than the chair, \$5,000;
- Chair of the nominating and corporate governance committee, \$8,000;
- Nominating and corporate governance committee member other than the chair, \$4,000;
- Chair of the research and development and science committee, \$10,000; and
- Research and development and science committee member other than the chair, \$5,000.

Director fees are payable quarterly in arrears and prorated for any partial quarter of service.

#### **Equity Compensation**

- *Initial Awards*: Each non-employee director who is initially elected or appointed to serve on our board of directors after the effective date of the non-employee director compensation program automatically will be granted, on the date on which such non-employee director is appointed or elected to serve on the board, an option to purchase 36,713 shares of our common stock with an exercise price per share of common stock equal to the fair market value of a share of our common stock on the date of grant. These initial options will vest in 36 equal monthly installments following the date of grant, such that the initial options will be fully vested and exercisable on the third anniversary of the date of grant, subject to the non-employee director's continued service as a non-employee director through the applicable vesting date.
- *Subsequent Awards*: Each non-employee director who (i) has been serving on our board for at least six months as of the date of any annual meeting of our stockholders after the effective date of our initial public offering and (ii) will continue to serve as a director immediately following such meeting automatically will be granted, on such annual meeting date, an option to purchase 18,118 shares of our common stock with an exercise price per share of common stock equal to the fair market value of a share of our common stock on the date of grant. Each annual option will vest in full on the earlier to occur of (i) the first anniversary of the applicable grant date and (ii) the date of the next annual meeting following the grant date, subject to such non-employee director's continued service as a non-employee director through the applicable vesting date.

In April 2024, upon the recommendation of the compensation committee following a competitive market review by Pay Governance, the compensation committee's independent compensation consultant, the Board approved the following changes to our non-employee director compensation program, effective April 16, 2024:

- With respect to the option award granted upon the director's initial election or appointment to our board of directors, increased the shares of our common stock subject to the option from 36,713 to 50,000 shares; and
- With respect to the annual option award granted to continuing directors on the date of the annual meeting, increased the shares of our common stock subject to the option from 18,118 to 25,000 shares.

In addition, each initial option and annual option will vest in full upon a change in control of the company (as defined in the 2021 Plan). If a non-employee director's service as a non-employee director on our board terminates for any reason, unless the board determines otherwise, such director's awards that are outstanding and unexercisable at the time of such termination will be forfeited and will not become thereafter vested or thereafter exercisable.

#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to holdings of our common stock by (i) stockholders who beneficially owned more than 5% of the outstanding shares of our common stock, and (ii) each of our directors (which includes all nominees), each of our named executive officers and all directors (which includes all nominees) and executive officers as a group as of April 15, 2024, unless otherwise indicated. The number of shares beneficially owned by each stockholder is determined under rules issued by the SEC. Under these rules, beneficial ownership includes any shares as to which a person has sole or shared voting power or investment power. Applicable percentage ownership is based on 55,154,985 shares of common stock outstanding as of April 15, 2024. In computing the number of shares beneficially owned by a person and the percentage ownership of that person, shares of common stock subject to options, or other rights held by such person that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of April 15, 2024 are considered outstanding, although these shares are not considered outstanding for purposes of computing the percentage ownership of any other person.

Unless otherwise indicated, the address of each beneficial owner listed below is 140 First Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141. We believe, based on information provided to us, that each of the stockholders listed below has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares beneficially owned by the stockholder unless noted otherwise, subject to community property laws where applicable.

	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	Percentage of Shares Beneficially Owned	
5% or Greater Stockholders			
Entities affiliated with Flagship Pioneering(1)	29,225,579	53.0%	
Entities affiliated with Fidelity(2)	5,888,549	10.7%	
Entities affiliated with HarbourVest(3)	3,512,110	6.4%	
Named Executive Officers and Directors			
Mahesh Karande(4)	2,339,481	4.1%	
Joshua Reed(5)	197,812	*	
Yan Moore, M.D.(6)	306,526	*	
Luke M. Beshar(7)	75,941	*	
Rainer J. Boehm, M.D(8)	39,533	*	
Richard N. Kender	—	*	
Elliott M. Levy, M.D.(9)	75,941	*	
John Mendlein, Ph.D., J.D.(10)	257,596	*	
Christian S. Schade(11)	133,389	*	
Mary T. Szela(12)	120,062	*	
Michelle C. Werner(13)	9,178	*	
Richard A. Young, Ph.D.(14)	775,354	1.4%	
All executive officers, nominees, and directors as a group (14 persons)(15)	5,038,170	8.5%	

\* Less than one percent.

(1) Based on a Schedule 13D/A filed with the SEC on February 27, 2023 and other information known to the Company. Includes (a) 2,197,059 shares held by Flagship VentureLabs V, LLC ("VentureLabs V"), (b) 5,896,386 shares held by Flagship Ventures Fund V, L.P. ("Flagship Fund V"), (c) 1,088,470 shares held by Flagship V VentureLabs Rx Fund, L.P. ("Flagship Fund V Rx"), (d) 8,617,413 shares held by Flagship Pioneering Fund VI, L.P. ("Flagship Fund VI"), (e) 7,508,693 shares held by Flagship Pioneering Special Opportunities Fund II, L.P. ("Flagship poportunities Fund II"), (f) 970,588 shares held by Nutritional Health LTP Fund, L.P. ("Nutritional LTP"), (g) 1,617,646 shares held by FPN, L.P. ("FPN Fund") and (h) 1,329,324 shares held by Flagship Pioneering Fund VII. L.P. ("Flagship Fund VI") and together with FPN Fund, VentureLabs V, Flagship Fund V Rx, Flagship Fund VI, Flagship Poportunities Fund II and Nutritional LTP, the "Flagship Funds"). Flagship Fund V is a member of VentureLabs V. VentureLabs V Manager TLC ("VentureLabs V, Flagship Pioneering") is the manager of VentureLabs V. Flagship Pioneering, Inc. ("Flagship Pioneering") is the manager. The General Partner of Flagship Fund V and Flagship Pioneering VI GP"). The General Partner LLC ("Flagship Opportunities Fund II General Partner of Flagship Pioneering VI GP"). The General Partner of Flagship Opportunities Fund II General Partner LLC ("Flagship Pioneering VI GP"). The general partner of Flagship Pioneering Pioneering Fund VI General Partner LLC ("Flagship Pioneering VI GP"). The general partner of Flagship Pioneering VI GP"). The general partner of Flagship Pioneering VI GP, Flagship Fund VII is Flagship Fund VII is Flagship Fund VII GP is Flagship Pioneering. The general partner of Flagship Opportunities Fund II GP, FPN GP and Flagship Fund VII GP is Flagship Pioneering. The general partner of Flagship Pioneering VI GP"). The general partner of Flagship Pioneering VI GP. The general partner of Flagship Pioneering Fund VII GP is Flagship Pioneering.

partner of Nutritional LTP is Nutritional Health LTP Fund General Partner LLC ("Nutritional LTP GP" and, together with VentureLabs V Manager, Flagship Pioneering, Flagship V GP, Flagship Pioneering VI GP, Flagship Opportunities Fund II GP, FPN GP and Flagship Fund VII GP, the "Flagship General Partners"). Noubar B. Afeyan, Ph.D. ("Dr. Afeyan") is the sole director of Flagship Pioneering and may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all the shares held by VentureLabs V, Flagship Fund VI, Flagship Opportunities Fund II, FPN Fund and Flagship Fund VII GP. In addition, Dr. Afeyan serves as the sole manager of Flagship V GP and is the sole member and manager of Nutritional LTP GP and may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all the shares held by the sole member and manager of Nutritional LTP GP and may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all the shares held by Rayship Fund VI GP, In addition, Dr. Afeyan serves as the sole manager of Flagship V GP and is the sole member and manager of Nutritional LTP GP and may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of all the shares held by Flagship Fund V, Flagship Fund V, Ray and Nutritional LTP. None of the Flagship General Partners nor Dr. Afeyan directly own any of the shares held by the Flagship Funds, and each of the Flagship Fund V. Afeyan disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares except to the extent of its or his pecuniary interest therein. The mailing address of the Flagship Funds is 55 Cambridge Parkway, Suite 800E, Cambridge, MA 02142.

- (2) Based solely on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 12, 2024. Consists of shares held by accounts managed by Fidelity Management & Research Company LLC ("FMR Co") and Fidelity Management Trust Company. FMR LLC is the parent holding company of FMR Co and Fidelity Management Trust Company. Abigail P. Johnson is a Director, the Chairman, the Chief Executive Officer and the President of FMR LLC. Members of the Johnson family, including Abigail P. Johnson, are the predominant owners, directly or through trusts, of Series B voting common shares of FMR LLC, representing 49% of the voting power of FMR LLC. The Johnson family group and all other Series B shareholders have entered into a shareholders' voting agreement under which all Series B voting common shares will be voted in accordance with the majority vote of Series B voting common shares. Accordingly, through their ownership of voting common shares and the execution of the shareholders' voting agreement, members of the Johnson family may be deemed, under the Investment Company Act of 1940, to form a controlling group with respect to FMR LLC. FMR LLC has sole voting power over 5,886,272 shares, and FMR LLC and Abigail P. Johnson have sole dispositive power over 5,888,549 shares. The mailing address of FMR LLC is 245 Summer St., Boston, MA 02210.
- (3) Based solely on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 9, 2024. Consists of 3,512,110 shares held by SMRS-TOPE LLC and over which it has sole voting and dispositive power. HarbourVest Partners, LLC ("HarbourVest") is the general partner of HarbourVest Partners L.P., which is the Manager of HVST-TOPE LLC, which is the managing member of SMRS-TOPE LLC. Each of HarbourVest, HarbourVest Partners L.P. and HVST-TOPE LLC may be deemed to have shared voting and dispositive power over the shares held by SMRS-TOPE LLC. Voting and investment power over the securities owned directly by SMRS-TOPE LLC is exercised by the Investment Committee of HarbourVest. Each of HarbourVest, HarbourVest Partners L.P. and HVST-TOPE LLC and the members of the HarbourVest Investment Committee disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares held directly by SMRS-TOPE LLC. The principal business office of each of the foregoing entities is One Financial Center, Boston, MA 02110.
- (4) Includes 2,221,770 options to purchase Common Stock that are vested or will vest and become exercisable by June 14, 2024.
- (5) Includes 197,812 options to purchase Common Stock that are vested or will vest and become exercisable by June 14, 2024.
- (6) Includes 306,526 options to purchase Common Stock that are vested or will vest and become exercisable by June 14, 2024.
- (7) Includes 75,941 options to purchase Common Stock that are vested or will vest and become exercisable by June 14, 2024.
- (8) Includes 39,533 options to purchase Common Stock that are vested or will vest and become exercisable by June 14, 2024.
- (9) Includes 75,941 options to purchase Common Stock that are vested or will vest and become exercisable by June 14, 2024.
- (10) Includes 257,596 options to purchase Common Stock that are vested or will vest and become exercisable by June 14, 2024.
- (11) Includes 133,389 options to purchase Common Stock that are vested or will vest and become exercisable by June 14, 2024.
- (12) Includes 120,062 options to purchase Common Stock that are vested or will vest and become exercisable by June 14, 2024.
- (13) Includes 9,178 options to purchase Common Stock that are vested or will vest and become exercisable by June 14, 2024.
- (14) Includes 36,236 options to purchase Common Stock that are vested or will vest and become exercisable by June 14, 2024.
- (15) Includes 4,160,165 options to purchase Common Stock that are vested or will vest and become exercisable by June 14, 2024.

#### CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PERSON TRANSACTIONS

#### **Policies and Procedures for Related Person Transactions**

Our Board of Directors has adopted a written Related Person Transaction Policy, setting forth the policies and procedures for the review and approval or ratification of related person transactions. Under the policy, our finance department is primarily responsible for developing and implementing processes and procedures to obtain information regarding related persons with respect to potential related person transactions and then determining, based on the facts and circumstances, whether such potential related person transactions do, in fact, constitute related person transactions requiring compliance with the policy. If our finance department determines that a transaction or relationship is a related person transaction requiring compliance with the policy, our Chief Financial Officer is required to present to the Audit Committee all relevant known facts and circumstances relating to the related person transaction. Our Audit Committee must review the relevant known facts and circumstances of each related person transaction, including if the transaction is on terms comparable to those that could be obtained in arm's length dealings with an unrelated third party, whether the transaction arose in the ordinary course of business, and the extent of the related person's interest in the transaction, taking into account the conflicts of interest and corporate opportunity provisions of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, and either approve or disapprove the related person transaction. If advance Audit Committee approval of a related person transaction requiring the Audit Committee's approval is not feasible, then the transaction may be preliminarily entered into by management upon prior approval of the transaction by the Chair of the Audit Committee subject to ratification of the transaction by the Audit Committee at the Audit Committee's next regularly scheduled meeting; provided, that if ratification is not forthcoming, management will make all reasonable efforts to cancel or annul the transaction. If a transaction was not initially recognized as a related person, then upon such recognition the transaction will be presented to the Audit Committee for ratification at the Audit Committee's next regularly scheduled meeting; provided, that if ratification is not forthcoming, management will make all reasonable efforts to cancel or annul the transaction. Our management will update the Audit Committee as to any material changes to any approved or ratified related person transaction and will provide a status report at least annually of all then current related person transactions. No director may participate in the approval of a related person transaction for which he or she is a related person.

The following are certain transactions, arrangements and relationships with our directors, executive officers and stockholders owning 5% or more of our outstanding common stock, or any member of the immediate family of any of the foregoing persons, since January 1, 2022, other than equity and other compensation, termination, change in control and other arrangements, which are described under "Executive Compensation."

#### **Investor Rights Agreement**

We entered into a Second Amended and Restated Investors' Rights Agreement in March 2021 with the holders of our preferred stock, including entities with which certain of our directors are related. The agreement provides, among other things, for certain rights relating to the registration of such holders' common stock, including shares issuable upon conversion of preferred stock in connection with our initial public offering. The registration rights terminate upon the earlier of (i) five years after the effective date of the registration statement relating to our initial public offering, or July 29, 2026, (ii) immediately before the closing of a deemed liquidation event, as defined in our Restated Certificate of Incorporation and (iii) at such time after consummation of our initial public offering as Rule 144 or another similar exemption under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, is available for the sale of all of a holders' shares without limitation during a three-month period without registration, or if a holder is an affiliate of the Company immediately after the consummation of our initial public offering, at such time as such holder is no longer an affiliate of the Company. Certain provisions, including those with respect to information rights, terminated in connection with our initial public offering.

#### **Flagship Management Service Agreement**

In July 2016, we entered into a ten-year management service agreement with Flagship Pioneering, or Flagship, to provide management services, including accounting, human resources, information technology, legal, and consultation. We also agreed to reimburse Flagship for certain expenses, including insurance and benefits, general consulting, and software licenses incurred on our behalf. For each of the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, we paid Flagship \$0.2 million and \$1.7 million, respectively, for expense reimbursement incurred on our behalf.



#### **Flagship License Agreement**

In March 2019, we entered into a license agreement with Flagship Pioneering Innovations V, Inc., or Flagship, an affiliate of certain beneficial owners of more than 5% of our capital stock, pursuant to which we received an exclusive, worldwide, royalty-bearing, transferable, sublicensable license under certain patent rights owned or controlled by Flagship. There were no payments made under the agreement during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

#### Whitehead License Agreements

In May 2019, we entered into an exclusive license agreement with the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research, or WIBR, pursuant to which we received an exclusive, worldwide, royalty-bearing, sublicensable license under certain patent rights owned or controlled by WIBR. We made payments under the agreement of approximately \$0.2 million and \$0.1 million in each of the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively. The patents inlicensed by us from WIBR pursuant to the agreement claim inventions created by, among others, Dr. Young, one of our directors. Pursuant to WIBR's policy on the ownership, distribution and commercial development of WIBR's technology, or the WIBR Policy, inventors of intellectual property invented at WIBR, including the inventors of patents licensed to us under the agreement, are entitled to a portion of the net royalty income derived from such inventions. Accordingly, pursuant to the WIBR Policy, Dr. Young is entitled to receive a portion of the amounts we pay to WIBR under the agreement. Accordingly, Dr. Young received approximately \$6,000 and \$3,000 from WIBR under the WIBR Policy during each of the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively, due to payments we made under the agreement.

In May 2019, we entered into a co-exclusive license agreement with WIBR pursuant to which we received a co-exclusive, worldwide, royalty-bearing, sublicensable license under certain patent rights owned or controlled by WIBR. We made payments under the agreement of less than \$0.1 million during each of the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. The patents in-licensed by us from WIBR pursuant to the agreement claim inventions created by, among others, Dr. Young, one of our directors. Pursuant to the WIBR Policy, inventors of intellectual property invented at WIBR, including the inventors of patents licensed to us under the agreement, are entitled to a portion of the net royalty income derived from such inventions. Accordingly, pursuant to the WIBR Policy, Dr. Young is entitled to receive a portion of the amounts we pay to WIBR under the agreement. Accordingly, Dr. Young received approximately \$1,000 from WIBR under the WIBR Policy during each of the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, due to payments we made under the agreement.

#### Pledge and Utilization Agreement with Flagship Pioneering Labs TPC, Inc.

In July 2022, we entered into a Pledge and Utilization Agreement with Flagship Pioneering Labs TPC, Inc., or TPC, an affiliate of certain beneficial owners of more than 5% of our capital stock, for an option to lease certain manufacturing space in Andover, Massachusetts. We paid TPC \$0.8 million for this option during the year ended December 31, 2022.

#### Sublease Agreement with Sail Biomedicines, Inc., ("Sail Bio", also formerly known as LARONDE, Inc. and VL50, Inc.)

In August 2020, we entered into a sublease agreement with Sail Bio, a company affiliated with Flagship, a beneficial owner of more than 5% of our capital stock, for a portion of laboratory and office space in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The term of the sublease agreement commenced on August 27, 2020 and terminates on September 30, 2024. Under the sublease agreement, we received rental income of \$2.5 million and \$2.3 million during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

#### Sublease Agreement with Cygnal Therapeutics, Inc.

In September 2019, we entered into a sublease agreement with Cygnal Therapeutics, Inc., a company affiliated with Flagship, a beneficial owner of more than 5% of our capital stock, for a portion of laboratory and office space in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The sublease term was to continue on a month-to-month basis until advanced notice is provided to us. Cygnal gave notice to us, terminated the agreement and vacated the property in May 2022. Under the sublease agreement, we received rental income of less than \$0.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2022.

#### Shared Space Arrangement with Sail Bio (formerly known as Senda Biosciences, Inc. and Kintai Therapeutics, Inc.)

In July 2020, we entered into a shared space arrangement with Sail Bio, a company affiliated with Flagship, a beneficial owner of more than 5% of our capital stock, for a portion of laboratory and office space in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The term of the shared space arrangement commenced on August 1, 2020 and was scheduled to terminate on July 31, 2022.

In January 2022, we entered into an amendment to the shared space arrangement with Sail Bio to exercise the option to renew the lease term for another 12 months. The lease term expired in July 2023. We also modified certain provisions related to the extension term. In connection with the modifications in the amendment, we paid an upfront payment of \$2.9 million, which covered the rent payment for the extended lease term. Additionally, upon the expiration of the lease term, we received \$0.7 million from Sail Bio for all furniture, fixtures and equipment owned by us that remained at the lease property. Under the shared space arrangement, the Company incurred \$0.9 million and \$3.1 million for rent and operating expenses during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

#### Collaboration Agreement with PM (CF) Explorations, Inc.

In November 2021, we entered into a five-year collaboration agreement with PM (CF) Explorations, Inc. ("PMCo"), an affiliate of Flagship, under which PMCo was granted an exclusive license covering specified patent rights of our lipid nanoparticle technology to develop one or more therapeutic products to treat diseases related to the cystic fibrosis transmembrane conductance regulator gene, like cystic fibrosis. Under the terms of the agreement, we will perform certain research activities in accordance with the research plan, and PMCo will be solely responsible for, at its sole cost and expense, and will have sole discretion with respect to, developing, manufacturing, seeking regulatory approval for and commercializing licensed products. We expect to receive approximately \$2.7 million in cost reimbursement throughout 2024 to fund the related research and development activities. The research plan funding may be adjusted upon mutual written agreement from both parties. Additionally, in the event PMCo is acquired or sold, we are entitled to receive a portion of the proceeds of such transaction, subject to various reductions and other amounts payable in accordance with the agreement. Under the collaboration agreement, we received collaboration revenue of \$3.1 million and \$2.1 million during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

#### Research Collaboration Agreement with Novo Nordisk A/S and Flagship Affiliates

On December 31, 2023, we entered into a Research Collaboration Agreement (the "Novo RCA") with Novo Nordisk A/S ("Novo Nordisk"), Pioneering Medicines 08, Inc. ("PM SpinCo"), and, with respect to certain provisions set forth in the Novo RCA, Pioneering Medicines (NN), LLC ("PM Shareholder") and PM (NN) Explorations, Inc. ("PMCo NN" and together with PM SpinCo and Shareholder, the "PM Entities"), affiliates of Flagship. Under the terms of the Novo RCA, we granted to Novo Nordisk an exclusive, royalty-bearing, transferable license, with the right to grant sublicenses through multiple tiers, for certain of our intellectual property to conduct research and development activities under an agreed-upon research and development plan, together with the PM Entities, relating to a product candidate, or program target, for the prevention, treatment or control of a cardiometabolic disease, including diabetes, in humans throughout the world. In connection with the execution of the Novo RCA, Novo Nordisk agreed to make an upfront cash payment of \$10 million, up to \$522 million in future development and sales milestone payments, and mid and high-single digit to low double-digit percentage royalties on net sales of the licensed product. These payments will be shared approximately equally between us and PM Shareholder. In January 2024, we received \$5.1 million as our share of the upfront cash payment. Novo Nordisk's obligations to pay royalties with respect to a licensed product and country will expire upon the latest of ten years following first commercial sale of a licensed product in such country, the expiration of the last-to-expire of certain valid patent claims applicable to such licensed product in such country, and the expiration of regulatory exclusivity for such licensed product in such country, subject to certain royalty reduction and step-down provisions set forth in the Novo RCA.

#### **Indemnification Agreements**

We have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our directors and executive officers. These agreements, among other things, require us or will require us to indemnify each director (and in certain cases their



related venture capital funds) and executive officer to the fullest extent permitted by Delaware law, including indemnification of expenses such as attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and settlement amounts incurred by the director or executive officer in any action or proceeding, including any action or proceeding by or in right of us, arising out of the person's services as a director or executive officer.

#### STOCKHOLDERS' PROPOSALS

Stockholders who intend to have a proposal considered for inclusion in our proxy materials for presentation at our 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act must submit the proposal to our Secretary at our offices at 140 First Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141 in writing not later than [1].

Stockholders intending to present a proposal at the 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, but not to include the proposal in our proxy statement, or to nominate a person for election as a director, must comply with the requirements set forth in our Amended and Restated Bylaws. Our Amended and Restated Bylaws require, among other things, that our Secretary receive written notice from the stockholder of record of their intent to present such proposal or nomination not earlier than the 120th day and not later than the 90th day prior to the anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting. Therefore, we must receive notice of such a proposal or nomination for the 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders no earlier than February 20, 2025, and no later than March 22, 2025. The notice must contain the information required by the Amended and Restated Bylaws, a copy of which is available upon request to our Secretary. In the event that the date of the 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders is more than 30 days before or more than 60 days after June 20, 2025, then our Secretary must receive such written notice not earlier than the close of business on the 10th day prior to the 2025 Annual Meeting and not later than the close of business on the 10th day following the day on which public disclosure of the date of such meeting is first made by us.

In addition to satisfying the foregoing requirements under our Amended and Restated Bylaws, to comply with the universal proxy rules, stockholders who intend to solicit proxies in support of director nominees other than the Company's nominees must provide notice that sets forth the information required by Rule 14a-19(b) under the Exchange Act.

We reserve the right to reject, rule out of order, or take other appropriate action with respect to any proposal that does not comply with these or other applicable requirements.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

Our Board of Directors is not aware of any matter to be presented for action at the Annual Meeting other than the matters referred to above and does not intend to bring any other matters before the Annual Meeting. However, if other matters should come before the Annual Meeting, it is intended that holders of the proxies named on the Company's proxy card will vote thereon in their discretion.

#### SOLICITATION OF PROXIES

The accompanying proxy is solicited by and on behalf of our Board of Directors, whose Notice of Annual Meeting is attached to this proxy statement, and the entire cost of our solicitation will be borne by us. In addition to the use of mail, proxies may be solicited by personal interview, telephone, e-mail and facsimile by our directors, officers and other employees who will not be specially compensated for these services. We will also request that brokers, nominees, custodians and other fiduciaries forward soliciting materials to the beneficial owners of shares held by the brokers, nominees, custodians and other fiduciaries. We will reimburse these persons for their reasonable expenses in connection with these activities.

Certain information contained in this proxy statement relating to the occupations and security holdings of our directors and officers is based upon information received from the individual directors and officers.

Stockholders may obtain our proxy statement (and any amendments and supplements thereto) and other documents as and when filed with the SEC without charge from the SEC's website at: www.sec.gov.



#### **OMEGA'S ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K**

A copy of Omega's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, including financial statements and schedules thereto but not including exhibits, as filed with the SEC, will be sent to any stockholder of record on April 25, 2024, without charge upon written request addressed to:

Omega Therapeutics, Inc. Attention: Secretary 140 First Street Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

A reasonable fee will be charged for copies of exhibits. You also may access this proxy statement and our Annual Report on Form 10-K at *www.proxyvote.com*. You also may access our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, at *www.omegatherapeutics.com*.

WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING ONLINE, WE URGE YOU TO VOTE YOUR SHARES VIA THE TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER OR OVER THE INTERNET, AS DESCRIBED IN THIS PROXY STATEMENT. IF YOU RECEIVED A COPY OF THE PROXY CARD BY MAIL, YOU MAY SIGN, DATE AND MAIL THE PROXY CARD IN THE ENCLOSED RETURN ENVELOPE. PROMPTLY VOTING YOUR SHARES WILL ENSURE THE PRESENCE OF A QUORUM AT THE ANNUAL MEETING AND WILL SAVE US THE EXPENSE OF FURTHER SOLICITATION.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Ling Zeng, Chief Legal and Administrative Officer and Secretary

Cambridge, Massachusetts [ ], 2024

#### ANNEX A-1 AMENDMENT TO THE RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

SEVENTH: Except to the extent that the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware prohibits the elimination or limitation of liability of directors or officers for breaches of fiduciary duty, no director or officer of the Corporation shall be personally liable to the Corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duty as a director or officer, as applicable, notwithstanding any provision of law imposing such liability. No amendment to or repeal of this provision shall apply to or have any effect on the liability or alleged liability of any director or officer of the Corporation for or with respect to any acts or omissions of such director or officer occurring prior to such amendment or repeal. If the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware is amended to permit further elimination or limitation of the personal liability of directors or officers, then the liability of a director or officer of the Corporation shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware as so amended.

#### ANNEX A-2 AMENDMENT TO THE RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

(Marked to Show Changes)

SEVENTH: Except to the extent that the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware prohibits the elimination or limitation of liability of directors <u>or officers</u> for breaches of fiduciary duty, no director <u>or officer</u> of the Corporation shall be personally liable to the Corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duty as a director <u>or officer</u> of the Corporation shall apply to or have any effect on the liability or alleged liability of any director <u>or officer</u> of the Corporation for or with respect to any acts or omissions of such director <u>or officer</u> occurring prior to such amendment or repeal. If the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware is amended to permit further elimination or limitation of the personal liability of directors <u>or officer</u>, then the liability of a director <u>or officer</u> of the Corporation shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware as so amended.

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### VOTE BY INTERNET Before The Meeting - Go to www.proxyvote.com or scan the QR Barcode above

Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information. Vole by 11-59 p.m. Eastern Time on June 19, 2024. Have your proxy card in hand when you access the veb set and follow the instructions to obtain your records and to create an electronic voting instruction form.

During The Meeting - Go to www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/OMGA2024

You may attend the meeting via the internet and vote during the meeting. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow available and follow the instructions.

VOTE BY PHONE - 1-800-690-6903 Use any fouch-fone telephone to transmit your voting instructions. Vote by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on June 19, 2024. Have your proxy card in hand when you call and then follow the instructions.

VOTE BY MAIL Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope we have provided or return it to Vote Processing, c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, MY 11717.

TO VOTE, MARK BLOCKS BELOW IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS FOLLOWS: V42531-P05848 KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS

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	Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR following:	All	All	Except	nominee(s), mark "For All Except" and write the number(s) of the nominee(s) on the line below.			
1.	Election of Class III Directors to serve until the 2027 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, and until their respective successors shall have been duly elected and qualified	0	0	0				I
	Nominees:							
	01) Rainer J. Boehm, M.D. 02) Richard N. Kender 03) Elliott M. Levy, M.D.							
The	Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the foll	owing	proposal	s:		For	Against	Abstain
2.	Ratification of the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP December 31, 2024.	as the	Company	's indepen	dent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending	Ο	0	D
3.	<ol> <li>Approval of an amendment to the Company's Restated Certificate of Incorporation to provide for exculpation of officers from breaches of fiduciary Duty to the fullest extend permitted by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.</li> </ol>				Ο	Ο	0	
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adm pers	se sign exactly as your name(s) appear(s) hereon. When si inistrator, or other fiduciany, please give full title as such. Jo onally, All holders must sign. If a corporation or partnership, artnership name by authorized officer.	int own	hers should	each sign				
Sign	ature [PLEASE SIGN W/THIN BOX] Date				Signature (Joint Owners) Date			

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting: The Notice and Proxy Statement and Annual Report are available at <u>www.proxyvote.com</u>

#### OMEGA THERAPEUTICS, INC. Annual Meeting of Stockholders June 20, 2024 2:30 P.M. EDT This proxy is solicited by the Board of Directors

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The undersigned hereby appoints Mahesh Karande, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Joshua Reed, Chief Financial Officer (each, a "Proxy" and together, the "Proxies"), and each of them, with full power of substitution, as Proxies to vote all the shares of common stock that the undersigned would be entitled to vote if present at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Omega Therapeutics, Inc. to be held at <u>www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/OMGA2024</u> on June 20, 2024 at 2:30 P.M. EDT and at any continuation, postponement or adjournment thereof, as designated on the reverse side of this card. In their discretion, the Proxies are authorized to vote (x) for the election of any person to the Board of Directors if any nominee named herein becomes unable to serve or for good cause will not serve, (y) on any matter that the Board of Directors did not know would be presented at the Annual Meeting by a reasonable time before the proxy solicitation was made and (z) on such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or at any adjournments, continuations, or postponements thereof.

This proxy, when properly executed, will be voted in the manner directed herein by the undersigned stockholder. If no such direction is made, this proxy will be voted FOR ALL NOMINEES in Proposal 1 and FOR Proposals 2 and 3.

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