

# CLIMB BIO, INC.

## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Climb Bio, Inc. (the “Company”) has adopted the following Corporate Governance Guidelines (the “Guidelines”) to assist the Board in the exercise of its duties and responsibilities and to serve the best interests of the Company and its stockholders. The Guidelines should be applied in a manner consistent with all applicable laws and stock exchange rules and the Company’s corporate charter and bylaws, each as amended and in effect from time to time. The Guidelines are intended to serve as a flexible framework for the conduct of the Board’s business and not as a set of legally binding obligations. The Board may modify or make exceptions to the Guidelines from time to time in its discretion and consistent with its duties and responsibilities to the Company and its stockholders.

### A. Director Responsibilities

1. Oversee Management of the Company. The Board’s responsibility is to oversee the management of the Company, while conduct of the Company’s day-to-day activities is delegated to the Chief Executive Officer and other officers. To discharge this responsibility, the Board, either directly or through its committees, should:
  - Review and approve fundamental operating, financial and other corporate plans, strategies and objectives, including long-term planning.
  - Evaluate the performance of the Company and its senior executives and take appropriate action, including removal, when warranted.
  - Develop a succession plan for the Chief Executive Officer and other key executives.
  - Assess the Company’s compensation programs on a regular basis and determine the compensation of its senior executives.
  - Evaluate whether corporate resources are being used only for appropriate business purposes.
  - Establish a corporate environment and systems that promote timely and effective disclosure (including appropriate controls, procedures and incentives), fiscal accountability, high ethical standards and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
  - Review and approve material transactions and commitments entered into outside the ordinary course of business.

- Establish the Company’s risk appetite and review the Company’s policies and practices with respect to risk assessment and risk management.
  - Develop a corporate governance structure that allows and encourages the Board to fulfill its responsibilities.
  - Provide advice and assistance to the Company’s senior executives.
  - Periodically evaluate the overall effectiveness of the Board and its committees.
2. Exercise Business Judgment. In discharging their fiduciary duties, directors are expected to exercise their business judgment to act in what they reasonably believe to be the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.
3. Understand the Company and its Business. Directors have an obligation to become and remain informed about the Company and its business, including the following:
- The principal operational and financial objectives, strategies and plans of the Company.
  - The results of operations and financial condition of the Company and of significant subsidiaries and business segments.
  - The relative standing of the business segments within the Company and as compared to competitors.
  - The factors that determine the Company’s success.
  - The principal risks and challenges that affect the Company’s business and prospects.
4. Establish Effective Systems. Directors are responsible for determining that effective systems are in place for the periodic and timely reporting to the Board on important matters concerning the Company, including the following:
- Current business and financial performance, the degree of achievement of approved objectives and the need to address forward-planning issues.
  - Future business prospects and forecasts, including actions, facilities, personnel and financial resources required to achieve forecasted results.
  - Financial statements.
  - Compliance with law and corporate policies.
  - Key risks.

- Material litigation and governmental and regulatory matters.
- Communications from stockholders.

Directors should also periodically review the integrity of the Company's internal control and management information systems.

5. Board, Committee and Stockholder Meetings. Directors are responsible for attending Board meetings, meetings of committees on which they serve and the annual meeting of stockholders, and devoting the time needed, and meeting as frequently as necessary, to discharge their responsibilities.
6. Reliance on Management and Advisors; Indemnification. Directors are entitled to rely on the Company's senior executives and its outside advisors, auditors and legal counsel, except to the extent that any such person's integrity, honesty or competence is in doubt. Directors are also entitled to Company-provided indemnification, statutory exculpation and directors' and officers' liability insurance.

## **B. Director Qualification Standards**

1. Independence. Except as may otherwise be permitted by Nasdaq rules, a majority of the members of the Board shall be independent directors. To be considered independent: (1) a director must be independent as determined under Rule 5605(a)(2) of the rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market and (2) in the Board's judgment, the director must not have a relationship with the Company that would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director.
2. Size of the Board. The Board will periodically consider whether the size of the Board is appropriate given the Company's circumstances and any changes in the Company's business.
3. Other Directorships. Directors should advise the Chair of the Board and the Chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee in advance of accepting an invitation to serve on the board of directors or committee of the board of directors of another company. The Board recognizes that a director's ability to fulfill his or her responsibilities as a member of the Board can be impaired if he or she serves on a large number of other boards or board committees. Service on boards and board committees of other companies should be consistent with the Company's conflict-of-interest policies.
4. Tenure. The Board does not believe it should establish term limits. Term limits could result in the loss of directors who have been able to develop, over a period of time, increasing insight into the Company and its operations and an institutional memory that benefit the entire membership of the Board as well as management. As an alternative to term limits, the Nominating and Corporate

Governance Committee shall review each director's continuation on the Board in conjunction with recommending or selecting nominees for election to the Board. This will allow each director the opportunity to conveniently confirm such director's desire to continue as a member of the Board and allow the Company to conveniently replace directors who are no longer interested or effective.

5. Retirement. The Board does not believe that a fixed retirement age for directors is appropriate.
6. Board Leadership Structure. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee shall periodically assess the Board's leadership structure, including whether the offices of Chair of the Board and Chief Executive Officer should be separate, whether the Company should have an independent "Lead Director" in the event that the Chair of the Board is not an independent director, and why the Board's leadership structure is appropriate given the specific characteristics or circumstances of the Company. In the event that the Chair of the Board is not an independent director, the independent directors, by vote of a majority of such independent directors, shall annually select an independent director to serve as "Lead Director."

The Lead Director, if one is appointed, shall:

- in consultation with the Chair of the Board, establish the agenda for regular Board meetings;
  - preside at all meetings of the Board at which the Chair of the Board is not present, including executive sessions of the independent directors;
  - establish the agenda for meetings of the independent directors;
  - coordinate with the committee chairs regarding meeting agendas and information requirements;
  - preside over any portions of meetings of the Board at which the performance of the Board is presented or discussed;
  - act as liaison between the independent directors, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chair of the Board; however, each director is free to communicate directly with the Chair of the Board and with the Chief Executive Officer; and
  - perform such other functions as the Board may delegate.
7. Selection of New Director Candidates. Except where the Company is legally required by contract, bylaw or otherwise to provide third parties with the right to nominate directors, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee shall be responsible for (i) identifying individuals qualified to become Board members, consistent with criteria approved by the Board, and (ii) recommending to the

Board the persons to be nominated by the Board for election as directors at any meeting of stockholders and the persons to be elected by the Board to fill any vacancies on the Board. Director nominees shall be considered for recommendation by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee in accordance with these Guidelines, the policies and principles in its charter and the criteria set forth in Attachment A to these Guidelines. It is expected that the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will have direct input from the Chair of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer and, if one is appointed, the Lead Director. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee shall also consider candidates proposed by stockholders in accordance with the standards set forth above.

8. Extending the Invitation to a New Director Candidate to Join the Board. The invitation to join the Board should be extended either by the Chair of the Board, on behalf of the Board, or the Chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, on behalf of such Committee. Unauthorized approaches to prospective directors can be premature, embarrassing and harmful.
9. Change of Responsibility of Director. Any director who retires from such director's principal current employment, or who materially changes such director's current position, should notify the Board and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.
10. Former Chief Executive Officer's Board Membership. The Board believes that the continuation of a former Chief Executive Officer of the Company on the Board is a matter to be decided in each individual instance by the Board, upon recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Accordingly, a former Chief Executive Officer will be expected to resign from the Board if so requested by the Board, upon recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

### **C. Board Meetings**

1. Selection of Agenda Items. The Chair of the Board (working with the Lead Director, if one is appointed) shall approve the agenda for each Board meeting. Each Board member is free to suggest the inclusion of agenda items and is free to raise at any Board meeting subjects that are not on the agenda for that meeting.
2. Frequency and Length of Meetings. The Chair of the Board, in consultation with the Lead Director, if one is appointed, and the other members of the Board, shall determine the frequency and length of the Board meetings. Special meetings may be called from time to time as determined by the needs of the business.
3. Advance Distribution of Materials. Information and data that are important to the Board's understanding of the business to be conducted at a Board or committee meeting should generally be distributed in writing to the directors before the meeting, and directors should review these materials in advance of the meeting.

The Board acknowledges that certain items to be discussed at a Board or committee meeting may be of an extremely confidential or time-sensitive nature and that the distribution of materials on these matters prior to meetings may not be appropriate or practicable. Presentations made at Board meetings should do more than summarize previously distributed Board meeting materials.

4. Executive Sessions. The independent directors shall meet in executive session at least twice a year. The non-management directors will meet in executive session at other times at the request of any non-management director. Absent unusual circumstances, these sessions shall be held in conjunction with regular Board meetings. The director who presides at these meetings shall be the Lead Director if there is one, and if not, shall be chosen by the non-management directors.
5. Attendance of Non-Directors at Board Meetings. The Board encourages the senior executives of the Company to, from time to time, bring Company personnel into Board meetings who (i) can provide additional insight into the items being discussed because of personal involvement in these areas or (ii) should be given exposure to the Board.

#### **D. Board Committees**

1. Key Committees. The Board shall have at all times an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Each such committee shall have a charter that has been approved by the Board. The Board may, from time to time, establish or maintain additional committees as necessary or appropriate.
2. Assignment and Rotation of Committee Members. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee shall be responsible for recommending to the Board the directors to be appointed to each committee of the Board. Except as otherwise permitted by the applicable rules of the SEC and Nasdaq, each member of the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee shall be an “independent director” as defined by such rules.
3. Committee Charters. In accordance with the applicable rules of Nasdaq, the charters of the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee shall set forth the purposes, goals and responsibilities of the committees as well as qualifications for committee membership, procedures for committee member appointment and removal, committee structure and operations and committee reporting to the Board. The Board shall, from time to time as it deems appropriate, review and reassess the adequacy of each charter and make appropriate changes.
4. Selection of Agenda Items. The chair of each committee, in consultation with the committee members, shall develop the committee’s agenda. At the beginning of the year each committee shall establish a schedule of subjects to be discussed

during the year (to the extent practicable). The schedule for each committee meeting shall be furnished to all directors.

5. Frequency and Length of Committee Meetings. The chair of each committee, in consultation with the committee members, shall determine the frequency and length of the committee meetings consistent with any requirements set forth in the committee's charter. Special meetings may be called from time to time as determined by the needs of the business and the responsibilities of the committees.

#### **E. Director Access to Management and Independent Advisors**

1. Access to Officers and Employees. Directors have full and free access to officers and employees of the Company. Any meetings or contacts that a director wishes to initiate may be arranged through the Chief Executive Officer or directly by the director. Directors shall use their judgment to ensure that any such contact is not disruptive to the business operations of the Company and shall, to the extent appropriate, copy the Chief Executive Officer on any written communications between a director and an officer or employee of the Company.
2. Access to Independent Advisors. The Board and each committee have the power to hire and consult with independent legal, financial or other advisors for the benefit of the Board or such committee, as they may deem necessary, without consulting or obtaining the approval of any officer of the Company in advance. In the discretion of the Board or applicable committee, such independent advisors may (but need not) be the regular advisors to the Company. The Board or any such committee is empowered, without further action by the Company, to cause the Company to pay the compensation of such advisors as established by the Board or any such committee.

#### **F. Director Compensation**

1. Role of Board and Compensation Committee. The form and amount of director compensation shall be determined by the Board in accordance with the policies and principles set forth below. The Compensation Committee shall periodically review and make recommendations to the Board with respect to director compensation. The Compensation Committee shall consider that questions as to directors' independence may be raised if director compensation and perquisites exceed customary levels, if the Company makes substantial charitable contributions to organizations with which a director is affiliated or if the Company enters into consulting contracts or business arrangements with (or provides other indirect forms of compensation to) a director or an organization with which the director is affiliated.
2. Form of Compensation. The Board believes that directors should be incentivized to focus on long-term stockholder value. Including equity as part of director

compensation helps align the interest of directors with those of the Company's stockholders.

3. Amount of Consideration. The Company seeks to attract exceptional talent to its Board. Therefore, the Company's policy is to compensate directors competitively relative to comparable companies. The Board believes that it is appropriate for the Chair of the Board and the chairs and members of the committees to receive additional compensation for their services in those positions.
4. Employee Directors. Directors who are also employees of the Company shall receive no additional compensation for Board or committee service.

#### **G. Director Orientation and Continuing Education**

1. Director Orientation. The Board and the Company's management may conduct an orientation program for new directors. The orientation program may include presentations by management to familiarize new directors with the Company's strategic plans, its significant financial, accounting and risk management issues, its compliance programs, its code of business conduct and ethics, its principal officers, its internal and independent auditors and its outside legal advisors. In addition, the orientation program may include a review of the Company's expectations of its directors in terms of time and effort, a review of the directors' fiduciary duties and, to the extent practical, visits to Company headquarters and other principal facilities.
2. Continuing Education. The Company may offer continuing education programs to assist the directors in maintaining the level of expertise to perform his or her duties as a director.

#### **H. Management Evaluation and Succession**

1. Selection of Chief Executive Officer. The Board selects the Chief Executive Officer in the manner that it determines to be in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.
2. Evaluation of Chief Executive Officer. The Compensation Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer. The Compensation Committee shall determine the nature and frequency of the evaluation, supervise the conduct of the evaluation and prepare an assessment of the performance of the Chief Executive Officer, to be discussed with the Board. The Board shall review the assessment to ensure that the Chief Executive Officer is providing the best leadership for the Company over both the long- and short-term.
3. Succession of Senior Executives. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee shall be responsible for overseeing an annual evaluation of succession planning for senior executives.



**I. Annual Performance Evaluation of the Board**

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee shall oversee an annual self-evaluation of the Board to determine whether it and its committees are functioning effectively. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee shall determine the nature of the evaluation, supervise the conduct of the evaluation and prepare an assessment of the Board's performance, to be discussed with the Board. The purpose of this process is to improve the effectiveness of the Board and its committees and not to target individual Board members.

**J. Board Interaction with Stockholders, Institutional Investors, the Press, Customers, Etc.**

The Board believes that the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Executive Officer's designees speak for the Company. Individual Board members may, from time to time, meet or otherwise communicate with various constituencies that are involved with the Company. It is, however, expected that Board members would do so with the knowledge of and, absent unusual circumstances or as contemplated by the committee charters, only at the request of the Company's senior executives.

The Board will give appropriate attention to written communications that are submitted by stockholders and other interested parties, and will respond if and as appropriate. Absent unusual circumstances or as contemplated by the committee charters, the Chair of the Board (if an independent director), or the Lead Director (if one is appointed), or otherwise the Chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee shall, subject to advice and assistance from the Company's outside counsel, (i) be primarily responsible for monitoring communications from stockholders and other interested parties, and (ii) provide copies or summaries of such communications to the other directors as appropriate.

**K. Periodic Review of the Corporate Governance Guidelines**

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee shall, from time to time as it deems appropriate, review and reassess the adequacy of these Guidelines and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval.

## **Climb Bio, Inc.**

### Attachment A to Corporate Governance Guidelines

#### **CRITERIA FOR NOMINATION AS A DIRECTOR**

##### **General Criteria**

1. Nominees should have a reputation for integrity, honesty and adherence to high ethical standards.
2. Nominees should have demonstrated business acumen, experience and ability to exercise sound judgments in matters that relate to the current and long-term objectives of the Company and should be willing and able to contribute positively to the decision-making process of the Company.
3. Nominees should have a commitment to understand the Company and its industry and to regularly attend and participate in meetings of the Board and its committees.
4. Nominees should have the interest and ability to understand the sometimes conflicting interests of the various constituencies of the Company, which include stockholders, employees, customers, governmental units, creditors and the general public, and to act in the interests of all stockholders.
5. Nominees should not have, nor appear to have, a conflict of interest that would impair the nominee's ability to represent the interests of all the Company's stockholders and to fulfill the responsibilities of a director.
6. Nominees shall not be discriminated against on the basis of race, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability or any other basis proscribed by law. The value of diversity on the Board shall be considered.

##### **Application of Criteria to Existing Directors**

The renomination of existing directors should not be viewed as automatic, but should be based on continuing qualification under the criteria set forth above. In addition, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee shall consider the performance of existing directors on the Board and any committee, including consideration of the extent to which the directors undertook continuing director education.

##### **Criteria for Composition of the Board**

The backgrounds and qualifications of the directors considered as a group should provide a significant breadth of experience, knowledge and abilities that shall assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities.