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Organovo Holdings, Inc.
6275 Nancy Ridge Dr., Suite 110
San Diego, CA 92121
June, 2018
Dear Stockholder:
You are cordially invited to attend this year's Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Organovo Holdings, Inc. on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. (local time). The meeting will be held at Green Acre Campus Pointe, 10300 Campus Point Drive, San Diego, California 92121.
We are pleased to furnish proxy materials primarily over the internet based on the rules established by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). We believe this will allow us to quickly provide proxy materials to you, whil lowering the costs of distribution and reducing the environmental impact of our Annual Meeting.
On June, 2018, we mailed a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the "Notice") to our stockholders (other than those who previously requested electronic or paper delivery) containing instructions on how to access our proxy materials, including our Proxy Statement and Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018, over the internet. The Notice also provides instructions on how to vote online or by telephone and includes instructions on how you can receive a paper copy of the proxy materials by mail. If you receive your proxy materials by mail, the Annual Report, the Notice of 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, the Proxy Statement, and proxy card will be enclosed.
The matters to be acted upon are described in the Notice of 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement. Following the formal business of the meeting, we will report on our operations and respond to questions from stockholders.
Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, your vote is very important and we encourage you to vote promptly. You may vote by proxy over the internet or by telephone, or, if you received paper copies of the proxy materials by mail, you can also vote by mail by following the instructions on your proxy card. If you attend the meeting you will have the right to revoke your proxy and vote your shares in person. If you hold your shares through an account with a brokerage firm, bank or other nominee, please follow the instructions you receive from your brokerage firm, bank or other nominee to vote your shares.
We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.
Sincerely yours,
Taylor Crouch
Chief Executive Officer and President

ORGANOVO HOLDINGS, INC. NOTICE OF 2018 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON JULY 26, 2018

To Our Stockholders:

The 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") of Organovo Holdings, Inc. ("Organovo" or the "Company") will be held at Green Acre Campus Pointe, 10300 Campus Point Drive, San Diego, California 92121 on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. (local time) for the following purposes:

- 1. To elect Kirk Malloy, Ph.D. as Class I director to hold office until the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until his successor is elected and qualified;
- 2. To ratify the appointment of Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019;
- 3. To approve an amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation to increase the authorized number of shares of common stock from 150,000,000 shares to 200,000,000 shares.
- 4. To approve an amendment and restatement to our 2012 Equity Incentive Plan which, among other changes described in our Proxy Statement, increases the number of shares of common stock issuable under the Plan.
- 5. To hold a non-binding advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers; and
- 6. To transact such other business as may properly be brought before the Annual Meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

Our Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the director nominee and FOR proposals 2 through 5 listed above. Stockholders of record at the close of business on May 29, 2018 are entitled to notice of, and to vote on, all matters at the meeting and any reconvened meeting following any adjournments or postponements thereof. For ten days prior to the Annual Meeting, a complete list of stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be available for examination by any stockholder, for any purpose relating to the Annual Meeting, during ordinary business hours at our corporate offices located at 6275 Nancy Ridge Dr., Suite 110, San Diego, California 92121.

All stockholders are invited to attend the Annual Meeting in person. Whether or not you expect to attend the Annual Meeting, you are urged to vote or submit your proxy as soon as possible so that your shares can be voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with your instructions. Telephone and internet voting are available. For specific instructions on voting, please refer to the instructions in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials or the proxy card. If you hold your shares through an account with a brokerage firm, bank or other nominee, please follow the instructions you receive from them to vote your shares.

Important Notice Regarding Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting: Our Notice of 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, Proxy Statement and Annual Report are available at www.proxydocs.com/onvo.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Jennifer K. Bush

Senior Vice President, General Counsel, Corporate Secretary, and Compliance Officer

June , 2018

2018 Proxy Statement Summary

To assist you in reviewing the Proxy Statement for the Organovo Holdings, Inc. ("Organovo" or the "Company") 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting"), we call your attention to the following summary information about the Annual Meeting, the proposals to be considered at the Annual Meeting and our corporate governance and compensation frameworks. For more complete information, please review our Proxy Statement and Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018. We encourage you to vote your shares at the Annual Meeting. If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting in person, we encourage you to submit a proxy so that your shares will be represented and voted.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders

Date and

July 26, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. (local time)

Time:

Place: Green Acre Campus Pointe

10300 Campus Point Drive

San Diego, California 92121

Record

Voting:

May 29, 2018

Date:

If you were a "stockholder of record" or beneficial owner of shares held in "street name" as of the Record Date, you may vote your shares. You may vote in person at the Annual Meeting or by the internet, telephone or mail. See the "General Information – Voting Instructions" in the Proxy Statement for more detail regarding how you may vote your shares.

Admission: You are entitled to attend the Annual Meeting if: (i) you were an Organovo stockholder as of the Record Date (or you are attending as a named representative of a stockholder or you are an immediate family member attending as a guest of a stockholder); and (ii) you present proof of ownership of Organovo common stock as of the Record Date. In addition, all stockholders, immediate family member guests and representatives will be required to present government-issued photo identification (e.g., driver's license or passport) to gain admission to the Annual Meeting. Please note that if your shares are held of record by a broker, bank, trustee, or nominee and you wish to vote at the Annual Meeting, you will not be permitted to vote in person unless you first obtain a proxy issued in your name from the broker, bank, trustee or nominee.

Please be advised that all purses, briefcases, bags, etc. may be subject to inspection. The use of mobile phones, pagers, recording or photographic equipment, tablets and/or computers is not permitted in the meeting room during the Annual Meeting.

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Stockholders and until his successor is elected and qualified.		
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(2) Ratification of appointment of Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. as our independent	FOR	
registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019.	707	
(3) Approval of amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation to increase the	FOR	
authorized number of shares of Common Stock from 150,000,000 to 200,000,000.		
(4) Approval of an amendment and restatement of our 2012 Equity Incentive Plan	FOR	
which, among other changes described in our Proxy Statement, increases the number		
of shares of common stock issuable under the Plan.		
(5) Non-binding advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers.	FOR	

Corporate Governance Summary Facts

We seek to maintain high standards of business conduct and corporate governance, which we believe are fundamental to the overall success of our business, serving our stockholders well and maintaining our integrity in the marketplace. The following table summarizes some of the key elements of our corporate governance framework:

Size of Board	7
Number of Independent Directors	6
Chairman and CEO	Separate
Independent Chairman	Yes
Board Self-Evaluation	Annual
Review Board and Board Committee Independence and Qualifications	Annual
Hold Executive Sessions	Yes
Annual Director Elections	No
All Directors Received At Least 80% Approval at 2017 Annual Meeting	Yes
Diverse Board (as to background, experience and skills)	Yes
Board has Adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines	Yes
Board has Not Amended Charters or Taken Actions to Reduce Stockholder Rights	True
Director Meeting Attendance Above 75%	Yes
Stock Ownership Guidelines	Yes
No Family Relationships Among Officers and Directors	True
All Committee Chairs and Members Qualify as Independent Directors	Yes
CEO Serves on Less Than Three Outside Boards	True

Summary of Compensation Best Practices

Our Board of Directors established a Compensation Committee comprised of four independent directors in accordance with the rules and regulations established by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the NASDAQ Stock Market. Our Board has delegated to the Compensation Committee the authority to establish the Company's executive compensation program and to approve all compensation received by the Company's executive officers and the other members of its management team. The Compensation Committee retained Marsh & McLennan Agency LLC ("Marsh") as its independent compensation consultant, to assist it in evaluating the Company's executive compensation program and selecting an appropriate peer group of comparable companies for purposes of setting executive compensation.

The Compensation Committee regularly reviews best practices in governance and executive compensation. The following is a high-level summary of certain executive compensation practices that the Compensation Committee believes drive Company performance and serve our stockholders' long-term interests:

Compensation Committee Comprised of At Least Three Independent Directors	Yes
Independent Compensation Consultant Retained	Yes
Compensation Committee Members all qualify as "outside directors" and "non-employee directors"	True
Compensation Based on Comparison to Peer Group Data	Yes
All Directors and Officers Subject to Stock Ownership Guidelines	Yes
Compensation Committee Performs Compensation Risk Assessment	Annual
Prohibitions Against all Directors, Officers and Employees Hedging or Pledging Stock	Yes
Incentive Plans Based on Performance Metrics	Yes
Company Does Not Offer Tax Gross Ups for Severance or Change of Control	Yes
Reasonable and Double Trigger Accelerated Vesting Provisions Adopted	Yes
No Multi-Year Guaranteed Bonuses	Yes
Stock Option Plan Prohibits Option Repricing and Share Recycling	Yes
Company has Not Repriced Options in Last Three Years	Yes
No Executive Employment Agreements with Guaranteed Terms	Yes
Offer Limited Perquisites to Executives	Yes
Consider Feedback from Stockholder Outreach	Yes
Terms of Severance Plan Described to Stockholders	Yes

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ORGANOVO HOLDINGS, INC.

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PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE 2018 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD JULY 26, 2018

This Proxy Statement, along with a proxy card, is being made available to our stockholders on or about June ___, 2018

GENERAL INFORMATION

We have made these proxy materials available to you in connection with the solicitation by the Board of Directors (the "Board" or "Board of Directors") of Organovo Holdings, Inc. of proxies to be voted at the 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") to be held on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at Green Acre Campus Pointe, 10300 Campus Point Drive, San Diego, California 92121 at 9:00 a.m. (local time) and at any adjournments or postponements thereof. References in this Proxy Statement to the "Company," "we," "our," and "us" are to Organovo Holdings, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

In accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), we are permitted to furnish proxy materials, including this Proxy Statement and our Annual Report for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2018 (the "Annual Report") to stockholders by providing access to these documents through the internet instead of mailing printed copies. Most stockholders will not receive printed copies of the proxy materials unless requested. Instead, the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials provides instructions on how to access and review the proxy materials on the internet. The Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials also provides instructions on how to cast your vote via the internet or by telephone. If you would like to receive a printed or email copy of our proxy materials, please follow the instructions for requesting the materials in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials.

Record Date

Holders of shares of our common stock, our only class of issued and outstanding voting securities, at the close of business on May 29, 2018 (the "Record Date") are entitled to vote on the proposals presented at the Annual Meeting. As of May 29, 2018, we had 111,126,625 issued and outstanding shares of common stock.

Quorum

The presence, in person or by proxy, of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting is necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting. Votes for and against, abstentions and "broker non-votes" will each be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum.

The Annual Meeting may be adjourned or postponed from time to time and at any reconvened meeting, action with respect to the matters specified in this Proxy Statement may be taken without further notice to stockholders except as required by applicable law and our charter documents.

Stockholders of Record

You are a "stockholder of record" if your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, Continental Stock Transfer and Trust Company. As a stockholder of record, you have the right to grant your voting proxy directly to the Company or to vote in person at the Annual Meeting. All share represented by a proxy will be voted at the

Annual Meeting, and where a stockholder specifies choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon, the shares will be voted in accordance with the specification so made. If a stockholder does not indicate a choice on the proxy card, the shares will be voted in favor of the election of the nominees for director contained in this Proxy Statement and in favor of proposals 2 through 5.

Shares Held in Street Name

You are deemed to beneficially own your shares in "street name" if your shares are held in an account at a brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trust or other similar organization. If this is the case, you will receive a separate voting instruction form with this Proxy Statement from such organization. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker, bank, trustee, or nominee how to vote your shares, and you are also invited to attend the Annual Meeting. If you hold your shares in street name and do not provide voting instructions to your broker, bank, trustee or nominee, your shares will not be voted on any proposals on which such party does not have discretionary authority to vote (a "broker non-vote"), as further described below under the heading "Broker Non-Votes."

Please note that if your shares are held of record by a broker, bank, trustee or nominee and you wish to vote at the Annual Meeting, you will not be permitted to vote in person unless you first obtain a proxy issued in your name from the record holder.

Broker Non-Votes

Broker non-votes are shares held by brokers, banks or other nominees who are present in person or represented by proxy, but which are not voted on a particular matter because the brokers, banks or nominees do not have discretionary authority with respect to that proposal and they have not received voting instructions from the beneficial owner. Under the rules that govern brokers, brokers have the discretion to vote on routine matters, but not on non-routine matters. The only routine matters to be considered at the Annual Meeting are (i) the approval of an amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation to increase the authorized number of shares of common stock and (ii) the ratification of the appointment of the Company's independent registered public accountants. The remaining proposals, including (i) the election of directors, (ii) the approval of an amendment and restatement of our 2012 Equity Incentive Plan and (iii) the no-binding advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers, to be considered at the Annual Meeting are considered to be non-routine matters. As a result, if you do not provide your brokers or nominees with voting instructions on these non-routine matters, your shares will not be voted on these proposals.

Voting Matters

Stockholders are entitled to cast one vote per share of common stock on each matter presented for consideration by the stockholders. A list of stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be available for examination by any stockholder for a proper purpose during normal business hours at the executive offices of the Company for a period of at least 10 days preceding the day of the Annual Meeting.

There are five proposals scheduled to be voted on at the Annual Meeting:

- 1. To elect Kirk Malloy, Ph.D. as a Class I director to hold office until the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until his respective successor is elected and qualified;
- 2. To ratify the appointment of Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019;
- 3. To approve an amendment to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation to increase the authorized number of shares of Common Stock from 150,000,000 shares to 200,000,000 shares;
- 4. To approve an amendment and restatement of our 2012 Equity Incentive Plan which, among other changes described in our Proxy Statement, increases the number of shares of Common Stock issuable under the Plan; and
- 5. To hold a non-binding advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers.

Our Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the director nominee and FOR proposals 2 through 5 listed above.

We are currently unaware of any matters to be raised at the Annual Meeting other than those referred to in this Proxy Statement. If other matters are properly presented at the Annual Meeting for consideration and you have submitted your proxy, the persons named in your proxy will have the discretion to vote on those matters for you.

Votes Required

Proposal 1 – Election of Directors

Under our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws, the Class I director will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast in person or by proxy at the 2018 Annual Meeting assuming a quorum is present, which means that the director nominee receiving the highest number of "FOR" votes will be elected. If you hold your shares through a broker and you do not instruct the broker on how to vote on this proposal, your broker will not have authority to vote your shares. Abstentions and broker non-votes will each be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum, but will not have any effect on the outcome of the proposal.

Proposal 2 – Ratification of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

If a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the 2018 Annual Meeting is required for ratification of our independent registered public accounting firm. Abstentions will each be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum, but will not be considered as votes cast for or against the proposal and will therefore have no effect on the outcome of the vote.

Proposal 3 – Approval of Amendment to our Certificate of Incorporation to Increase the Authorized Number of Shares of Common Stock

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of Common Stock outstanding on the record date will be required to approve this amendment to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation. Abstentions will be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum, but will have the same effect as an "against" vote on the proposal.

Proposal 4 – Approval of Amendment and Restatement of 2012 Equity Incentive Plan

If a quorum is present, approval of the Amended Plan requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the 2018 Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will each be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not be considered as votes cast for or against the proposal and will therefore have no effect on the outcome of the vote.

Proposal 5 – Advisory Vote to Approve Compensation of Named Executive Officers

If a quorum is present, the proposal to approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of the Company's named executive officers requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the 2018 Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will each be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not be considered as votes cast for or against the proposal and will therefore have no effect on the outcome of the vote.

Voting Instructions

If you are a stockholder of record, you can vote in the following ways:

- By Internet: by following the internet voting instructions included on Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials and the proxy card at any time up until 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on July 25, 2018.
- By Telephone: by following the telephone voting instructions included on Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials and the proxy card at any time up until 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on July 25, 2018.
- By Mail: you may vote by mail by marking, dating and signing your proxy card in accordance with the instructions on it and returning it by mail in the pre-addressed reply envelope provided with the proxy materials. The proxy card must be received prior to the Annual Meeting.

You may also vote your shares in person at the Annual Meeting. Even if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we encourage you to vote in advance by internet, telephone or mail so that your vote will be counted in the event you later decide not to attend the Annual Meeting.

If your shares are held in street name, please follow the separate voting instructions you receive from your broker, bank, trustee or other nominee.

Proxies

All shares represented by a proxy will be voted, and where a stockholder specifies a choice with respect to any matter to be acted upon, the shares will be voted in accordance with the specification so made. If a stockholder does not indicate a choice on the proxy card, the shares will be voted: (i) in favor of the election of the director nominee contained in this Proxy Statement, (ii) in favor of ratifying Mayer Hoffman McCann, P.C. as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019, (iii) in favor of the amendment to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation to increase the authorized number of shares of Common Stock from 150,000,000 shares to 200,000,000 shares, (iv) in favor of the amendment to the 2012 Equity Incentive Plan and (v) in favor of the non-binding advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers, and in the discretion of the proxy holders on any other matter that comes before the meeting.

If your shares are held by a broker, bank or other stockholder of record, in nominee name or otherwise, exercising fiduciary powers (typically referred to as being held in "street name"), you may receive a separate voting instruction form with this Proxy Statement. Your broker may vote your shares on Proposal 2 to ratify the appointment of Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. as our independent registered public accounting firm and on Proposal 3 to approve an amendment to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation to increase the authorized number of shares of common stock, but will not be permitted to vote your shares with respect to Proposal 1 the election of a Class I director,

Proposal 4 approve an amendment and restatement of our 2012 Equity Incentive Plan, nor Proposal 5 the non-binding advisory vote on the compensation of our named executive officers unless you provide instructions as to how to vote your shares. Please note that if your shares are held of record by a broker, bank or nominee and you wish to vote at the meeting, you will not be permitted to vote in person unless you first obtain a proxy issued in your name from the record holder.

Proxy Revocation Procedure

If you are a stockholder of record, you may revoke your proxy: (i) by written notice of revocation mailed to and received by the Secretary of the Company prior to the date of the Annual Meeting, (ii) voting again via the internet or by telephone at a later time before the closing of those voting facilities at 11:59 p.m. (Eastern) on July 25, 2018, (iii) by executing and delivering to the Secretary a proxy dated as of a later date than a previously executed and delivered proxy (provided, however, that such action must be taken prior to 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time) on July 25, 2018), or (iv) by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person. Attendance at the Annual Meeting will not in and of itself revoke a proxy.

If your shares are held by a bank, broker or other agent, you may change your vote by submitting new voting instructions to your bank, broker or other agent, or, if you have obtained a legal proxy from your bank, broker or other agent giving you the right to vote your shares, by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person.

Voting Results

We will announce preliminary voting results at the Annual Meeting. We will report final results in a Form 8-K report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

PROPOSAL 1: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

General

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws provide for a classified Board of Directors consisting of three classes of directors with staggered three-year terms. The Board of Directors currently consists of 7 directors, having terms expiring at the respective annual meetings of stockholders listed below:

2018 Annual Meeting	2019 Annual Meeting	2020 Annual Meeting
Kirk Malloy, Ph.D.	Taylor Crouch*	Robert Baltera, Jr.
	Tamar Howson	James Glover
	Mark Kessel*	Richard Maroun

^{*}Under our Corporate Governance Guidelines, a person elected by the directors then in office to fill a vacancy or newly created directorship shall hold office until the next election of the class for which such director shall have been chosen and until his or her successor shall have been duly elected and qualified. Mr. Kessel was appointed to the Board in August 2016 to fill the vacancy created when Richard Heyman, Ph.D. retired from the Board. Mr. Crouch was appointed to the Board in April 2017 to fill a newly created position.

Proposal to Elect One Director to Hold Office for Three Years until the 2021 Annual Meeting

Upon the recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Board, the Board has nominated for election at the Annual Meeting the following slate of one nominee to hold office for three years until the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until his successor is duly elected and qualified:

		Director	:	Experience/	Current Committee	Independent
Name	Age	Since	Principal Occupation	Qualifications	Membership	?
Kirk Malloy	, 51	2014	Board Member, senior executive of	Leadership	Nominating &	Yes
Ph.D.			multiple life sciences companies		Governance	
				Industry	Committee	
				Strategy		

Additional Information

For additional information about each nominee and each of the other directors serving on our Board, please see pages 18-21 in our Proxy Statement.

Vote Required

Under our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws, the Class I director will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast in person or by proxy at the 2018 Annual Meeting assuming a quorum is present, which means that the director

nominee receiving the highest number of "FOR" votes will be elected. If you hold your shares through a broker and you do not instruct the broker on how to vote on this proposal, your broker will not have authority to vote your shares. Abstentions and broker non-votes will each be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum, but will not have any effect on the outcome of the proposal.

The nominee is currently serving as a director and has indicated his willingness to serve if elected, but if he should be unable or unwilling to stand for election, the shares represented by proxies may be voted for a substitute as the Board of Directors may designate, unless a contrary instruction is indicated in the proxy.

Board Recommendation

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR AND SOLICITS PROXIES IN FAVOR OF KIRK MALLOY, Ph.D.

Unless otherwise instructed, it is the intention of the persons named as proxy holders in the proxy card to vote shares represented by properly executed proxy cards for the election of Kirk Malloy, Ph.D.

PROPOSAL 2: RATIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

At the Annual Meeting, our stockholders will be asked to ratify the appointment of Mayer Hoffman McCann, P.C. ("Mayer Hoffman") as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019. Representatives of Mayer Hoffman are expected to be present at the Annual Meeting, and will have the opportunity to make statements if they desire to do so and to respond to appropriate questions. Mayer Hoffman has served as our independent registered public accounting firm since February 8, 2012, the date we completed our reverse merger transaction and became a public reporting company.

In the event our stockholders fail to ratify the appointment of Mayer Hoffman, the Audit Committee will reconsider its selection. In addition, even if our stockholders ratify the selection, the Audit Committee in its discretion may direct the appointment of a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if it believes that a change would be in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

Audit and Non-Audit Fees

Our Audit Committee is responsible for, and has approved, the engagement of Mayer Hoffman as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2019. Mayer Hoffman has advised us that it leases substantially all of its personnel, who work under the control of Mayer Hoffman's shareholders, from wholly-owned subsidiaries of CBIZ, Inc., including CBIZ MHM, LLC, in an alternative practice structure. Accordingly, substantially all of the hours expended on Mayer Hoffman's engagement to audit the Company's financial statements for the fiscal years ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, were attributed to work performed by persons other than Mayer Hoffman's full-time, permanent employees.

The Audit Committee has and intends to continue to meet with Mayer Hoffman on a quarterly or more frequent basis. At such times, the Audit Committee has and will continue to review the services performed by Mayer Hoffman, as well as the fees charged for such services.

The following table sets forth the fees for services provided and billed by Mayer Hoffman and its affiliate CBIZ MHM, LLC, relating to the fiscal years ended March 31, 2018 and 2017.

Fiscal Fiscal Year

2018 2017

Audit fees \$339,000 \$290,600

Audit-related fees —