

**HEMISPHERX BIOPHARMA, INC.**  
**COMPENSATION COMMITTEE CHARTER**

**Mission**

The Compensation Committee (the “Committee”) is responsible for determining the compensation for the Office of the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer as well as the Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer and approving the compensation structure for senior management, including members of the business planning groups, the most senior managers of corporate staff and other highly paid professionals, in accordance with guidelines established by the Committee from time to time. The Committee will produce an annual report on executive compensation for inclusion in the Company’s proxy statement. Further, the Committee approves broad-based and special compensation plans across the Company.

Additionally, the Committee will regularly review the Company’s management resources, succession planning and development activities, as well as the performance of senior management. The Committee is charged with monitoring the Company’s performance toward meeting its goals on employee diversity.

**Membership**

The Committee shall consist of at least three members of the Board of Directors, each of whom shall (a) meet the independence requirements of the American Stock Exchange corporate governance rules and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations governing director independence, as determined by the Board; (b) qualify as “non-employee directors” as defined under Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act; and (c) qualify as “outside directors” under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code. Members of the Committee and the Committee Chair shall be appointed by and may be removed by the Board on the recommendation of the Corporate Governance and Nomination Committee.

**Duties and Responsibilities**

The Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- Annually review and approve corporate goals and objectives relevant to the Company’s Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) , Chief Operating Officer (“COO”) and Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”) compensation, evaluate the Chairman’s and CEO’s the COO’s and the CFO’s performance in light of these goals and objectives, and provide a report thereon to the Board.
- Annually review and determine base salary, incentive compensation and long-term compensation for the Chairman and CEO the COO and the CFO, and report the Committee’s determination to the Board. In determining long-term incentive compensation of the Chairman and CEO, the COO, and the CFO, the Committee shall consider, among other factors, the Company’s performance, relative stockholder return, the value of similar incentive awards to individuals at these positions at comparable companies and the awards given to the Chairman and CEO, the COO and the CFO in past years.

- Annually review and approve base salary, incentive compensation and long-term incentive compensation for senior management.
- In consultation with and based upon the advice of outside counsel, monitor the disclosure and prepare an annual report on executive compensation for inclusion in the Company's proxy statement.
- Review executive officer compensation for compliance with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act and Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, as each may be amended from time to time, and any other applicable laws, rules and regulations.
- In consultation with the CEO, the COO and the CFO, review the talent development process within the Company to ensure it is effectively managed. Senior management will provide a report to the Committee regarding its talent and performance review process for key Management Committee members and other high potential individuals. The purpose of the performance and talent review is to ensure that there is a sufficient pool of qualified internal candidates to fill senior and leadership positions and to identify opportunities, performance gaps and next steps as part of the Company's executive succession planning and development process, all of which shall be reviewed with the Committee.
- In consultation with the Board, the CEO, the COO and the CFO, the Committee shall, as part of its executive succession planning process, evaluate and nominate potential successors to the CEO, the COO and the CFO. The Committee will also provide an annual report to the Board on CEO, COO and CFO succession.
- Annually review employee compensation strategies, benefits and equity programs.
- Annually review the share usage, dilution and proxy disclosures.
- Review and approve employment agreements, severance arrangements and change in control agreements and provisions when, and if, appropriate, as well as any special supplemental benefits.
- Annually review the Company's progress in meeting diversity goals with respect to the employee population.
- Conduct an annual review of the Committee's performance, periodically assess the adequacy of its charter and recommend changes to the Board as needed.
- Regularly report to the Board on the Committee's activities.
- Obtain advice and assistance, as needed, from internal or external legal counsel, accounting firms, search firms, compensation specialists or other advisors, with the sole authority to retain, terminate and negotiate the terms and conditions of the assignment.
- Perform any other duties or responsibilities expressly delegated to the Committee by the Board from time to time.



