

CARA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

CHARTER OF THE NOMINATING AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee (the “*Committee*”) of the Board of Directors (the “*Board*”) of Cara Therapeutics, Inc. (the “*Company*”) shall be to (i) oversee the Company’s corporate governance functions on behalf of the Board; (ii) make recommendations to the Board regarding corporate governance issues; (iii) identify and evaluate candidates to serve as directors of the Company consistent with the criteria approved by the Board and review and evaluate the performance of the Board; (iv) serve as a focal point for communication between director candidates, non-committee directors and the Company’s management; (v) select or recommend to the Board for selection candidates to the Board, or, to the extent required below, to serve as nominees for director for the annual meeting of shareholders; and (vi) make other recommendations to the Board regarding affairs relating to the directors of the Company.

The “Public Effective Date” shall mean the date on which the Company has agreed to become a public reporting company subject to the periodic reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “*Exchange Act*”), and applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “*SEC*”).

COMPOSITION

The Committee shall consist of at least two (2) members of the Board. Following the Public Effective Date, the members of the Committee shall satisfy the independence requirements imposed by any stock exchange on which any of the Company’s capital stock is listed, including any exceptions permitted by such requirements. In addition, following the Public Effective Date, no Committee member shall be an employee of the Company and each member shall be free from any relationship that would interfere with the exercise of his or her independent judgment, as determined by the Board, in accordance with the applicable independence requirements of any stock exchange on which any of the Company’s capital stock is listed. The members of the Committee shall be appointed by and serve at the discretion of the Board. Vacancies occurring on the Committee shall be filled by the Board. The Committee’s chairperson shall be appointed by the Board.

MEETINGS AND MINUTES

The Committee shall hold such regular or special meetings as its members shall deem necessary or appropriate. Minutes of each meeting of the Committee shall be prepared and distributed to each director of the Company and the Secretary of the Company after each meeting. The Chairperson of the Committee shall report to the Board from time to time, or whenever so requested by the Board.

AUTHORITY

The Committee shall have access to all books, records, facilities and personnel of the Company as deemed necessary or appropriate by any member of the Committee to discharge his or her responsibilities hereunder. The Committee shall have access to and shall communicate with the Board, committee

chairpersons, members of senior management and independent professional advisors to the Board and its various committees, as applicable. The Committee shall have the authority to obtain, at the expense of the Company, advice and assistance from internal or external legal, accounting or other advisors and consultants, as well as sole authority to retain and terminate executive search firms to help identify director candidates. The Committee shall have the authority to approve fees, costs and other terms of engagement of such outside resources. The Committee shall also have authority to pay, at the expense of the Company, ordinary administrative expenses (including expenditures for external resources) that, as determined by the Committee, are necessary or appropriate in carrying out its duties. The Committee shall have authority to require that any of the Company's personnel, counsel, accountants or investment bankers, or any other consultant or advisor to the Company, attend any meeting of the Committee or meet with any member of the Committee or any of its special, outside legal, accounting or other, advisors or consultants.

The Committee may form and delegate authority to one or more subcommittees as appropriate. Delegation by the Committee to any subcommittee shall not limit or restrict the Committee on any matter so delegated, and, unless the Committee alters or terminates such delegation, any action by the Committee on any matter so delegated shall not limit or restrict future action by such subcommittee on such matters. The operation of the Committee shall be subject to the Bylaws of the Company as in effect from time to time and Section 141 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. The approval of this Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter shall be construed as a delegation of authority to the Committee with respect to the responsibilities set forth herein.

RESPONSIBILITIES

To implement the Committee's purpose, the Committee shall have the following responsibilities. The Committee may supplement and, except as otherwise required by applicable law or the requirements of any stock exchange on which any of the Company's capital stock is listed, deviate from these activities as appropriate under the circumstances:

1. *Director Nominations.* The Committee shall identify and evaluate candidates to serve on the Company's Board consistent with the criteria approved by the Board, including consideration of the potential conflicts of interest as well as applicable independence and other requirements. The Committee shall also have responsibility for reviewing, evaluating and considering the recommendation for nomination of incumbent directors for re-election to the Board, as well as monitoring the size of the Board. The Committee shall also recommend to the Board for selection candidates to the Board or, following the Public Effective Date, to serve as nominees for director for the annual meeting of stockholders. The Committee shall also have the power and authority to consider recommendations for Board nominees and proposals submitted by the Company's stockholders and to establish any policies, requirements, criteria and procedures, including policies and procedures to facilitate stockholder communications with the Board, to recommend to the Board appropriate action on any such proposal or recommendation and to make any disclosures required by applicable law in the course of exercising its authority.

2. *Board and Management Assessment.* Following the Public Effective Date, the Committee shall periodically review the performance of the Board, including Board committees, and management, and shall make recommendations to the Board and management, as applicable, for areas of improvement as it deems appropriate. The Committee shall also consider and assess the independence of directors, including consideration of any independence requirements imposed by any stock exchange on which any of the Company's capital stock is listed.

3. *Board Committee Nominations.* The Committee shall oversee the Board's committee structure and operations, including authority to delegate to subcommittees and committee reporting to the Board. The Committee, after due consideration of the interests, independence and experience of the individual directors and the independence and experience requirements of any stock exchange on which any of the Company's capital stock is listed, the rules and regulations of the SEC and applicable law, shall recommend to the entire Board annually the chairmanship and membership of each committee.

4. *Continuing Education.* The Committee shall institute such plan or program as it may deem appropriate for the continuing education of directors.

5. *Corporate Governance Principles.* The Committee shall develop a set of corporate governance principles to be applicable to the Company and shall periodically review and assess the Company's corporate governance, and shall recommend any changes deemed appropriate to the Board for its consideration.

6. *Procedures for Information Dissemination.* The Committee shall periodically review the processes and procedures used by the Company to provide information to the Board and its committees and make recommendations to the Board and management for improvement as appropriate. The Committee should consider, among other factors, the reporting channels through which the Board and its committees receive information and the level of access to outside advisors where necessary or appropriate, as well as the procedures for providing accurate, relevant and appropriately detailed information to the Board and its committees on a timely basis.

7. *Committee Self Assessment; Charter.* Following the Public Effective Date, the Committee shall review, discuss and assess its own performance at least annually. The Committee shall also periodically assess the adequacy of this charter and shall recommend any proposed changes to the Board for its consideration.

8. *General Authority.* The Committee shall perform such other functions and have such other powers as may be necessary or appropriate in the discharge of the foregoing.