



**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02-01**  
**OREGON HEALTH & SCIENCE UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**(Negotiation of Non-Binding Memorandum of Understanding Relating to the Oregon National Primate Research Center)**

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon National Primate Research Center (“ONPRC”) was first established by the United States government in the 1960s as a regional primate research center to complement and enable the missions of the National Institutes of Health (“NIH”) by maintaining nonhuman primate (“NHP”) breeding colonies and providing investigators with centralized expertise and resources.

**WHEREAS**, ONPRC receives infrastructure funding from the NIH via P51 Primate Research Center Grants, along with supplemental awards, to perform their dual functions of NHP resource production and research.

**WHEREAS**, the NIH has decided to prioritize human-based research and reduce animal experiments and to encourage the transition of ONPRC to a sanctuary and has updated its Grants Policy Statement to allow recipients to charge costs for rehoming and retirement of animals used in research per Guide Notice NOT-OD-25-163.

**WHEREAS**, the OHSU Board has a fiduciary obligation to the University and its statutory mission.

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon legislature has made clear that it does not approve the expenditure of any State general fund appropriation to OHSU to be used to support the ONPRC, and an increasing number of elected officials representing the residents of Oregon have called for its transition or closure

**WHEREAS**, as a novel endeavor, OHSU understands that the cost of transitioning the ONPRC to a sanctuary is likely not feasible unless OHSU receives substantial financial support from NIH or authorized partners to support the transition and maintenance of a primate sanctuary, and that any plans to transition would require careful planning to minimize impacts to existing scientific grants and to the faculty and staff working at ONPRC, and to ensure the humane treatment and welfare of all non-human primates.

**WHEREAS**, while OHSU is bound by existing grant agreements with NIH and other third parties that require the maintenance of ONPRC as a research institution meeting the program requirements of Federal law and the definition of “Research and Development” as defined in 2 CFR 200 and 2 CFR 300, NIH has expressed interest in providing OHSU flexibility such that OHSU will continue qualifying for awards upon transition to a sanctuary.

**WHEREAS**, in order to consider the transition of the ONPRC and to proceed with further discussions, negotiations, analyses and due diligence activities as are normal, customary and appropriate in transactions of the type, the Board needs additional information from NIH.

WHEREAS, for so long as OHSU continues to operate ONPRC as a primate research center, the Board expects that decisions regarding the pace and sequencing of any transition of ONPRC research activities will be informed by independent scientific assessment of alternative methodology readiness in each research application category - including immunology and vaccine development, neurological disease, reproductive biology, infectious disease, and translational pharmacology - with the understanding that research in categories where validated alternatives do not yet exist should continue until such alternatives are demonstrated; **and further, that this expectation may be considered satisfied if federal and/or state authorities provide financially durable support toward a sanctuary transition that is, in the Board's discretion, sufficient to mitigate the expense and revenue impacts to OHSU.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of Oregon Health & Science University as follows:

1. For a period of 180 days to begin upon the passage of this Resolution, the President of OHSU or his designee(s) (the "Authorized Officer(s)") is authorized on behalf of OHSU to negotiate an agreement with NIH that provides for the following:
  - a. Continued funding of research projects existing or applied for prior to the date of any definitive agreement between OHSU and NIH, the continuation of all research existing or applied for prior to the date of any definitive agreement between OHSU and NIH, unless mutually agreed changes are negotiated between OHSU scientists and NIH;
  - b. Receipt of substantial input from representatives of the animal sanctuary and animal protection communities as agreed upon by OHSU and NIH;
  - c. Receipt of substantial input through consultation and engagement from representatives of OHSU's Faculty Senate, AFSCME Local 328 and Research Workers United ("RWU"), and a senior lead scientist;
  - d. Investment in new areas of science, such as bio-fabrication and gene therapy, with NIH support via the competitive granting process;
  - e. Consideration for the preservation and protection of jobs at ONPRC
  - f. Transition of faculty that supports scientific innovation;
  - g. Financial and/or management support to provide maintenance, operation and administration of an animal sanctuary.
2. During the 180-day following the date of this Resolution, OHSU shall, in good

faith pause breeding of NHPs outside of what is required in ongoing research at ONPRC, as feasible.

3. The Authorized Officer is authorized to take all commercially reasonable actions on behalf of OHSU to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) and to bring such MOU to the OHSU Board for approval.

This Resolution is adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026, effective on February 9, 2026.

       Yeas

       Nays

       Abstentions

Signed by the Secretary of the Board on February 9, 2026.

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Connie Seeley  
Board Secretary