

Advisory Panel To Better Understand and Make Recommendations Regarding the Implications of Genome-editing Technology for the Citizens of the State

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00pm

Location: Cross Office Building, Room 209 (Hybrid Meeting)*

*The meeting will be streamed live at the following link: <https://legislature.maine.gov/Audio/#209>

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Brief Introductions
- II. Follow-up Information from Previous Advisory Panel Meetings
- III. Overview of Regulatory Structure for Gene-editing in the Natural World (Andrew Patrick Holmes, PhD, RBP(ABSA), *Institutional Biosafety Officer, University of Maine*)
- IV. Overview of Regulatory Structure for Gene-editing in Medical Research (Dr. Frank Chessa)
- V. Break
- VI. Presentations: **Gene-editing and the Humanities**
 - Dimitry Bam, *Vice Dean, University of Maine School of Law*
 - Kate McBrien, *Maine State Archivist*
- VII. Lunch
- VIII. Presentations: **Gene-editing and the Humanities** - continued
 - Dr. Frank Chessa, *Chair of the Bioethics Department at Maine Medical Center*
 - John Hennessy, *Maine Council of Churches*
 - Lois Lowry, *Author whose published works have explored the humanity of all people*
 - Dwayne Tomah, *member of a federally recognized Indian nation, tribe or band in the State*
 - Marques Houston, *member representing persons under 30 years of age*
- IX. Break
- X. Debrief and Next Steps
 - Discussion of Potential Recommendations
 - Next Meeting: October 19. *Morning*: Gene Editing in Systems and Institutions (economy, business, education system, defense & security). *Afternoon*: finalizing recommendations.
 - Preparation for final meeting:
 - *Staff*: will compile and email a list of previously mentioned potential recommendations.
 - *Advisory Panel members*: will have 10 days to send, by email to OPLA staff only, additional potential recommendations to supplement the list. Please do not copy other Advisory Panel members in order to avoid engaging in substantive discussions over email.
 - *Staff*: Will compile the complete list of potential recommendations to be discussed during the meeting on October 19th. Additional potential recommendations generated during the morning panel presentations will be added to the list over the lunch break.
 - *Advisory Panel members*: should be prepared to vote on and to add specific detail to the potential recommendations during the October 19th meeting.

Additional information and materials are available on the Advisory Panel's webpage at:
<https://legislature.maine.gov/genome-editing-technology-advisory-panel>