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#### 2000 Frontis Plaza Blvd., Suite 250 Winston-Salem, NC 27103

April 26, 2024

Dear Fellow Shareholders:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2024 annual general meeting of shareholders of ProKidney Corp. to be held at 399 Boylston Street, Ste. 350, Boston, MA 02116 and virtually via live webcast at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, May 30, 2024.

Details regarding the meeting, the business to be conducted at the meeting, and information about ProKidney Corp. that you should consider when you vote your shares are described in the accompanying proxy statement.

At the annual general meeting, two persons will be elected to our board of directors. In addition, we will ask stockholders to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for our fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. The board of directors recommends the approval of each of these proposals. Such other business will be transacted as may properly come before the annual general meeting.

We hope you will be able to attend the annual general meeting. Whether you plan to attend the annual general meeting or not, it is important that you cast your vote either in person or by proxy. You may vote over the Internet as well as by telephone or by mail. When you have finished reading the proxy statement, you are urged to vote in accordance with the instructions set forth in the proxy statement. We encourage you to vote by proxy so that your shares will be represented and voted at the meeting, whether or not you can attend.

Thank you for your continued support of ProKidney Corp.

Sincerely,

Bruce Culleton, M.D. Chief Executive Officer



## 2000 Frontis Plaza Blvd., Suite 250 Winston-Salem, NC 27103

**April 26, 2024** 

#### NOTICE OF 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TIME: 10:00 a.m., Eastern Time

DATE: May 30, 2024

PHYSICAL LOCATION: 399 Boylston Street, Ste. 350, Boston, MA 02116 VIRTUAL ACCESS: www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/PROK2024

This year's annual general meeting (the "annual meeting") will be held on May 30, 2024 at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Time, physically at 399 Boylston Street, Ste. 350, Boston, MA 02116 and virtually via live webcast at www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/PROK2024 or at such other time, on such other date and at such other place to which the meeting may be adjourned or postponed. For purposes of attendance at the annual general meeting, all references in this proxy statement to "present in person" or "in person" shall mean physically or virtually present at the annual meeting. You will be able to attend the annual meeting, vote and submit your questions during the meeting by visiting www.proxyvote.com and entering the 16-digit control number included in the proxy card that you receive. For further information about the virtual annual meeting, please see the section "Important Information About the Annual Meeting and Voting" beginning on page 3.

#### PURPOSES:

- To elect the following two director nominees named in this proxy statement to serve as Class II directors
  for three-year terms expiring at the annual general meeting in 2027 and until their successors are duly
  elected and qualified: Jennifer Fox and José Ignacio Jiménez Santos;
- 2. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024; and
- 3. To transact such other business that is properly presented at the annual meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof.

#### WHO MAY VOTE:

You may vote if you were the record owner of ProKidney Corp. Class A ordinary shares or Class B ordinary shares at the close of business on April 25, 2024. A list of shareholders of record will be available at the annual meeting and, during the 10 days prior to the annual meeting, at our principal executive offices located at 2000 Frontis Plaza Blvd, Suite 250, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103.

All shareholders are cordially invited to attend the annual meeting. Whether you plan to attend the annual meeting or not, we urge you to vote and submit your proxy by the Internet, telephone or mail in order to ensure the presence of a quorum. You may change or revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted at the annual meeting. If you participate in and vote your shares at the annual meeting, your proxy will not be used.

BY ORDER OF OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Bruce Culleton, M.D.
Chief Executive Officer
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

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#### ProKidney Corp. 2000 Frontis Plaza Blvd., Suite 250 Winston-Salem, NC 27103

#### PROXY STATEMENT FOR PROKIDNEY CORP.

#### 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON MAY 30, 2024

This proxy statement, along with the accompanying notice of 2024 annual general meeting of shareholders, contains information about the 2024 annual general meeting of shareholders of ProKidney Corp., including any adjournments or postponements of the annual meeting. We are holding the annual meeting at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time, on Thursday, May 30, 2024, physically at our corporate offices located at 399 Boylston Street, Ste. 350, Boston, MA 02116 and virtually at www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/PROK2024.

In this proxy statement, we refer to ProKidney Corp. as "ProKidney," "the Company," "we" and "us."

This proxy statement relates to the solicitation of proxies by our board of directors for use at the annual meeting.

On or about April 26, 2024, we intend to begin sending this proxy statement, the attached notice of 2024 annual meeting of shareholders and the enclosed proxy card to all shareholders entitled to vote at the annual meeting.

Although not part of this proxy statement, we are also sending, along with this proxy statement, our 2023 annual report, which includes our financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 30, 2024

This proxy statement, the Notice of 2024 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, our form of proxy card and our 2023 annual report to shareholders are available for viewing, printing and downloading at www.proxyvote.com. To view these materials please have your 16-digit control number(s) available that appears on your proxy card. On this website, you can also elect to receive future distributions of our proxy statements and annual reports to shareholders by electronic delivery.

Additionally, you can find a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K, which includes our financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, on the website of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), at www.sec.gov, or in the "SEC Filings" section of the "Investors" section of our website at www.prokidney.com. You may also obtain a printed copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K, including our financial statements, free of charge, from us by sending a written request to: ProKidney Corp., Attn: Todd Girolamo, 2000 Frontis Plaza Blvd, Suite 250, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103. Exhibits will be provided upon written request and payment of an appropriate processing fee.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING AND VOTING

#### Why is the Company soliciting my proxy?

Our board of directors (the "Board") is soliciting your proxy to vote at the 2024 annual general meeting of shareholders to be held physically at 399 Boylston Street, Ste. 350, Boston, MA 02116 and virtually via live webcast at www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/PROK2024, on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Time and any adjournments or postponements of the meeting (the "annual meeting"). This proxy statement, along with the accompanying Notice of 2024 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, summarizes the purposes of the meeting and the information you need to know to vote at the annual meeting.

We have made available to you on the Internet or have sent you this proxy statement, the Notice of 2024 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, the proxy card and a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 because you owned our Class A or Class B ordinary shares on the record date. We intend to commence distribution of proxy materials to shareholders on or about April 26, 2024.

#### How do I attend the annual meeting virtually?

The live audio webcast of the annual meeting will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Time. Online access to the audio webcast will open 15 minutes prior to the start of the annual meeting to allow time for you to log-in and test your device's audio system. The annual meeting is running the most updated version of the applicable software and plugins. You should ensure you have a strong Internet connection wherever you intend to participate virtually in the annual meeting. You should also allow plenty of time to log in and ensure that you can hear streaming audio prior to the start of the annual meeting.

Log-in Instructions. To be admitted to the annual meeting virtually, you will need to log-in at www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/PROK2024 using the 16-digit control number found on the proxy card or voting instruction card previously mailed or made available to shareholders entitled to vote at the annual meeting.

## If I attend the annual meeting virtually, will I be able to ask questions and have these questions answered during the annual meeting?

Shareholders who choose to attend the annual meeting virtually may submit questions for the annual meeting after logging in. If such shareholders wish to submit a question, they may do so by logging into the virtual meeting platform at www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/PROK2024, typing their question into the "Ask a Question" field, and clicking "Submit." Please submit any questions before the start time of the meeting.

Appropriate questions related to the business of the annual meeting (the proposals being voted on) will be answered during the annual meeting, subject to time constraints. Any such questions that cannot be answered during the annual meeting due to time constraints will be posted and answered at https://investors.prokidney.com/ as soon as practical after the annual meeting. Additional information regarding the ability of shareholders to ask questions during the annual meeting, related to rules of conduct and other materials for the annual meeting will be available at https://investors.prokidney.com/.

#### What happens if there are technical difficulties during the annual meeting?

If you encounter any difficulties accessing the annual meeting during the check-in or meeting time, please call the technical support number that will be posted on the meeting log-in page for assistance. Technical support will be available beginning approximately 15 minutes prior to the start of the annual meeting through its conclusion. Additional information regarding matters addressing technical and logistical issues, including technical support during the annual meeting, will be available on the meeting website.

#### Who may vote?

Only holders of record of our Class A ordinary shares or Class B ordinary shares at the close of business on April 25, 2024 will be entitled to vote at the annual meeting. On this record date, there were 63,923,230 Class A ordinary shares and 167,774,809 Class B ordinary shares outstanding and entitled to vote.

If on April 25, 2024 your ordinary shares were registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, Continental Stock Transfer & Trust, then you are a shareholder of record.

If on April 25, 2024 your ordinary shares were held, not in your name, but rather in an account at a brokerage firm, bank, dealer or other similar organization, then you are the beneficial owner of shares held in "street name" and the Notice of 2024 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders is being forwarded to you by that organization. The organization holding your account is considered to be the shareholder of record for purposes of voting at the annual meeting. As a beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker or other agent regarding how to vote the shares in your account. You are also invited to attend the annual meeting. However, since you are not the shareholder of record, you may not vote your shares at the annual meeting unless you request and obtain a valid proxy from your broker or other agent.

You do not need to attend the annual meeting to vote your shares. Shares represented by valid proxies, received in time for the annual meeting and not revoked prior to the annual meeting, will be voted at the annual meeting. For instructions on how to change or revoke your proxy, see "May I Change or Revoke My Proxy?" below.

#### How many votes do I have?

Each Class A ordinary share or Class B ordinary share that you own entitles you to one vote.

#### How do I vote?

Whether you plan to attend the annual meeting or not, we urge you to vote by proxy. All shares represented by valid proxies that we receive through this solicitation, and that are not revoked, will be voted in accordance with your instructions on the proxy card or as instructed via the Internet or telephone. You may specify whether your shares should be voted "FOR," "AGAINST" or "ABSTAIN" with respect to each of the proposals. If you properly submit a proxy without giving specific voting instructions, your shares will be voted in accordance with the Board's recommendations as noted below. Voting by proxy will not affect your right to attend the annual meeting.

If your shares are registered directly in your name through our transfer agent, Continental Stock Transfer & Trust, or you have share certificates registered in your name, you may vote:

- **By Internet or by telephone.** Follow the instructions included in the proxy card to vote over the Internet or by telephone.
- By mail. If you received a proxy card by mail, you can vote by mail by completing, signing, dating and
  returning the proxy card as instructed on the card. If you sign the proxy card but do not specify how you
  want your shares voted, they will be voted in accordance with the Board's recommendations as noted
  below.
- In person at the meeting. If you attend the meeting in person, you may deliver a completed proxy card in person or you may vote by completing a ballot, which will be available at the meeting.

Telephone and Internet voting facilities for shareholders of record will be available 24 hours a day and will close at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on May 29, 2024.

If your shares are held in "street name" (held in the name of a bank, broker or other holder of record), you will receive instructions from the holder of record. You must follow the instructions of the holder of record in order for your shares to be voted. Telephone and Internet voting also will be offered to shareholders owning shares through certain banks and brokers. If your shares are not registered in your own name and you plan to vote your shares in person at the annual meeting, you should contact your broker or agent to obtain a legal proxy or broker's proxy card and bring it to the annual meeting in order to vote.

#### What proposals will be voted on at the annual meeting?

At the annual meeting, shareholders will be asked to vote:

- To elect the following two director nominees to serve as Class II directors for three-year terms expiring at the annual general meeting in 2027 and until their successors are duly elected and qualified: Jennifer Fox and José Ignacio Jiménez Santos; and
- 2. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.

#### How does the Board recommend that I vote on the proposals?

The Board recommends that you vote as follows:

- "FOR" the election of each of the Class I nominees for director; and
- "FOR" the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for our fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.

If any other matter is presented at the annual meeting, your proxy provides that your shares will be voted by the proxy holder listed in the proxy in accordance with the proxy holder's best judgment. At the time this proxy statement was first made available, we knew of no matters that needed to be acted on at the annual meeting, other than those discussed in this proxy statement.

#### May I change or revoke my proxy?

If you give us your proxy, you may change or revoke it at any time before the annual meeting. You may change or revoke your proxy in any one of the following ways:

- if you received a proxy card, by signing a new proxy card with a date later than your previously delivered proxy and submitting it as instructed above;
- by re-voting by Internet or by telephone as instructed above;
- by notifying ProKidney Corp.'s Secretary/Clerk in writing before the annual meeting that you have revoked your proxy; or
- by attending the annual meeting and voting at the meeting. Attending the annual meeting will not in and of
  itself revoke a previously submitted proxy. You must specifically request at the annual meeting that it be
  revoked

Your most current vote, whether by telephone, Internet or proxy card is the one that will be counted.

#### What if I receive more than one proxy card?

You may receive more than one proxy card if you hold our Class A or Class B ordinary shares in more than one account, which may be in registered form or held in street name. Please vote in the manner described above under "How Do I Vote?" for each account to ensure that all of your shares are voted.

#### Will my shares be voted if I do not vote?

If your shares are registered in your name or if you have share certificates, they will not be counted if you do not vote as described above under "How Do I Vote?" If your shares are held in street name and you do not provide voting instructions to the bank, broker or other nominee that holds your shares as described above, the bank, broker or other nominee that holds your shares has the authority to vote your unvoted shares only on the ratification of the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm (Proposal 2 of this proxy statement) without receiving instructions from you. Therefore, we encourage you to provide voting instructions to your bank, broker or other nominee. This ensures your shares will be voted at the annual meeting and in the manner you desire. A "broker non-vote" will occur if your broker cannot vote your shares on a particular matter because it has not received instructions from you and does not have discretionary voting authority on that matter or because your broker chooses not to vote on a matter for which it does have discretionary voting authority.

#### What vote is required to approve each proposal and how are votes counted?

#### **Proposal 1: Elect Directors**

An ordinary resolution, being a resolution passed by the holders of not less than a simple majority of the ProKidney Class A and Class B ordinary shares, voting as a single class, represented in person or by proxy and entitled to vote thereon and who vote at the annual meeting, is required for the election of each director. If the number of shares voted "FOR" a director nominee exceeds the number of votes cast "AGAINST," the nominee will be elected as a director. You may vote "FOR," "AGAINST" or "ABSTAIN" on each of the nominees for election as director. Brokerage firms do not have authority to vote customers' unvoted shares held by the firms in street name for the election of the directors. As a result, any shares not voted by a customer will be treated as a broker non-vote. Abstentions and broker non-votes, if any, will not count as a vote cast at the annual meeting and will have no effect on the results of this vote, other than counting towards the quorum of the meeting.

Proposal 2: Ratify Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm An ordinary resolution, being a resolution passed by the holders of not less than a simple majority of the ProKidney Class A and Class B ordinary shares, voting as a single class, represented in person or by proxy and entitled to vote thereon and who vote at the annual meeting for this proposal is required to ratify the selection of our independent registered public accounting firm. If the number of shares voted "FOR" the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm exceeds the number of votes cast "AGAINST," the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm will be ratified. You may vote "FOR," "AGAINST" or "ABSTAIN." Abstentions will have no effect on the results of this vote. Brokerage firms have authority to vote customers' unvoted shares held by the firms in street name on this proposal. If a broker does not exercise this authority, such broker non-votes will have no effect on the results of this vote. We are not required to obtain the approval of our shareholders to select our independent registered public accounting firm. However, if our shareholders do not ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2024, our Audit Committee of the Board will reconsider its selection.

#### Where can I find the voting results of the annual meeting?

The preliminary voting results will be announced at the annual meeting, and we will publish preliminary, or final results if available, in a Current Report on Form 8-K within four business days of the annual meeting. If final results are unavailable at the time we file the Form 8-K, then we will file an amended report on Form 8-K to disclose the final voting results within four business days after the final voting results are known.

#### What are the costs of soliciting these proxies?

We will pay all of the costs of soliciting these proxies. Our directors and employees may solicit proxies in person or by telephone, fax or email. We will pay these employees and directors no additional compensation for these services. We will ask banks, brokers and other institutions, nominees and fiduciaries to forward these proxy materials to their principals and to obtain authority to execute proxies. We will then reimburse them for their expenses.

#### What constitutes a quorum for the annual meeting?

The presence, in person or by proxy, of the holders of a majority of the issued and outstanding ordinary shares entitled to vote at the annual meeting is necessary to constitute a quorum at the annual meeting. Votes of shareholders of record who are present at the annual meeting in person or by proxy, abstentions, and broker nonvotes are counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum exists.

#### **Attending the Annual Meeting**

We are pleased to offer two options for our 2024 annual meeting: (1) viewing a live Webcast at www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/PROK2024 or (2) attending in person. The annual meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Time on Thursday, May 30, 2024 at 399 Boylston Street, Ste. 350, Boston, MA 02116. When you arrive at the meeting, signs will direct you to the appropriate meeting rooms. If you choose to view the Webcast, go to www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/PROK2024 shortly before the meeting time, and follow the instructions for attending the Webcast. If you miss the annual meeting, you can view a replay of the Webcast at www.proxyvote.com until June 30, 2024. You need not attend the annual meeting in order to vote.

#### **Householding of Annual Disclosure Documents**

Some brokers or other nominee record holders may be sending you, a single set of our proxy materials if multiple ProKidney Corp. shareholders live in your household. This practice, which has been approved by the SEC, is called "householding." Once you receive notice from your broker or other nominee record holder that it will be "householding" our proxy materials, the practice will continue until you are otherwise notified or until you notify them that you no longer want to participate in the practice. Shareholders who participate in householding will continue to have access to and utilize separate proxy voting instructions.

We will promptly deliver a separate copy of our proxy materials to you if you write or call our corporate secretary at: 2000 Frontis Plaza Blvd, Suite 250, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103 or 336-999-7019. If you want to receive your own set of our proxy materials in the future or, if you share an address with another shareholder and together both of you would like to receive only a single set of proxy materials, you should contact your broker or other nominee record holder directly or you may contact us at the above address and phone number.

#### **Electronic Delivery of Company Shareholder Communications**

Most shareholders can elect to view or receive copies of future proxy materials over the Internet instead of receiving paper copies in the mail.

You can choose this option and save us the cost of producing and mailing these documents by :

- following the instructions provided on your proxy card;
- following the instructions provided when you vote over the Internet; or
- going to www.proxyvote.com and following the instructions provided.

#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth information known to the Company regarding the beneficial ownership of the Company's ordinary shares as of April 25, 2024 by:

- each person known to the Company to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of the outstanding Company ordinary shares;
- each of Company's executive officers and directors; and
- all of our current executive officers and directors as a group.

Beneficial ownership is determined according to the rules of the SEC, which generally provide that a person has beneficial ownership of a security if he, she or it possesses sole or shared voting or investment power over that security, including options and warrants that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days. Except as described in the footnotes below and subject to applicable community property laws and similar laws, we believe that each person listed below has sole voting and investment power with respect to such shares. Ordinary shares subject to options exercisable on or within 60 days after April 25, 2024 are deemed outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of the person holding those options but are not deemed outstanding for computing the percentage ownership of any other person.

The beneficial ownership of the Company ordinary shares is based on 63,923,230 Class A ordinary shares and 167,774,809 Class B ordinary shares issued and outstanding as of April 25, 2024.

Unless otherwise indicated, we believe that all persons named in the table below have sole voting and investment power with respect to all ordinary shares beneficially owned by them.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner $^{(1)}$	Number of Class A Ordinary Shares	%	Number of Class B Ordinary Shares	%	% of Total Voting Power**
Directors and Named Executive Officers					
Bruce Culleton, M.D.	_	*	_	*	*
Pablo Legorreta <sup>(2)(15)</sup>	48,128	*	88,639,961	52.8%	38.3%
William F. Doyle <sup>(3)</sup>	48,128	*	1,459,707	*	*
Jennifer Fox <sup>(4)</sup>	89,755	*	_	*	*
José Ignacio Jiménez Santos <sup>(5)</sup>	48,128	*	_	*	*
Alan M. Lotvin <sup>(6)</sup>	48,128	*	1,459,707	*	*
John M. Maraganore, Ph.D. <sup>(7)</sup>	48,128	*	504,775	*	*
Brian J.G. Pereira, M.D <sup>(8)</sup>	48,128	*	1,459,707	*	*
Uma Sinha, Ph.D. <sup>(9)</sup>	78,128	*	_	*	*
James Coulston <sup>(10)</sup>	255,382	*	540,276	*	*
Todd Girolamo <sup>(11)</sup>	493,716	*	81,928	*	*
Tim Bertram, Ph.D. <sup>(12)</sup>	189,656	*	3,542,669	2.1%	1.6%
Deepak Jain, Ph.D. <sup>(13)</sup>	373,616	*	1,190,056	*	*
All Current Directors and Executive Officers as a Group (13 persons)	1,482,550	2.3%	94,643,045	56.4%	41.2%
Greater-than-Five Percent Holders					
Tolerantia, LLC <sup>(2)(15)</sup>	_	*	88,639,961	52.8%	38.3%
Control Empresarial de Capitales, S.A. de C.V. (formerly Inversora Carso, S.A. de C.V.) <sup>(14)(15)</sup>	_	*	63,118,645	37.6%	27.2%
Morgan Stanley Investment Management Inc. (16)	10,775,670	16.9%	_	*	4.7%
Aaron Cowen <sup>(17)</sup>	4,725,348	7.4%	_	*	2.0%

Indicated beneficial ownership of less than 1%.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Percentage of total voting power represents voting power with respect to all shares of Class A ordinary shares and Class B ordinary shares as a single class. Each share of Class A ordinary shares and Class B ordinary shares is entitled to one vote per share.

Unless otherwise noted, the business address of each of the following entities or individuals is c/o ProKidney Corp., 2000 Frontis Plaza Blvd., Ste 250, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, 27103

- (2) This information is based solely on a Schedule 13D/A filed with the SEC on February 6, 2024. Represents 88,639,961 Class B ordinary shares held by Tolerantia, LLC ("Tolerantia"), a Delaware limited liability company, which is an affiliate controlled and majority-owned by Mr. Pablo Legorreta. Mr. Legorreta controls the voting and disposition of the shares held by Tolerantia. Mr. Legorreta disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by Tolerantia except to the extent of his indirect pecuniary interest therein. The business address of Tolerantia is 110, East 59th Street, Suite 2800, New York, New York, 10022.
- (3) Represents 1,459,707 Class B ordinary shares issued as consideration in the Business Combination (as defined below).
- (4) Includes options to purchase up to 89,755 Class A ordinary shares that are vested and exercisable or will become vested or exercisable within 60 days of April 25, 2024.
- (5) Includes options to purchase up to 48,128 Class A ordinary shares that are vested and exercisable or will become vested or exercisable within 60 days of April 25, 2024.
- (6) Includes options to purchase up to 48,128 Class A ordinary shares that are vested and exercisable or will become vested or exercisable within 60 days of April 25, 2024 and 1,459,707 Class B ordinary shares issued as consideration in the Business Combination.
- (7) Includes options to purchase up to 48,128 Class A ordinary shares that are vested and exercisable or will become vested or exercisable within 60 days of April 25, 2024 and 504,276 Class B ordinary shares issued as consideration in the Business Combination.
- (8) Includes options to purchase up to 48,128 Class A ordinary shares that are vested and exercisable or will become vested or exercisable within 60 days of April 25, 2024. Also includes 109,238 Class B ordinary shares issued as consideration in the Business Combination held by ProKidney Management Equity LLC ("PMEL") for the benefit of Mr. Pereira. Additionally includes 1,350,469 Class B ordinary shares held by the Brian J.G. Pereira 2012 Irrevocable Trust, for which Sunita Pereira, who is married to Mr. Pereira, serves as Trustee. Mr. Pereira disclaims beneficial ownership of the Class B ordinary shares reported herein except to the extent of any indirect pecuniary interest therein.
- (9) Includes options to purchase up to 48,128 Class A ordinary shares that are vested and exercisable or will become vested or exercisable within 60 days of April 25, 2024.
- (10) Includes options to purchase up to 255,382 Class A ordinary shares that are vested and exercisable or will become vested and exercisable within 60 days of April 25, 2024 and 540,276 Class B ordinary shares.
- (11) Includes options to purchase up to 411,788 Class A ordinary shares that are vested and exercisable or will become vested and exercisable within 60 days of April 25, 2024 and 81,928 Class B ordinary shares.
- (12) Includes options to purchase up to 189,656 Class A ordinary shares that are vested and exercisable and 3,542,669 Class B ordinary shares issued as consideration in the business combination between Social Capital Suvretta Holdings Corp. III and ProKidney LP ("PKLP") (the "Business Combination").
- (13) Includes options to purchase up to 373,616 Class A ordinary shares that are vested and exercisable and 1,190,056 Class B ordinary shares issued as consideration in the Business Combination.
- (14) This information is based solely on a Schedule 13D filed with the SEC on July 22, 2022. Represents 63,118,645 Class B ordinary shares held by Control Empresarial de Capitales, S.A. de C.V. ("CEC"). Members of the Slim family, directly or indirectly, own all of the issued and outstanding voting equity securities of CEC. Therefore, the Slim family may be deemed to beneficially own indirectly the Class B ordinary shares held by CEC CEC is a sociedad anónima de capital variable organized under the laws of the United Mexican States ("Mexico"). The Slim family has an address of Paseo de las Palmas 736, Colonia Lomas de Chapultepec, 11000 Ciudad de Mexico, Mexico and CEC has an address of Paseo de las Palmas 781, Piso 3, Colonia Lomas de Chapultepec, Seccion III, Miguel Hidalgo, Ciudad de Mexico, Mexico, 11000.
- (15) On February 14, 2022, CEC entered into the Deed of Undertaking (the "Voting Agreement"). The Voting Agreement provides that from the Closing Date (as defined below) until the third anniversary of the Closing (as defined below), CEC shall vote all ordinary shares beneficially held by it in a manner proportionate to the manner in which all other Class B ordinary shares not held by CEC, including the Class B ordinary shares beneficially held by Tolerantia, are voted, with respect to the election, appointment, or removal of any director to the Board. As a result, Tolerantia may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of CEC's ordinary shares.
- (16) This information is based solely on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 9, 2024. Consists of 10,775,670 Class A ordinary shares beneficially owned by Morgan Stanley, including 10,761,759 Class A ordinary shares beneficially owned by Morgan Stanley Investment Management Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Morgan Stanley, may be deemed to own or beneficially own the shares held by Morgan Stanley as a parent holding company. The address of Morgan Stanley is 1585 Broadway New York. NY 10036.
- (17) This information is based solely on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 13, 2024. Consists of 4,725,348 Class A ordinary shares beneficially owned by Mr. Cowen, including 3,867,847 Class A ordinary shares held by Averill Master Fund, Ltd. ("Averill Fund"). Mr. Cowen may be deemed to control Suvretta Capital Management, LLC, the investment manager of the Averill Fund, and therefore may be deemed to beneficially own the Class A ordinary shares held by the Averill Fund. Mr. Cowen disclaims beneficial ownership of the Class A ordinary shares reported herein except to the extent of any indirect pecuniary interest therein. The address of Mr. Cowen is c/o Suvretta Capital Management, LLC, 540 Madison Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10022.

#### MANAGEMENT AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

#### **Our Board of Directors**

#### **Corporate Governance**

Composition of the Board

ProKidney's business and affairs is organized under the direction of the Board. Mr. Legorreta serves as the Chairperson of the Board. The primary responsibilities of Board are to provide oversight, strategic guidance, counseling and direction to ProKidney's management. The Board meets on a regular basis and additionally as required.

In accordance with the terms of our Second Amended and Restated Memorandum and Articles of Incorporation (the "Charter"), the Board may establish the authorized number of directors from time to time by resolution. The Board currently consists of nine members and is divided into three classes with staggered three-year terms. At each annual general meeting of shareholders, the successors to directors whose terms then expire will be elected to serve from the time of election and qualification until the third annual general meeting following election. ProKidney's directors are divided among the three classes as follows:

- the Class II directors are Jennifer Fox, John M. Maraganore, Ph.D. and José Ignacio Jiménez Santos, and their terms will expire at the annual general meeting of shareholders to be held in 2024;
- the Class III directors are Bruce Culleton, M.D., Pablo Legorreta and Uma Sinha, Ph.D., and their terms will expire at the annual general meeting of shareholders to be held in 2025; and
- the Class I directors are William F. Doyle, Alan M. Lotvin, M.D., Brian J. G. Pereira, M.D., and their terms will expire at the annual general meeting of shareholders to be held in 2026.

The division of the Board into three classes with staggered three-year terms may delay or prevent a change of our management or a change in control.

On April 25, 2024, the Board accepted the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and voted to nominate Jennifer Fox and José Ignacio Jiménez Santos for election at the annual meeting for a term of three years to serve until the 2027 annual general meeting of shareholders, and until their respective successors have been elected and qualified. Dr. Maraganore's term will expire at the annual general meeting of shareholders to be held in 2024 and thereafter the Board will consist of eight members.

Set forth below are the names of the persons nominated for election as directors and those directors whose terms do not expire this year, their ages, their offices in the Company, if any, their principal occupations or employment for at least the past five years, the length of their tenure as directors and the names of other public companies in which such persons hold or have held directorships during the past five years as of April 25, 2024. Additionally, information about the specific experience, qualifications, attributes or skills that led to the Board's conclusion at the time of filing of this proxy statement that each person listed below should serve as a director is set forth below:

Name	Age	Position
Pablo Legorreta	60	Chairman of the Board, Director
Bruce Culleton, M.D.	56	Chief Executive Officer and Director
William F. Doyle	61	Director
Jennifer Fox	52	Director
José Ignacio Jiménez Santos	49	Director
Alan M. Lotvin, M.D.	62	Director
Brian J.G. Pereira, M.D.	65	Director
Uma Sinha, Ph.D.	67	Director
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#### **Director Nominees**

## Class II Director Nominees for Election for a Three-year Term Expiring at the Company's 2027 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

Jennifer Fox

Ms. Fox has served on the Board and as the Chair of its Audit Committee as well as on the board of directors of ProKidney Corp. GP Limited ("GP") the ("GP Board") since July 2022. She also has been a board member and chair of the audit committee at Apogee Therapeutics, Inc. (Nasdaq; APGE) since July 2023. She has served as the co-chair of Life Science Cares New York since August 2022, where she is also a member of its National Committee, since December 2023. Ms. Fox has served as the Chief Business Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Zenas BioPharma since December 2023. Prior to that role, Ms. Fox served as the Chief Financial Officer of Nuvation Bio Inc. from October 2020 to November 2023. Previous to that, Ms. Fox served as Managing Director, Co-Head of North America Healthcare Corporate and Investment Banking Group at Citigroup from June 2015 to October 2020. From February 2006 to June 2015, Ms. Fox served as Managing Director at Deutsche Bank, most recently also as Co-Head of Life Sciences Investment Banking Group. Prior to that, Ms. Fox served as Senior Managing Director Healthcare Investment Banking at Bear Stearns, Vice President Healthcare Investment Banking at Bank of America and Financial Analyst, Investment Banking Analyst, Associate, Vice President, Health Care Investment Banking at Prudential Vector Healthcare Group and Prudential Securities Incorporated. Ms. Fox received B.S. degrees in Finance and Marketing from Manhattan College. We believe that Ms. Fox is qualified to serve on the Board because she has over 25 years of experience in the healthcare investment banking industry and has been a lead advisor to life sciences companies on over 200 financing and strategic transactions.

#### José Ignacio Jiménez Santos

Mr. Jiménez Santos has served on the Board and on the GP Board since the Closing and was a member of the board of ProKidney GP Limited ("Legacy GP") (the "Legacy GP Board") from August 2021 until the Closing. Mr. Jiménez Santos has served as the Chief Executive Officer of Afore Inbursa since August 2015 and the Chief Investment Officer of Grupo Financiero Inbursa, SAB de C.V., a public company registered on the Mexican Stock Exchange, since August 2013. Mr. Jiménez Santos served on the board of directors of Procesar SA de C.V., a private company that provides data processing services, from May 2019 to May 2022. Mr. Jiménez Santos also serves on the board of directors of Glycosyn, a private biotechnology company developing products based on unique bioactive sugars found in human milk.

Mr. Jiménez Santos received his bachelor's degree in economics and finance from the Instituto Tecnológico Autonomo de México. We believe that Mr. Jiménez Santos' combined experience in finance, international investments and the biotechnology industry provide him with the qualifications and skills to serve as a member of the Board.

#### Class III Directors Continuing in Office Until the Company's 2025 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

Bruce Culleton, M.D.

Dr. Culleton has served on our Board and as our Chief Executive Officer, as well as a director on the GP Board, since November 2023. Prior to his appointment as Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Culleton served as the Company's Executive Vice President, Clinical Development & Commercialization since July 2023. He has more than two decades of experience in industry and academia with a primary focus on kidney health.

Prior to joining the Company, Dr. Culleton served as the Vice President and General Manager of CVS Kidney Care, LLC, a subsidiary of CVS Health Corporation (NYSE: CVS), a health solutions company, from June 2022 to July 2023. Previously, he served as Vice President and Chief Medical Officer at CVS Kidney Care from October 2017 to June 2022. Before joining CVS Health Corporation, he was Vice President, Global Clinical Development and World Wide Vice President, Medical Affairs, Medication and Procedural Solutions at Becton, Dickinson and Company (NYSE: BDX), a global medical technology company, from 2016 to 2017; and previously Vice President, Renal Therapeutic Area at Baxter International Inc. (NYSE: BAX), a healthcare company, from 2007 to 2016. Prior to beginning his industry career in 2007, Dr. Culleton was a Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Medicine at the University of Calgary. Dr. Culleton holds a Bachelor's degree in Medical Science and a Doctor of Medicine degree from Memorial University of Newfoundland, and a

Master's degree in Business Administration from Northwestern University, Kellogg School of Management. He completed a specialization in Internal Medicine and Nephrology through the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, as well as a fellowship in Clinical Epidemiology at Boston University, Framingham Heart Study. We believe that Dr. Culleton's qualifications to serve as a member of the Board include his knowledge of our business as our Chief Executive Officer and his extensive leadership experience in the healthcare industry.

#### Pablo Legorreta

Mr. Legorreta has served as Chairman of the Board and a director on the GP Board since the Closing. Mr. Legorreta served on the Legacy GP Board from August 2021 until the Closing, as a director of the board of ProKidney-KY (the "ProKidney-KY Board") since January 2019, and as a manager of ProKidney LLC, a limited liability company incorporated under the laws of Bermuda, since January 2019.

Mr. Legorreta is the founder and has served as Chief Executive Officer of Royalty Pharma plc (Nasdaq: RPRX), a rapidly growing biopharma company and one of the largest dedicated life sciences investors in the world, since September 1996. Mr. Legorreta has also served as the Chairman of the board of directors of Royalty Pharma plc since April 2020. Mr. Legorreta has over 25 years of experience building and managing Royalty Pharma plc. Additionally, Mr. Legorreta is a co-founder of Pharmakon Advisors, LP, a leading provider of debt capital to the life sciences industry, where he has served as a managing member, since April 2009. Mr. Legorreta has served as a director of Epizyme, Inc. (Nasdaq: EPZM), a fully integrated, commercial-stage biopharmaceutical company developing and delivering novel epigenetic therapies, since November 2019. Mr. Legorreta has served on the Board of Governors of the New York Academy of Sciences since January 2015, the Board of Trustees of Rockefeller University since March 2017, and the Board of Trustees and Compensation, Research and Innovation and Development Committees of the Hospital for Special Surgery since January 2015. Mr. Legorreta has also served on the boards of Brown University; Pasteur Foundation (French: Institut Pasteur), a French non-profit private foundation dedicated to the study of biology, micro-organisms, diseases, and vaccines; Open Medical Institute, an international initiative for medical professionals, which through education and research, aims to improve healthcare on a global scale; and The Park Avenue Armory, a nonprofit cultural institution within the historic Seventh Regiment Armory. Mr. Legorreta is the founder and Chairman of Alianza Me'dica para la Salud, a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of health care in Latin America by providing doctors and healthcare providers with continued education opportunities. Since its foundation in December 2010, AMSA has provided over 500 scholarships to Mexican and Latin American doctors and healthcare providers to study abroad. Mr. Legorreta is also a founding member of Mount Sinai's new Institute for Health Equity Research, which is created in May 2020 in part as a response to the health inequities made apparent by COVID-19.

Mr. Legorreta received his B.A. degree in Industrial Engineering from Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City. We believe that Mr. Legorreta's experience in investing in pharmaceutical royalties and managing a growing life sciences investment company, as well as significant background in investment banking and debt financing provide him with the qualifications and skills to serve as the Chairman and a member of the Board.

#### Uma Sinha, Ph.D.

Dr. Sinha has served on the Board and on the GP Board since the Closing. Dr. Sinha was a member of the SCS Board from September 2021 until the Closing. In April, 2016, Dr. Sinha was appointed the Chief Scientific Officer of BridgeBio Pharma, Inc. ("BridgeBio") (Nasdaq: BBIO) and serves as the Chief Scientific Officer of other BridgeBio subsidiaries, including Eidos Therapeutics. Prior to that, Dr. Sinha served as Chief Scientific Officer of Global Blood Therapeutics, Inc., a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company, from 2014 to 2015 and as Senior Vice President of research from 2013 to 2014. She was Vice President, head of biology at Portola Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a clinical-stage biotechnology company, from 2010 to 2012 and was the Vice President of translational biology from 2004 to 2010. Previously, Dr. Sinha held senior research positions at Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company, and COR Therapeutics, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company. Dr. Sinha was formerly a director of Eidos Therapeutics (Nasdaq: EIDX) from December 2019 through February 2021. Dr. Sinha received her Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Georgia and her B.Sc. with honors in chemistry from Presidency College. We believe Dr. Sinha's qualifications to serve on the Board include her significant scientific experience in the biopharmaceutical industry.

#### Class I Directors Continuing in Office Until the Company's 2026 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

William F. Dovle

Mr. Doyle has served on the Board and on the GP Board since the Closing. Mr. Doyle was a member of the Legacy GP Board from January 2022 until the Closing and has served on the ProKidney-KY Board, since January 2022. Mr. Doyle is a recognized expert in medical devices commercialization with over 30 years' experience in the advanced technology and healthcare industries as an entrepreneur, executive and investor. He has served as Executive Chairman of NovoCure Limited (Nasdaq: NVCR), a commercial-stage oncology company which is currently developing Tumor Treating Fields, a new therapy for solid tumor cancers ("NovoCure"), since May 2016 and a member of the board of directors of NovoCure since Feburary, 2004.

Previously, Mr. Doyle was a member of the Johnson & Johnson's (NYSE: JNJ) Medical Devices and Diagnostics Group Operating Committee and was the Vice President, Licensing and Acquisitions from 1994 to 1999. While at Johnson & Johnson, Mr. Doyle was also the Worldwide President of Biosense-Webster, Inc. and a member of the board of directors of Johnson & Johnson Development Corporation, Johnson & Johnson's venture capital subsidiary.

Mr. Doyle has served as a member of the board of directors of Elanco Animal Health, Inc. (NYSE: ELAN), a global leader in animal health dedicated to innovating and delivering products and services to prevent and treat disease in farm animals and pets, creating value for farmers, pet owners, veterinarians, stakeholders, and society as a whole, since October 2020. Previously, Mr. Doyle served as a member of the board of directors of OptiNose, Inc. (Nasdaq: OPTN), a pharmaceutical company focused on patients treated by ear, nose and throat (ENT) and allergy specialists, from June 2004 to October 2020, and Zoetis, Inc. (NYSE: ZTS), a leading animal health company, dedicated to supporting its customers and their businesses, from February 2015 to March 2016 and Minerva Neurosciences, Inc. (Nasdaq: NERV), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the development of therapies to treat central nervous system disorders, from November 2017 to May 2023. Mr. Doyle earned his S.B. in Materials Science and Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and his M.B.A. from Harvard Business School. We believe Mr. Doyle is qualified to serve on the Board due to his business and investment experience and his extensive knowledge of ProKidney and the healthcare industry.

#### Alan M. Lotvin, M.D.

Dr. Lotvin has served on the Board and on the GP Board since the Closing. Dr. Lotvin was a member of the Legacy GP Board from January 2022 until the Closing and has served on the ProKidney KY-Board since January 2022. Dr. Lotvin has served as the Executive Vice President at CVS Health Corp (NYSE: CVS), a leading health solutions company, since November 2012, and the President of CVS Caremark since March 2020. Prior to that, Dr. Lotvin served as the Executive Vice President—Transformation at CVS Health Corporation from June 2018 to February 2020 and the Executive Vice President—Specialty Pharmacy at CVS Caremark from November 2012 to May 2018. Dr. Lotvin has extensive experience in the pharmacy benefit management ("PBM") and specialty pharmacy industries. Before joining CVS Health Corp, Dr. Lotvin was the President and Chief Executive Officer of ICORE Healthcare, a Magellan Health Services company, and prior to that, Dr. Lotvin held senior positions in the PBM industry. Dr. Lotvin earned his B.S. in Biochemistry from Stony Brook University, his M.D. in Medicine from SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University, and his M.A. in Medical Informatics from Columbia University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. We believe Dr. Lotvin is qualified to serve on the Board due to his extensive knowledge of ProKidney and the healthcare industry.

#### Brian J. G. Pereira, M.D.

Dr. Pereira has served on the Board and on the GP Board since the Closing and was a member of the Legacy GP Board from January 2022 until the Closing. Dr. Pereira has served as the Chief Executive Officer and member of the Board of Directors of Visterra Inc., a clinical-stage biotechnology company committed to developing innovative antibody-based therapies for the treatment of patients with kidney diseases and other hard-to-treat diseases. Visterra Inc was acquired by Otsuka in 2018 and is a subsidiary of Otsuka America Inc., a global healthcare company listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange. Dr. Pereira is a nationally recognized expert on kidney diseases, is the former Editor of the widely read textbook "Chronic Kidney Disease, Dialysis and Transplantation," and has over 200 scientific papers to his credit. He currently serves on the board of directors of Africa Healthcare Network, Ltd, a dialysis provider, and as the Chairman of the Board of directors of KalVista Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nasdaq: KALV), a pharmaceutical company focused on the discovery, development, and

commercialization of small molecule protease inhibitors for diseases with significant unmet need. He was the former Executive Chairman of the Board of directors of Abeona Therapeutics Inc. (Nasdaq: ABEO), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing gene and cell therapies for serious diseases and member of the Board of directors of Cullinan Pearl Corp, a privately held biotechnology company and subsidiary of Cullinan Oncology, Inc. (Nasdaq: CGEM), an oncology company and has served on several for-profit and non-profit company Boards. Dr. Pereira is a graduate of St. John's Medical College, Bangalore, India and has an MBA from the Kellogg Business School, Northwestern University. Dr. Pereira obtained his D.M. in Nephrology and M.D. in Internal Medicine from Post Graduate Institute, Chandigarh, India. We believe Dr. Pereira's qualifications to serve on the Board include his extensive experience with pharmaceutical companies, and his years of experience providing services to pharmaceutical and biotechnology organizations, including evaluating business plans involving clinical trials.

#### Director Independence

An "independent director" is defined generally as a person who has no material relationship with the listed company (either directly or as a partner, shareholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with the company). The Board has reviewed the materiality of any relationship that each of our directors has with ProKidney Corp., either directly or indirectly. Based upon this review, the Board has determined that each of William F. Doyle, Alan M. Lotvin, M.D., Brian J. G. Pereira, M.D., John M. Maraganore, Ph.D., Uma Sinha, Ph.D, José Ignacio Jiménez Santos and Jennifer Fox is an independent director under applicable SEC and the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq") listing Nasdaq rules (the "Nasdaq Listing Rules"). The independent directors have regularly scheduled meetings at which only independent directors are present.

#### Controlled Company Exemption

Pursuant to the terms of the Voting Agreement, Tolerantia effectively controls a majority of the voting power of all outstanding ProKidney ordinary shares with respect to the election, appointment or removal of any ProKidney director. As a result, ProKidney is a "controlled company" within the meaning of the Nasdaq Listing Rules. Under the Nasdaq Listing Rules, a company of which more than 50% of the voting power for the election of directors is held by an individual, group or another company is a "controlled company" and may elect not to comply with certain corporate governance standards, including the requirements that (i) a majority of its board of directors consist of independent directors, (ii) subject to the exception pursuant to Nasdaq Listing Rule 5605(b)(2), its board of directors have a compensation committee that is composed of at least two members, each of whom is an independent director, with a written charter addressing the committee's purpose and responsibilities and (iii) director nominees must be selected, or recommended for the board's selection, either by independent directors constituting a majority of the board's independent directors in a vote in which only independent directors participate, or by a nominating and corporate governance committee comprised solely of independent directors with a written charter addressing the committee's purpose and responsibilities.

On July 11, 2022 (the "Closing Date"), the Company consummated the Business Combination pursuant to the terms of the Business Combination Agreement, dated as of January 18, 2022 (the "Business Combination Agreement"), by and between Social Capital Suvretta Holdings Corp. III and PKLP. Pursuant to the Business Combination and the other transactions contemplated by the Business Combination Agreement (collectively, the "Transactions", and such completion, the "Closing"), PKLP became a subsidiary of SCS, and SCS changed its name to ProKidney Corp. ProKidney Corp.'s operating subsidiary ProKidney-KY is incorporated under the Cayman Islands Companies Act (as amended) as an exempted company and operating subsidiary ProKidney, LLC ("ProKidney-US") is a limited liability company under the laws of Delaware. Under the Business Combination Agreement, immediately following the Closing, a majority of the directors of the Board were required to be "independent" directors for the purposes of the Nasdaq Listing Rules, but for at least some period following the Business Combination, ProKidney could utilize the other exemptions described above. If any of these exemptions are used, you may not have the same protections afforded to shareholders of companies that are subject to all of these corporate governance requirements. If ProKidney ceases to be a "controlled company" and its shares continue to be listed on the Nasdaq, ProKidney will be required to comply with these standards and, depending on the Board's independence determination with respect to its then-current directors, ProKidney may be required to add additional directors to its board in order to achieve such compliance within the applicable transition period.

#### **Board Diversity**

The following matrix provides the diversity statistics for the Board.

#### Board Diversity Matrix (As of March 31, 2024)

Board Size				
Total Number of Directors				9
Gender Identity	Female	Male	Non- Binary	Did Not Disclose Gender
Directors	2	7	_	_
Demographic Background				
African American or Black	_	_	_	_
Alaskan Native or Native American	_	_	_	_
Asian	1	1	_	_
Hispanic or Latinx	_	2	_	_
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	_	_	_	_
White	_	4	_	_
Two or More Races or Ethnicities	1	_	_	_
LGBTQ+			_	
Did Not Disclose Demographic Background			_	

#### **Family Relationships**

There are no family relationships among any of ProKidney's directors or executive officers.

#### **Committees of the Board and Meetings**

*Meeting Attendance.* During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 there were seven meetings of the Board, and the various committees of the Board met a total of eighteen times. No director attended fewer than 75% of the total number of meetings of the Board and of committees of the Board on which he or she served during fiscal 2023. The Board has adopted a policy under which each member of the Board makes reasonable best efforts to attend each annual general meeting of our shareholders.

The Board has three committees: the Audit Committee, the Talent and Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Governance Committee.

#### Audit Committee

Our Audit Committee met four times during fiscal 2023. This committee currently has four members, Jennifer Fox, who serves as the chairperson, William F. Doyle, Brian J. G. Pereira, M.D. and Alan M. Lotvin, M.D. Each member of the Audit Committee qualifies as an independent director under the Nasdaq Listing Rules and the independence requirements of Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act. The Board has determined that both Ms. Fox and Mr. Doyle qualify as an "audit committee financial expert" as such term is defined in Item 407(d)(5) of Regulation S-K and possesses financial sophistication, as defined under the rules of the Nasdaq. Please also see the report of the Audit Committee set forth elsewhere in this proxy statement.

Our Audit Committee's role and responsibilities are set forth in the Audit Committee's written charter and its primary purpose is to discharge the responsibilities of the Board with respect to corporate accounting and financial reporting processes, systems of internal control and financial statement audits, and to oversee our independent registered public accounting firm. Specific responsibilities of the Audit Committee include:

- helping the Board oversee corporate accounting and financial reporting processes;
- discussing the scope and results of the audit with the independent registered public accounting firm, and reviewing, with management and the independent accountants, ProKidney's interim and year-end operating results;

- developing procedures for employees to submit concerns anonymously about questionable accounting or audit matters:
- reviewing related person transactions;
- obtaining and reviewing a report by the independent registered public accounting firm at least annually
  that describes ProKidney's internal quality control procedures, any material issues with such procedures,
  and any steps taken to deal with such issues when required by applicable law; and
- approving or, as permitted, pre-approving, audit and permissible non-audit services to be performed by the independent registered public accounting firm.

The Board has adopted a written charter for the Audit Committee, which is available on our website at https://www.prokidney.com under Investors—Corporate Governance—Governance Overview.

#### Talent and Compensation Committee

Our Talent and Compensation Committee met eight times during fiscal 2023. Our Talent and Compensation Committee currently consists of Alan M. Lotvin, M.D., who serves as the chairperson, William F. Doyle, John M. Maraganore, Ph.D. and Uma Sinha, Ph.D. All members of the Talent and Compensation Committee qualify as independent under the definition promulgated by Nasdaq. Following the annual meeting, our Talent and Compensation Committee will consist of Alan M. Lotvin, M.D., William F. Doyle and Uma Sinha, Ph.D..

The primary purpose of the Talent and Compensation Committee is to discharge the responsibilities of the Board in overseeing the compensation policies, plans and programs and to review and determine the compensation to be paid to executive officers, directors and other senior management, as appropriate. Specific responsibilities of the Talent and Compensation Committee include:

- reviewing and approving the compensation of the chief executive officer, other executive officers and senior management;
- reviewing and recommending to the Board the compensation of directors;
- administering the ProKidney Incentive Equity Plan (the "Incentive Equity Plan") and other benefit programs;
- reviewing, adopting, amending and terminating incentive compensation and equity plans, severance
  agreements, profit sharing plans, bonus plans, change-of-control protections and any other compensatory
  arrangements for the executive officers and other senior management; and
- reviewing and establishing general policies relating to compensation and benefits of the employees, including the overall compensation philosophy.

The Talent and Compensation Committee has adopted the following processes and procedures for the consideration and determination of executive and director compensation: In establishing compensation for executives, the Talent and Compensation Committee seeks to provide compensation that is competitive in light of current market conditions and industry practices. Accordingly, the Talent and Compensation Committee will generally review market data which is comprised of proxy-disclosed data from peer companies and data from nationally recognized published compensation surveys for the life science industry, adjusted for relevant criteria including headcount, company stage of development and market capitalization. The market data assists the committee in gaining perspective on the compensation levels and practices at the peer companies and to assess the relative competitiveness of the compensation paid to our executives and Board. The market data thus guides the Talent and Compensation Committee in its efforts to set executive compensation levels and program targets at competitive levels for comparable roles in the marketplace. The Talent and Compensation Committee then considers other factors, such as the criticality of each executive officer's role in the company, depth and breadth of experience, internal equity, performance, retention concerns and relevant compensation trends in the marketplace, in making its final compensation determinations.

The Talent and Compensation Committee has the authority to directly retain the services of independent consultants and other experts to assist in fulfilling its responsibilities. The Talent and Compensation Committee has engaged the services of Aon's Human Capital Solutions practice, a division of Aon plc ("AON"), to review and provide recommendations concerning the components of the Company's executive and director compensation

program. AON performs services solely on behalf of the Talent and Compensation Committee. AON assists the Talent and Compensation Committee in defining the appropriate market of our peer companies for executive compensation and practices and in benchmarking our executive compensation program against the peer group. AON also assists the Talent and Compensation Committee in benchmarking our director compensation program and practices against those of our peers. The Talent and Compensation Committee has assessed the independence of AON pursuant to SEC rules and the corporate governance rules of The Nasdaq Stock Market and concluded that no conflict of interest exists that would prevent AON from independently representing the Talent and Compensation Committee

The Talent and Compensation Committee reviews the performance of each named executive officer in light of the above factors and determines whether the named executive officer should receive any increase in base salary, annual bonus award or receive a discretionary equity award based on such evaluation.

The Board has adopted a written charter for the Talent and Compensation Committee, which is available on our website at https://www.prokidney.com under Investors—Corporate Governance—Governance Overview.

#### Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

Our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee ("Nominating Committee") met four times during fiscal 2023 and currently consists of John M. Maraganore, Ph.D., who serves as the chairperson, Brian J.G. Pereira, M.D., Uma Sinha, Ph.D., and José Ignacio Jiménez Santos. The Board has determined that all members of the Nominating Committee qualify as independent under the definition promulgated by The Nasdaq Stock Market. Following the annual meeting, our Nominating Committee will consist of Brian J.G. Pereira, M.D., Uma Sinha, Ph.D. and José Ignacio Jiménez Santos.

The purpose of the nominating and corporate governance committee is to assist the Board in discharging the responsibilities set forth in the Nominating Committee's written charter and include:

- identifying and evaluating candidates, including the nomination of incumbent directors for re-election and nominees recommended by shareholders, to serve on the Board;
- considering and making recommendations to the Board regarding the composition and chairmanship of the committees of the Board;
- developing and making recommendations to the Board regarding corporate governance guidelines and matters, including in relation to corporate social responsibility; and
- overseeing periodic evaluations of the performance of the Board, including its individual directors and committees.

The Board has adopted a written charter for the nominating and corporate governance committee, which is available on our website at https://www.prokidney.com under Investors—Corporate Governance—Governance Overview

Generally, our Nominating Committee considers candidates recommended by shareholders as well as from other sources such as other directors or officers, third party search firms or other appropriate sources. Once identified, the Nominating Committee will evaluate a candidate's qualifications in accordance with our Nominating and Governance Committee Policy Regarding Qualifications of Directors appended to our Nominating Committee's written charter. Threshold criteria include: personal integrity and sound judgment, business and professional skills and experience, independence, knowledge of our industry, possible conflicts of interest, diversity, the extent to which the candidate would fill a present need on the Board, and concern for the long-term interests of our shareholders. Our Nominating Committee has not adopted a formal diversity policy in connection with the consideration of director nominations or the selection of nominees. However, the Nominating Committee will consider issues of diversity among its members in identifying and considering nominees for director, and strive where appropriate to achieve a diverse balance of backgrounds, perspectives, experience, age, gender, ethnicity and country of citizenship on the Board and its committees.

If a shareholder wishes to propose a candidate for consideration as a nominee for election to the Board, it must follow the procedures described in the Charter and in "Shareholder Proposals and Nominations for Director" at the end of this proxy statement. In general, persons recommended by shareholders will be considered in accordance with our Policy on Shareholder Recommendation of Candidates for Election as

Directors appended to our Nominating Committee's written charter. Any such recommendation should be made in writing to the Nominating and Governance Committee, care of our Corporate Secretary at our principal office and should be accompanied by the following information concerning each recommending shareholder and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination is made:

- all information relating to such person that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement;
- certain biographical and share ownership information about the shareholder and any other proponent, including a description of any derivative transactions in the Company's securities;
- a description of certain arrangements and understandings between the proposing shareholder and any beneficial owner and any other person in connection with such shareholder nomination; and
- a statement whether or not either such shareholder or beneficial owner intends to deliver a proxy statement and form of proxy to holders of voting shares sufficient to carry the proposal.

The recommendation must also be accompanied by the following information concerning the proposed nominee:

- certain biographical information concerning the proposed nominee;
- all information concerning the proposed nominee required to be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for election of directors;
- certain information about any other security holder of the Company who supports the proposed nominee;
- a description of all relationships between the proposed nominee and the recommending shareholder or any beneficial owner, including any agreements or understandings regarding the nomination; and
- additional disclosures relating to shareholder nominees for directors, including completed questionnaires and disclosures required by the Charter.

#### Role of the Board in Risk Oversight

One of the key functions of the Board is to oversee ProKidney's risk management process. The Board does not have a standing risk management committee, but rather administers this oversight function directly through the Board as a whole, as well as through various standing committees of the Board that address risks inherent in their respective areas of oversight. In particular, the Board is responsible for monitoring and assessing strategic risk exposure and our Audit Committee has the responsibility to consider and discuss our major financial risk exposures and the steps our management will take to monitor and control such exposures, including guidelines and policies to govern the process by which risk assessment and management is undertaken. The Audit Committee also monitors compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. Our Talent and Compensation Committee also assesses and monitors whether our compensation plans, policies and programs comply with applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

The Board does not have a policy regarding the separation of the roles of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board, as the Board believes it is in the best interest of the Company to make that determination based on the position and direction of the Company and the membership of the Board. Currently, two separate individuals serve in the positions of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board. We believe that our current leadership structure is optimal for the Company at this time.

Our Board has seven independent members and two non-independent directors, our Chief Executive Officer and the Chairman of the board. We believe that the number of independent, experienced directors that make up the Board, along with the oversight of the Board by the Non-Executive Chairman, benefits our company and our shareholders. All of our independent directors have demonstrated leadership in other organizations and are familiar with board of director processes.

#### **Shareholder Communications to the Board**

Generally, shareholders who have questions or concerns should contact our Investor Relations team at (336) 999-7019. However, any shareholders who wish to address questions regarding our business directly with the Board, or any individual director, should direct his or her questions in writing to the Chairman of the Board at 2000 Frontis Plaza Blvd., Suite 250, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103 / to individual Board members via e-mail at ir@prokidney.com / using the "Investor Contact" page of our website at www.prokidney.com.

Communications will be distributed to the Board, or to any individual director or directors as appropriate, depending on the facts and circumstances outlined in the communications. Items that are unrelated to the duties and responsibilities of the Board may be excluded, such as:

- · junk mail and mass mailings;
- resumes and other forms of job inquiries;
- surveys; and
- · solicitations or advertisements.

In addition, any material that is unduly hostile, threatening, or illegal in nature may be excluded, in which case it will be made available to any outside director upon request.

#### Policy Prohibiting Hedging - Insider Trading Policy

We maintain an Insider Trading Policy that prohibits our officers, directors, and employees from, among other things, engaging in speculative transactions in our securities, including by way of the purchase or sale of a put option, a call option or a short sale (including a short sale "against the box"), or engaging in hedging transactions, including prepaid variable forward contracts, equity swaps, collars and exchange funds.

#### **Executive Officers**

The following table sets forth certain information as of April 25, 2024 regarding our executive officers who are not also directors. We have employment agreements with all of our executive officers.

Name	Age	Position
<b>Executive Officers:</b>		
James Coulston, CPA	48	Chief Financial Officer
Darin J. Weber, Ph.D.	55	Chief Regulatory Officer, SVP, Global Regulatory, Quality Management & Commercial
Todd C. Girolamo, J.D., MBA	59	Chief Legal Officer
Ulrich Ernst, Ph.D.	62	Executive Vice President, Technical Operations

#### James Coulston, CPA

Mr. Coulston has served as our Chief Financial Officer since the Closing, having served the Chief Financial Officer of ProKidney-US since January 2022. Prior to that, Mr. Coulston served as ProKidney-US's Senior Vice President, Finance from January 2021 to December 2021 and ProKidney-US's Vice President, Finance from February 2019 to December 2020. Before joining ProKidney, from August 2015 to January 2019, Mr. Coulston served as the Executive Director, Finance of Banner Life Sciences LLC, a privately held clinical-stage pharmaceutical company combining a proven history of formulation expertise with proprietary technologies to create specialty pharmaceuticals that solve real unmet clinical needs, where Mr. Coulston oversaw the financial, human resources, and IT activities. From 2007 to 2015, Mr. Coulston held finance roles of increasing responsibility at Targacept Inc. (Nasdaq: TRGT), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing novel NNR Therapeutics™ before it merged with and into Catalyst Biosciences, Inc. (Nasdaq: CBIO), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on creating and developing novel medicines to address serious medical conditions, including Senior Director, Finance and Controller. Mr. Coulston earned his B.S. and master degree in Accounting from North Carolina State University and is a Certified Public Accountant in the state of North Carolina.

#### Darin J. Weber. Ph.D.

Dr. Weber has served as our Senior Vice President of Regulatory Development since the Closing, having served as ProKidney-US's Senior Vice President of Regulatory Development since September 2020, where he is responsible for leading the development and implementation of ProKidney's regulatory strategy in all markets, worldwide, and interfacing with regulatory authorities. Dr. Weber has over 25 years of experience in cellular and tissue-based regenerative medicine products, with previous roles as Senior Vice President of Regulatory and Quality at Medeor Therapeutics, from February 2016 to December 2019; Executive Vice President of Global Regulatory Affairs and Quality Management at Mesoblast, from June 2011 to February 2016; Senior Consultant for Cell and Gene Therapies at Biologics Consulting Group from February 2004 to May 2011, and positions of increasing responsibility at the FDA's CBER, including as Chief of Cellular Therapies Branch in the Office of Cellular, Tissues and Gene Therapies, (now known as the Office of Tissues and Advanced Therapies) from September 1996 to January 2004. He is a long-serving member of United States Pharmacopeia (USP) expert committees for human tissues and advanced therapies. Dr. Weber received his B.S. in Molecular Biology from The Evergreen State College and a Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Biophysics from Oregon State University.

#### Todd C. Girolamo

Mr. Girolamo has served as our Chief Legal Officer since the Closing and as the Chief Legal Officer of ProKidney-US since March 2022. Prior to that, Mr. Girolamo spent 11 years at Caladrius Biosciences, Inc. (Nasdaq: CLBS) (now Lisata Therapeutics, Inc. (Nasdaq: LSTA)), where he served as Chief Legal Officer, Senior Vice President of Corporate Development and Corporate Secretary. Mr. Girolamo began his legal career at Cahill Gordon & Reindel in 1990 and later at Reid & Priest, practicing in the areas of securities law, intellectual property, employment law and general commercial litigation. After private practice, Mr. Girolamo spent 12 years on Wall Street in institutional equities as a series 24, 7 and 63 licensed principal at Oppenheimer & Co., CIBC World Markets, Leerink Swann and Summer Street Research Partners where he specialized in equity research, sales, and trading of biotechnology, pharmaceuticals and medical technology market sectors. Mr. Girolamo then served as an analyst and portfolio manager at Lion's Path Capital managing a long-short portfolio of biopharma and med-tech equities.

Mr. Girolamo received an A.B. with honors from Harvard College, a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and an MBA from Columbia Business School.

Ulrich Ernst, Ph.D.

Dr. Ernst has served as our Executive Vice President of Technical Operations since March 2024. Dr. Ernst has over 30 years of experience in the biopharmaceutical industry. Most recently, from May 2019 until February 2024, Dr. Ernst served as Senior Vice President, Technical Operations at Iovance Biotherapeutics, Inc. (Nasdaq: IOVA), a biotechnology company developing tumor infiltrating lymphocyte therapy for people with cancer. Previously, Dr. Ernst served at Amunix Operating Inc., a biotechnology company focused on immuno-oncology therapies for patients with cancer, as Chief Operating Officer from 2017 to April 2019, Senior Vice President, Technical Operations from 2015 to 2016, and Senior Vice President, Manufacturing and Quality Operations from 2013 to 2015. Prior to that, Dr. Ernst held positions as the Senior Vice President, Manufacturing Operations at Cytovance Biologics, Inc. and Site Leader/Vice President, Manufacturing and Manufacturing Services at Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Dr. Ernst holds a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Minnesota and a Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering from Lehigh University.

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

The following discusses the material components of the executive compensation program for our named executive officers (the "NEOs") who are identified in the Summary Compensation Table below. This discussion may contain forward-looking statements that are based on our current plans, considerations, expectations and determinations regarding future compensation programs.

#### **Summary Compensation Table**

For the year ended December 31, 2023, ProKidney's NEOs were:

- Bruce Culleton, M.D., Chief Executive Officer;
- · James Coulston, Chief Financial Officer;
- Todd C. Girolamo J.D., MBA, Chief Legal Officer;
- · Tim Bertram, Ph.D., Former Chief Executive Officer; and
- · Deepak Jain, Ph.D., Former Chief Operating Officer.

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to compensation for the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 earned by, awarded to or paid to our NEOs.

Name and Principal Position(s)	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Option Awards (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Bruce Culleton, M.D. (4)	2023	244,961	_	_	8,345,464	120,824	891 <sup>(5)</sup>	8,712,140
Chief Executive Officer	2022	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Todd C. Girolamo <sup>(6)</sup>	2023	425,000	_	_	1,753,456	101,660	14,926 <sup>(7)</sup>	2,295,042
Chief Legal Officer	2022	325,673	_	2,411,993	5,225,948	136,787	137,715	8,238,116
James Coulston  Chief Financial Officer	2023 2022	420,000	_	_	1,753,456	100,464	12,688 <sup>(8)</sup>	2,286,608
Tim Bertram, Ph.D. <sup>(9)</sup> Former Chief Executive	2023	544,107	_	_	6,115,934	194,343	720,793 <sup>(10)</sup>	7,575,176
Officer	2022	600,000	_	16,964,293	28,198,867	344,270	26,135	46,133,565
Deepak Jain, Ph.D. <sup>(11)</sup> Former Chief Operating	2023	453,750	_	_	3,537,144	121,128	413,161 <sup>(12)</sup>	4,525,183
Officer	2022	485,404	_	5,019,871	6,971,303	268,332	14,915	12,759,825

<sup>(1)</sup> In accordance with SEC rules, amounts in this column reflect (1) the aggregate grant date fair value of profits interest awards issued prior to the Business Combination ("Legacy Profits Interests") granted during 2022; (2) the incremental fair value recognized in connection with the modification of certain Legacy Profits Interests; and (3) the difference between the purchase price and estimated fair value for certain Legacy Profits Interests purchased by the NEO. All of the components of this cost were computed in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718 Compensation—Stock Compensation ("ASC Topic 718"), not including any estimates of forfeitures. For a discussion of valuation assumptions, see Notes 2 and 10 of "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023, filed with the SEC on March 22, 2024. Note that these amounts represent the accounting cost of these awards and do not correspond to the actual economic value that may be received by the NEO.

<sup>(2)</sup> Represents grant date fair value of stock options granted during 2023, as computed in accordance with ASC Topic 718, not including any estimates of forfeiture. See Notes 2 and 10 of "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023, filed with the SEC on March 22, 2024, for a discussion of assumptions used in determining the grant date fair value of our option awards for fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. Note that amounts reported in this column reflect the accounting cost for these stock options and do not correspond to actual economic value that may be received by the executives from the stock options.

<sup>(3)</sup> Represents cash bonuses earned by the named executive officers pursuant to our Non-Equity Incentive Compensation Plan for performance.

<sup>(4)</sup> Dr. Culleton commenced employment as our Executive Vice President, Clinical Development and Commercialization on July 17, 2023. Dr. Culleton was appointed as Chief Executive Officer effective November 15, 2023.

<sup>(5)</sup> Represents all other compensation paid to Dr. Culleton including insurance premiums with respect to a group life insurance policy, a group short-term disability policy, a group long-term disability policy, an accidental death and dismemberment policy, and flexible spending accounts.

<sup>(6)</sup> Mr. Girolamo commenced employment as our Chief Legal Officer on March 15, 2022.

- (7) Represents all other compensation paid to Mr. Girolamo including: (1) the matching contributions to the 401(k) plan of \$13,488 and (2) insurance premiums with respect to a group life insurance policy, a group short-term disability policy, a group long-term disability policy, an accidental death and dismemberment policy, and flexible spending accounts.
- (8) Represents all other compensation paid to Mr. Coulston including: (1) the matching contributions to the 401(k) plan of \$11,250 and (2) insurance premiums with respect to a group life insurance policy, a group short-term disability policy, a group long-term disability policy, an accidental death and dismemberment policy, and flexible spending accounts.
- (9) Dr. Bertram's employment was terminated effective November 15, 2023 and he resigned from the board of directors effective as of the same date.
- (10) Represents all other compensation paid to Dr. Bertram including: (1) \$620,000 in salary continuation accrued in connection with termination, (2) \$16,880 in health plan continuation accrued in connection with termination, (3) the matching contributions to the 401(k) plan of \$12,912; (4) a pension allowance of \$16,847, (5) earned but unused vacation of \$53,654 paid upon termination and (6) insurance premiums with respect to a group life insurance policy, a group short-term disability policy, a group long-term disability policy, an accidental death and dismemberment policy, and flexible spending accounts.
- (11) Dr. Jain's employment was terminated effective November 28, 2023
- (12) Represents all other compensation paid to Dr. Jain including: (1) \$371,250 in salary continuation accrued in connection with termination, (2) \$12,663 in health plan continuation accrued in connection with termination, (3) the matching contributions to the 401(k) plan of \$14,167, (4) earned but unused vacation of \$13,643 paid upon termination and (5) insurance premiums with respect to a group life insurance policy, a group short- term disability policy, a group long-term disability policy, an accidental death and dismemberment policy, and flexible spending accounts.

#### Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table

#### Compensation of Executive Officers

#### Overview

Our executive compensation program is designed to:

- attract, retain and motivate senior management leaders who are capable of advancing our mission and strategy and, ultimately, creating and maintaining long-term equity value. Such leaders must engage in a collaborative approach and possess the ability to execute our business strategy in an industry characterized by competitiveness and growth;
- · reward senior management in a manner aligned with our financial performance; and
- align senior management's interests with our equity owners' long-term interests through equity participation and ownership.

Decisions with respect to the compensation of our executive officers, including our named executive officers, are made by the Talent and Compensation Committee of the Board. Compensation for our executive officers has the following components: base salary, cash bonus opportunities, long-term incentive compensation, broad-based employee benefits, and severance benefits. Base salaries, broad-based employee benefits, supplemental executive perquisites and severance benefits are designed to attract and retain senior management talent. We also use cash bonuses and long-term equity awards to promote performance-based pay that aligns the interests of our NEOs with the long-term interests of our equity owners and to enhance executive retention.

#### Base Salary

The base salaries for our NEOs are subject to adjustments made by the Talent and Compensation Committee, including in connection with our annual review of our NEOs' base salaries. We did not increase base salaries for our NEOs during 2023.

#### Non-Equity Incentive Compensation

We use annual cash incentive bonuses for the NEOs to motivate their achievement of short-term performance goals and tie a portion of their cash compensation to performance. Near the beginning of each year, the Talent and Compensation Committee will approve the performance targets, target amounts, target award opportunities and other terms and conditions of annual cash bonuses for the NEOs, subject to the terms of their employment agreements. Following the end of each year, the Talent and Compensation Committee will determine the extent to which the performance targets were achieved and the amount of the award that is payable to the named executive officers.

In December 2023, the Talent and Compensation Committee approved a corporate goal achievement of 59.8%.

Name	Title	2023 Actual Bonus	2023 Actual Bonus (% of Base Salary)	2022 Actual Bonus	Actual Bonus (% of Base Salary)
Bruce Culleton, M.D.	Chief Executive Officer	\$120,824	49.3%	\$ —	0.0%
Todd C. Girolamo	Chief Legal Officer	\$101,660	23.9%	\$136,787	42.0%
James Coulston	Chief Financial Officer	\$100,464	23.9%	\$ —	0.0%
Tim Bertram, Ph.D.	Former Chief Executive Officer	\$194,343	35.7%	\$344,270	57.4%
Deepak Jain, Ph.D.	Former Chief Operating Officer	\$121,128	26.7%	\$268,332	55.3%

#### Share-Based Awards

We use share-based awards to promote our interests by providing the executives with the opportunity to acquire equity interests as an incentive for their remaining in our service and aligning the executives' interests with those of ProKidney. Share-based awards will be awarded under the Incentive Equity Plan.

#### Other Compensation

We maintain various broad-based employee benefit plans, including medical, dental, vision, life and disability insurance and 401(k) plans, paid vacation, sick leave and holidays and employee assistance program benefits in which the NEOs participate.

#### **Employment Agreements**

Below are descriptions of the employment agreements with each of our NEOs (the "Employment Agreements") setting forth the terms and conditions of such executive's employment with us.

#### Bruce Culleton, M.D.

On December 3, 2023, we entered into an employment agreement with Dr. Culleton, pursuant to which he serves as Chief Executive Officer of the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates effective November 15, 2023. The agreement provides for a base salary of not less than \$625,000 per year and a target cash bonus opportunity of 60% of base salary, which was prorated for the 2023 fiscal year. Additionally, Dr. Culleton is eligible to receive long-term incentive awards under the Incentive Equity Plan and is eligible for participation in the Company's employee health and welfare benefit and retirement programs and certain severance benefits described below. Prior to his appointment as Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Culleton served as the Company's Executive Vice President, Clinical Development and Commercialization from July 17, 2023 to November 15, 2023. In that role, Dr. Culleton's annual base salary was \$495,000.

#### Todd Girolamo, J.D., MBA

On December 1, 2022, we entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Girolamo, pursuant to which he serves as Chief Legal Officer of the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates effective October 1, 2022. The agreement provides for a base salary of not less than \$425,000 per year, a target cash bonus opportunity of 40% of base salary, eligibility to receive long-term incentive awards under the Incentive Equity Plan, eligibility for participation in the Company's employee health and welfare benefit and retirement programs and certain severance benefits described below.

We entered into a relocation assistance agreement with Mr. Girolamo in connection with his employment as Chief Legal Officer of the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates. The agreement provides for certain remuneration related to Mr. Girolamo's relocation to the Winston-Salem, North Carolina area within two years from the date of his hire. This agreement provides for a payment of \$35,000 for accommodations and ground transportation, as needed while commuting to North Carolina, and a miscellaneous allowance equivalent to one-month base salary. The agreement also provides for the reimbursement of reasonable and customary moving

expenses (the "Relocation Costs") up to an amount not to exceed \$50,000, which will be grossed-up to cover the associated tax liability. The Relocation Costs are subject to repayment provisions if Mr. Girolamo's employment with the Company is terminated within two years of his relocation date.

#### James Coulston

Effective December 3, 2022, we entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Coulston, pursuant to which he serves as Chief Financial Officer of the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates effective December 3, 2022. The agreement provides for a base salary of not less than \$420,000 per year, a target cash bonus opportunity of 40% of base salary, eligibility to receive long-term incentive awards under the Incentive Equity Plan, eligibility for participation in the Company's employee health and welfare benefit and retirement programs and certain severance benefits described below.

#### Tim Bertram, Ph.D.

On December 3, 2022, ProKidney-US entered into an employment agreement with Dr. Bertram, pursuant to which he was employed as Chief Executive Officer of the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates effective October 1, 2022. The agreement provided for a base salary of not less than \$620,000 per year, a target cash bonus opportunity of 60% of base salary, eligibility to receive long-term incentive awards under the Incentive Equity Plan, eligibility for participation in the Company's employee health and welfare benefit and retirement programs and certain severance benefits.

Dr. Bertram's employment was terminated effective November 15, 2023. On March 13, 2024, we entered into a separation agreement with Dr. Bertram. The agreement provides that (i) the Company will pay Dr. Bertram severance pay equal to \$620,000, (ii) Dr. Bertram will be eligible to receive a bonus of up to 60% of his base salary in respect of calendar year 2023, (iii) the Company will pay 100% of the premium costs for Dr. Bertram's COBRA or Medicare health insurance through May 31, 2025, so long as Dr. Bertram remains eligible for and enrolls in such coverage, (iv) the Company will reimburse Dr. Bertram for legal fees incurred in connection with the separation agreement up to a cap of \$20,000, and (v) subject to the terms of the applicable award agreements, Dr. Bertram will have 90 days following the date of the separation agreement to exercise options that were vested as of November 15, 2023. The separation agreement also includes a standard release and waiver by Dr. Bertram and other customary provisions.

#### Deepak Jain, Ph.D.

On December 2, 2022, we entered into an employment agreement with Dr. Jain, pursuant to which he was employed as Chief Operating Officer of the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates effective October 1, 2022. The agreement provided for a base salary of not less than \$495,000 per year, a target cash bonus opportunity of 45% of base salary, eligibility to receive long-term incentive awards under the Incentive Equity Plan, eligibility for participation in the Company's employee health and welfare benefit and retirement programs and certain severance benefits.

Dr. Jain's employment was terminated effective November 28, 2023. On March 13, 2024, we entered into a separation agreement with Dr. Jain. This agreement provides that (i) the Company will pay Dr. Jain severance pay equal to \$495,000, (ii) Dr. Jain will be eligible to receive a bonus of up to 45% of his base salary in respect of calendar year 2023, (iii) the Company will pay 100% of the premium costs for Dr. Jain's COBRA or Medicare health insurance through November 30, 2024, so long as Dr. Jain remains eligible for and enrolls in such coverage, (iv) the Company will reimburse Dr. Jain for legal fees incurred in connection with the Separation Agreement up to a cap of \$20,000, and (v) subject to the terms of the applicable award agreements, Dr. Jain will have 90 days following the date of the separation agreement to exercise options that were vested as of November 28, 2023. The separation agreement also includes a standard release and waiver by Dr. Jain and other customary provisions.

#### Potential Payments upon Termination or Change-In-Control

Under the Employment Agreements for each of our NEOs, if the executive's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause or by the executive for Good Reason (each as defined in the applicable Employment Agreement) (a "Qualifying Termination Absent a Change in Control"), subject to the executive's timely execution and non-revocation of a release of claims, the executive will receive (i) any earned but unpaid bonus

for any prior completed fiscal year, payable when such payments would otherwise be paid, (ii) severance payments in the form of base salary continuation payable over the applicable post-termination severance period set forth in the table below and (iii) continued participation in the Company's group health plan for the applicable post-termination severance period set forth in the table below.

In the event that the executive's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause or by the executive for Good Reason within the applicable protection period set forth in the table below following a Change in Control (as defined in the Incentive Equity Plan) (a "Qualifying Termination Following a Change in Control"), subject to the executive's timely execution and non-revocation of a release of claims, the executive will receive (i) a lump-sum severance payment equal to the applicable severance multiple set forth in the table below multiplied by the sum of the executive's (A) then-current base salary and (B) then-current target bonus opportunity, (ii) continued participation in the Company's group health plan for the applicable post-termination benefits period set forth in the table below and (iii) full vesting of any equity awards then outstanding held by the executive.

	Qualifying Termination Absent a Change in Control	Qualifying Termination Following a Change in Control					
NEO	Post- Termination Severance Period	Protection Period	Severance Multiple	Post- Termination Benefits Period			
Bruce Culleton, Chief Executive Officer	12 months	18 months	1.5X	18 months			
Todd Girolamo, Chief Legal Officer	9 months	18 months	1X	12 months			
James Coulston, Chief Financial Officer	9 months	18 months	1X	12 months			

#### Outstanding Equity Awards at 2023 Fiscal Year-End

The following table shows grants of stock options and grants of unvested stock awards outstanding on the last day of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, including both awards subject to performance conditions and non-performance-based awards, to each of the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table.

	Option Awards							Stock Awards				
Name	Grant Date	Options (#)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Unearned Options (#)		Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)^{(1)}	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)		
Bruce Culleton, M.D.	12/3/2023 <sup>(2)</sup>			1,000,000	\$ 1.69	12/3/2033		\$ —	_	_		
Chief Executive Officer	12/3/2023(3)	_	2,000,000	_	\$ 1.69	12/3/2033	_	\$	_	_		
	8/1/2023 <sup>(4)</sup>	_	485,000	_	\$13.08	8/1/2033	_	\$	_	_		
Todd C. Girolamo Chief Legal Officer	1/16/2023 <sup>(5)</sup>	66,458	223,542	_	\$ 8.43	1/16/2033	_	\$ —	_	_		
Chief Legal Officer	10/20/2022(6)	203,231	493,562	_	\$10.33	10/20/2032	_	\$	_	_		
	1/17/2022 <sup>(7)</sup>	_	_	_	\$ —	_	245,785	\$437,497	_	_		
James Coulston Chief Financial	1/16/2023 <sup>(5)</sup>	66,458	223,542	_	\$ 8.43	1/16/2033	_	\$ —	_	_		
Officer	10/20/2022(6)	94,841	230,329	_	\$10.33	10/20/2032	_	\$	_	_		
	1/17/2022 <sup>(7)</sup>	_	_	_	\$ —	_	264,861	\$471,453	_	_		
Tim Bertram, Ph.D. Former Chief Executive Officer	1/16/2023 <sup>(8)</sup>	189,656	_	_	\$ 8.43	6/19/2024	_	\$	_	_		

Option Awards Stock Awards

Name	Grant Date	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercise d Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Unearned Options (#)	Option Exercise Price Per Share (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)^{(1)}	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)
Deepak Jain, Ph.D. Former Chief	1/16/2023 <sup>(9)</sup>	121,875	_	_	\$ 8.43	6/19/2024	_	<b>\$</b> —	_	_
Operating Officer	10/20/2022 <sup>(9)</sup>	251,741	_	_	\$10.33	6/19/2024	_	<b>\$</b> —	_	_

- (1) The market value of the award is calculated using the closing price of the Company's Class A ordinary shares on the last trading day of our 2023 fiscal year (December 29, 2023), which was \$1.78, multiplied by the number of shares subject to the award.
- (2) The option vests subject to the achievement of both time and performance vesting conditions, with 25% of the shares vesting on November 15, 2024 and the remaining shares vesting in equal quarterly installments over the following three years, subject to the achievement of certain performance milestones.
- (3) The option vests 25% on November 15, 2024 and the remaining 75% vests in substantially equal quarterly installments over the following 36 months on each quarterly anniversary of the date of grant.
- (4) The option vests 25% on the first anniversary of the date of grant and the remaining 75% vests in substantially equal monthly installments for 36 months thereafter
- (5) These options vest in substantially equal monthly installments over the four-year period beginning on the date of grant.
- (6) These options vest in substantially equal monthly installments over the four-year period beginning on October 19, 2022.
- (7) Each of these awards vest ratably on each of the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (8) Represents options to purchase Class A ordinary shares. Pursuant to Dr. Bertram's separation agreement entered into in March 2024, the expiration date of the options that were vested upon the termination of Dr. Bertram's employment were extended to 90 days from the effective date of the separation agreement or June 19, 2024.
- (9) Represents options to purchase Class A ordinary shares. Pursuant to Dr. Jain's separation agreement entered into in March 2024, the expiration date of the options that were vested upon the termination of Dr. Jain's employment were extended to 90 days from the effective date of the separation agreement or June 19, 2024.

#### Other Compensation

All of ProKidney's NEOs are eligible to participate in its employee benefit plans, including its medical, dental, vision, life and disability insurance plans, in each case on the same basis as all of ProKidney's other employees. ProKidney generally provides perquisites or personal benefits to its NEOs in limited circumstances.

#### 401(k) Plan

ProKidney maintains a 401(k) plan for its ProKidney-US employees. The 401(k) plan is intended to qualify under Section 401(k) of the Code, so that contributions to the 401(k) plan by ProKidney-US employees or by ProKidney, and the investment earnings thereon, are not taxable to the employees until withdrawn from the 401(k) plan, and so that contributions by ProKidney, if any, will be deductible by ProKidney when made. Full-time employees are eligible to participate in the ProKidney-US plan. Under the 401(k) plan, ProKidney-US employees may elect to reduce their current compensation by up to the statutorily prescribed annual limit and to have the amount of such reduction contributed to the 401(k) plan. The 401(k) plan permits ProKidney to make contributions up to the limits allowed by law on behalf of all eligible ProKidney-US employees. As of December 31, 2023, ProKidney matched 50% of participating ProKidney-US employees' contribution up to 8% of salary to the ProKidney 401(k) plan.

#### **Defined Contribution Plan**

ProKidney maintains a defined contribution plan for its ProKidney-KY employees within the Cayman Islands as required by the National Pensions Act (2012 Revision). The plan is administered by an approved provider. All of ProKidney-KY's employees between the ages of 18 and 65 are eligible to participate in the plan, other than domestic

helpers or employees who have been working in the Cayman Islands for a continuous period of less than 9 months. Under the plan, ProKidney-KY employees may contribute on earnings up to CI\$87,000 (approximately US\$107,000, above which level earnings are not pensionable), which contributions are matched by ProKidney-KY.

The basic contribution rate (and the maximum mandatory contribution for employees) is 5%, but ProKidney-KY may choose to contribute in excess of this percentage and reduce the employee contribution commensurately. As of December 31, 2023, ProKidney contributed 7% of ProKidney-KY employees salaries to the ProKidney-KY defined contribution plan.

#### **Pension Benefits**

We do not have any qualified or non-qualified defined benefit plans.

#### **Nonqualified Deferred Compensation**

We do not have any nonqualified defined contribution plans or other deferred compensation plan.

#### **Director Compensation**

The following table shows the total compensation paid or accrued during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 to each of our non-employee directors. Directors who are employed by us are not compensated for their service on the Board.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Awards (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Total (\$)
Pablo Legorreta	74,500	_	359,603	434,103
William F. Doyle	53,500	_	359,603	413,103
Alan M. Lotvin, M.D.	64,000	_	359,603	423,603
Brian J.G. Pereira, M.D.	61,500	_	359,603	421,103
Uma Sinha, Ph.D.	51,000	_	359,603	410,603
John M. Maraganore, Ph.D.	60,500	_	359,603	420,103
José Ignacio Jiménez Santos	45,000	_	359,603	404,603
Jennifer Fox	56,250	_	693,392	749,642

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents grant date fair value of stock options granted to during 2023, as computed in accordance with ASC Topic 718, not including any estimates of forfeiture. See Notes 2 and 10 of "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023, filed with the SEC on March 22, 2024, for a discussion of assumptions used in determining the grant date fair value of our option awards for fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. Note that amounts reported in this column reflect the accounting cost for these stock options and do not correspond to actual economic value that may be received by the executives from the stock options.

The following is a description of the standard compensation arrangements under which our directors are compensated for their service as directors, including as members of the various committees of our board.

The Board adopted a non-employee director compensation policy in September 2022, as amended in February 2024 and April 2024, that is applicable to all of our non-employee directors (the "Non-Employee Director Compensation Policy"). Prior to the adoption of the Non-Employee Director Compensation Policy, we entered into various individual arrangements with our non-employee directors and granted options to them from time to time. The Non-Employee Director Compensation Policy provides that each non-employee director will receive the following compensation for service on the Board:

- An annual cash retainer of \$40,000;
- An additional cash retainer of \$30,000 for service as the non-executive chair of the Board;
- An additional annual cash retainer of \$7,500, \$6,000 and \$5,000 for service as a non-chair member of the Audit Committee, Talent and Compensation Committee and the Nominating Committee, respectively;

- An additional annual cash retainer of \$16,250, \$12,000, and \$10,000 for service as Chair of the Audit Committee, Talent and Compensation Committee and the Nominating Committee, respectively;
- An initial option grant (the "Initial Grant") to purchase a number of Class A ordinary shares as determined
  by the Board. The options subject to the Initial Grant will vest in equal monthly installments over the 36
  months following the date of grant, subject to the Non-Employee Director's Continuous Service (as
  defined in the Incentive Equity Plan) on each vesting date; and
- An annual option grant (the "Annual Grant") to purchase a number of Class A ordinary shares equal to 0.027% of the total aggregate Class A ordinary shares and Class B ordinary shares outstanding on the date of grant. Such award is made on the date of each of our annual general shareholder meetings. The options subject to the Annual Grant will vest in full on the sooner of the one-year anniversary of the date of grant or the date of Company's next annual general shareholder meeting, subject to the Non-Employee Director's Continuous Service (as defined in the Incentive Equity Plan) through such vesting date.

Each non-employee director may make an election to receive a grant of Class A ordinary shares in lieu of all, or a portion of, their cash retainer payments described above. The number of Class A ordinary shares to be granted to the electing director will be computed by dividing the amount of cash compensation otherwise payable by the closing price of the Company's Class A ordinary shares on the regular payment date of such cash compensation.

#### **EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION**

The following table provides certain aggregate information with respect to all of our equity compensation plans in effect as of December 31, 2023.

	(a)	(b)	(c)
Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Weighted- average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	15,680,109 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$7.43 <sup>(2)</sup>	24,960,648 <sup>(3)</sup>
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	3,565,753(4)		
Total	34,925,971		49,921,296 <sup>(5)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> Consists of options to purchase 15,680,109 Class A ordinary shares under the Company's 2022 Incentive Equity Plan ("2022 Plan") as of December 31, 2023.

<sup>(2)</sup> Reflects the weighted-average exercise price of options to purchase Class A ordinary shares outstanding at December 31, 2023.

<sup>(3)</sup> Consists of (i) 20,129,842 Class A ordinary shares reserved under the 2022 Plan as of December 31, 2023 and (ii) 4,830,806 Class A ordinary shares reserved under the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP"). The Company does not currently grant awards under the ESPP.

<sup>(4)</sup> Represents Class B ordinary shares issuable upon the vesting of restricted common units of ProKidney LP held by PMEL. For a description of the Legacy Profits Interests, see Note 10 of "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023, filed with the SEC on March 22, 2024.

<sup>(5)</sup> The 2022 Plan has an evergreen provision that allows for an annual increase in the number of shares available for issuance under the 2022 Plan to be added on the first day of each fiscal year, beginning in fiscal year 2023 and ending on the second day of fiscal year 2032. The evergreen provides for an automatic increase in the number of shares available for issuance equal to the lesser of (i) 5% of the number of outstanding ProKidney Class A ordinary shares on the last day of the immediately preceding fiscal year on a fully diluted basis and (ii) an amount determined by the Talent and Compensation Committee. This total does not reflect the automatic increase in the number of shares available for issuance under the 2022 Plan that was effective on January 1, 2024 pursuant the evergreen provision.

#### REPORT OF AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee of the Board, which consists entirely of directors who meet the independence and experience requirements of the Nasdaq Stock Market, has furnished the following report:

The Audit Committee assists the Board in overseeing and monitoring the integrity of our financial reporting process, compliance with legal and regulatory requirements and the quality of internal and external audit processes. This committee's role and responsibilities are set forth in our charter adopted by the Board, which is available on our website at www.prokidney.com. This committee reviews and reassesses our charter annually and recommends any changes to the Board for approval. The Audit Committee is responsible for overseeing our overall financial reporting process, and for the appointment, compensation, retention, and oversight of the work of Ernst & Young LLP. In fulfilling its responsibilities for the financial statements for fiscal year December 31, 2023, the Audit Committee took the following actions:

- Reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 with management and Ernst & Young LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm;
- Discussed with Ernst & Young LLP the matters required to be discussed in accordance with Auditing Standard No. 1301- Communications with Audit committees; and
- Received written disclosures and the letter from Ernst & Young LLP regarding its independence as
  required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding Ernst
  & Young LLP's communications with the Audit Committee and the Audit Committee further discussed
  with Ernst & Young LLP their independence. The Audit Committee also considered the status of pending
  litigation, taxation matters and other areas of oversight relating to the financial reporting and audit process
  that the committee determined appropriate.

Based on the Audit Committee's review of the audited financial statements and discussions with management and Ernst & Young LLP, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board that the audited financial statements be included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 for filing with the SEC.

Members of the ProKidney Corp. Audit Committee Jennifer Fox, Chair William F. Doyle Brian J. G. Pereira, M.D.

Alan M. Lotvin, M.D.

#### **DELINQUENT SECTION 16(A) REPORTS**

Our records reflect that all reports which were required to be filed with the SEC pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, were filed on a timely basis.

#### CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PERSON TRANSACTIONS

#### **Exchange Agreement**

On the Closing Date, the Company entered into an exchange agreement (the "Exchange Agreement") with PKLP and certain Closing ProKidney Unitholders (as defined in the Exchange Agreement) pursuant to which, subject to the procedures and restrictions therein, from and after the waiver or expiration of any contractual lock-up period (including pursuant to the Lock-Up Agreement (as defined below) the holders of Post-Combination ProKidney Common Units (or certain permitted transferees thereof) will have the right from time to time at and after 180 days following the Closing to exchange their Post-Combination ProKidney Common Units and an equal number of Class B ordinary shares of the Company on a one-for-one basis for Class A ordinary shares of the Company (the "Exchange"); provided, that, subject to certain exceptions, the Company, at its sole election, subject to certain restrictions, may, other than in the case of certain secondary offerings, instead settle all or a portion of the Exchange in cash based on a volume weighted average price ("VWAP") of a Class A ordinary share. The Exchange Agreement provides that, as a general matter, a holder of Post-Combination ProKidney Common Units will not have the right to exchange Post-Combination ProKidney Common Units if the Company determines that such exchange would be prohibited by law or regulation or would violate other agreements with the Company and its subsidiaries to which the holder of Post-Combination ProKidney Common Units may be subject, including the Second Amended and Restated ProKidney Limited Partnership Agreement and the Exchange Agreement.

#### **Lock-Up Agreement**

On the Closing Date, the Company, SCS Sponsor III LLC and certain Closing ProKidney Unitholders entered into a lock-up agreement (the "Lock-Up Agreement"). The Lock-Up Agreement contains certain restrictions on transfer with respect to the SCS Sponsor III LLC and the Closing ProKidney Unitholders party thereto. Such restrictions began at the Closing and would end on the earlier of (i) the date that is 180 days after the Closing and (ii) (a) for 33% of the Lock-Up Shares (other than the Earnout Shares and the PIPE Shares), the date on which the last reported sale price of a Class A ordinary share of the Company equals or exceeds \$12.50 per share for any 20 trading days within any 30-trading day period commencing at least 30 days after the Closing and (b) for an additional 50% of the Lock-Up Shares (other than the Earnout Shares and the Private Placement Shares (as each such term is defined in the Lock-Up Agreement)), the date on which the last reported sale price of a Class A ordinary share of the Company equals or exceeds \$15.00 per share for any 20 trading days within any 30-trading day period commencing at least 30 days after the Closing. Notwithstanding the above, (i) the lock-up period for any Earnout Shares will expire not earlier than 180 days after such Earnout Shares are issued; (ii) 50% of the Lock-Up Shares held by certain Closing ProKidney Unitholders and their affiliates will remain locked up until the earlier of four years following the Closing and the date that PKLP receives notice of any regulatory market authorization, including full or conditional authorization, to market its lead product candidate, Renal Autologous Cell Therapy (but, in any event, not earlier than 180 days following the Closing or (in the case of Earnout Shares) the date of issuance); and (iii) the lock-up period for the Private Placement Shares expired 30 days after the Closing. The restrictions on transfer set forth in the Lockup Agreement are subject to customary exceptions.

During January 2023, the lock-up period for 50% of the shares held by the Closing ProKidney Unitholders (other than the Earnout Shares) expired.

#### **Tax Receivable Agreement**

On the Closing Date, the Company entered into a tax receivable agreement (the "Tax Receivable Agreement") with the Closing ProKidney Unitholders. Pursuant to the Tax Receivable Agreement, among other things, the Company will be required to pay the Closing ProKidney Unitholders party thereto 85% of certain tax savings recognized by the Company, if any, as a result of the increases in tax basis attributable to exchanges by

the Closing ProKidney Unitholders of Post-Combination ProKidney Common Units for Class A ordinary shares of the Company or, subject to certain restrictions, cash, pursuant to the Exchange Agreement and certain other tax attributes of PKLP and tax benefits related to entering into the Tax Receivable Agreement.

#### **Earnout Rights**

At the Closing, certain shareholders were issued an aggregate of 17,500,000 Earnout Restricted Common Units and 17,500,000 Earnout Restricted Stock Rights (collectively, the "Earnout Rights"). The Earnout Rights vest in three equal tranches if, during the five-year period after Closing, the VWAP of a Class A ordinary share reaches \$15.00 per share, \$20.00 per share and \$25.00 per share. Likewise, the Earnout Rights will vest upon a change of control with a per share price exceeding the those same VWAP thresholds within a five-year period immediately following the Closing. Upon vesting, the Earnout Rights will automatically convert into Post Combination ProKidney Common Units and Class B ordinary shares.

#### **Related Party Debt**

On January 18, 2022, in connection with the execution of the Business Combination Agreement, the Company entered into the Promissory Notes. Through such promissory notes, the holders could fund up to \$100,000,000 to support the operational financing needs of the Company prior to the Closing. These notes bore interest at a rate of 3% per annum and were due upon the earliest of either (i) the date on which the Business Combination closed or (ii) January 17, 2023.

Drawdowns on the Promissory Notes could be made in multiples of \$10,000 unless otherwise agreed upon. Once an amount was drawn down under the Promissory Notes, it was no longer available for future drawdown requests even if prepaid.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company borrowed \$35,000,000 under the Promissory Notes. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company recognized interest expense of \$207,000, respectively related to the Promissory Notes. The amounts due under the Promissory Notes were paid, and the Promissory Notes were effectively terminated upon the Closing.

#### Consulting Services Agreement between ProKidney-KY and Nefro Health

On January 1, 2020, ProKidney-KY (formerly known as inRegen) entered into a consulting services agreement with Nefro Health ("Nefro"), an Irish partnership controlled and majority-owned by Mr. Pablo Legorreta, a director of the Company, pursuant to which Nefro provides consulting services for the research and development of the Company's product candidates, including the conduct of clinical trials in North America and the European Union, the design and manufacturing of ProKidney's product candidates as well as pre-commercialization activities. Under the agreement, Nefro receives \$25,000 per quarter and is reimbursed for any out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with activities Nefro conducted under the agreement. ProKidney-KY has paid Nefro an aggregate of \$100,000 for each of the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021. The initial term of the consulting services agreement continued through December 31, 2020 and was renewed pursuant to the provision allowing for automatic renewals for additional periods of one year each unless terminated by either party by providing written notice to the other party at least ninety (90) days prior to the scheduled termination date. Either party may terminate this agreement upon the occurrence of a material breach by the other party in the performance of its obligations under the agreement or in respect of any provision, representation, warranty or covenant if such breach has not been cured within thirty (30) days after receiving written notice from the non-breaching party. Additionally, either of the parties may terminate the consulting services agreement for any reason upon giving thirty (30) days' advance notice of such termination to the other party. In the event of such termination, ProKidney-KY will be obligated to pay Nefro any earned but unpaid consulting fee as of the termination date.

#### Consulting Services Agreement between ProKidney-US and Nefro Health

On January 1, 2020, ProKidney-US (formerly known as Twin City Bio, LLC) entered into a consulting services agreement with Nefro, pursuant to which Nefro provides consulting services for the research and development of the Company's product candidates, including the conduct of clinical trials in North America and the European Union, the design and manufacturing of the Company's product candidates as well as pre-commercialization activities. Under the agreement, Nefro receives \$25,000 per quarter and is reimbursed for

any out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with activities Nefro conducted under the agreement. ProKidney-US has paid Nefro an aggregate of \$100,000 for each of the years ended December 31, 2023, 2022 and 2021. The initial term of the consulting services agreement continued through December 31, 2020 and was renewed pursuant to the provision allowing for automatic renewals for additional periods of one year each unless terminated by either party by providing written notice to the other party at least ninety (90) days prior to the scheduled termination date. Either party may terminate this agreement upon the occurrence of a material breach by the other party in the performance of its obligations under the agreement or in respect of any provision, representation, warranty or covenant if such breach has not been cured within thirty (30) days after receiving written notice from the non-breaching party. Additionally, either of the parties may terminate the consulting services agreement for any reason upon giving thirty (30) days' advance notice of such termination to the other party. In the event of such termination, ProKidney-US will be obligated to pay Nefro any earned but unpaid consulting fee as of the termination date.

#### **Indemnification Agreements**

We have entered into customary indemnification agreements with our executive officers and directors that provide, in general, that we will provide them with customary indemnification in connection with their service to us or on our behalf.

These indemnification agreements require us, among other things, to indemnify our directors and officers against liabilities that may arise by reason of their status or service as directors or officers, other than liabilities arising from willful misconduct. These indemnification agreements also require us to advance any expenses incurred by the directors or officers as a result of any proceeding against them as to which they could be indemnified and to obtain directors' and officers' insurance, if available on reasonable terms.

#### **Policies and Procedures for Related Party Transactions**

We have adopted a written related person transaction policy that sets forth the following policies and procedures for the review and approval or ratification of related person transactions.

A "Related Person Transaction" is a transaction, arrangement or relationship in which the Company or any of its subsidiaries was, is or will be a participant, the amount of which involved exceeds the lesser of (i) \$120,000, and (ii) one percent of the average of the Company's total assets at year end for the last two completed fiscal years, and in which any related person had, has or will have a direct or indirect material interest. Transactions involving compensation for services provided to the Company or any of its subsidiaries as an employee, consultant or director will not be considered related person transactions under this policy. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, (i) any election by the Company pursuant to the Exchange Agreement to deliver any Cash Exchange Notice or make any Cash Exchange Payment (as such terms are defined in the Exchange Agreement) with any Related Person or any affiliate of any Related Person and (ii) any material amendment to the Exchange Agreement, are deemed to be related person transactions.

#### A "Related Person" is:

- any person who is or was an executive officer, director, or director nominee of the Company at any time since the beginning of the Company's last fiscal year;
- a person who is or was an Immediate Family Member (as defined below) of an executive officer, director, director nominee at any time since the beginning of the Company's last fiscal year;
- any person who, at the time of the occurrence or existence of the transaction, is the beneficial owner of more than 5% of any class of the Company's voting securities (a "Significant Stockholder"); or
- any person who, at the time of the occurrence or existence of the transaction, is an Immediate Family Member of a Significant Stockholder of the Company.

An "Immediate Family Member" of a person is any child, stepchild, parent, stepparent, spouse, sibling, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law or sister-in-law of such person, or any other person sharing the household of such person, other than a tenant or employee.

The Company has implemented policies and procedures designed to minimize potential conflicts of interest arising from any dealings it may have with its affiliates and to provide appropriate procedures for the disclosure

of any real or potential conflicts of interest that may exist from time to time. Specifically, pursuant to its charter, the audit committee has the responsibility to review related party transactions.

Under the related person transaction policy, any related person transaction will be reviewed and approved by the audit committee prior to effectiveness or consummation of the transaction, whenever practicable, and if advance approval is not practicable under the circumstances, ratified by the audit committee at its next meeting. Alternatively, a related person transaction arising in the time period between meetings of the audit committee may be presented to the chairperson of the audit committee, who shall review and may approve the related person transaction, subject to ratification by the audit committee at the next meeting of the audit committee.

To identify related person transactions in advance, we expect to rely on information supplied by our executive officers, directors and certain significant stockholders. In considering related person transactions, our audit committee is expected to take into account the relevant available facts and circumstances, which may include, but are not limited to:

- the related person's interest in the transaction;
- the approximate dollar value of the amount involved in the transaction;
- the approximate dollar value of the amount of the related person's interest in the transaction without regard to the amount of any profit or loss;
- whether the transaction was undertaken in the ordinary course of business of the Company;
- whether the transaction with the related person is proposed to be, or was, entered into on terms no less favorable to the Company than terms that could have been reached with an unrelated third party;
- the purpose of, and the potential benefits to the Company of, the transaction; and
- any other information regarding the transaction or the related person in the context of the proposed transaction that would be material to investors in light of the circumstances of the particular transaction.

The Audit Committee will approve only those transactions that it determines are fair to the Company and in the Company's best interests.

#### PROPOSAL NO. 1

#### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The Board has voted to nominate Jennifer Fox and José Ignacio Jiménez Santos for election at the annual meeting for a term of three years to serve until the 2027 annual meeting of shareholders, and until their respective successors are elected and qualified. The Class III directors (Bruce Culleton, M.D., Pablo Legorreta, Uma Sinha, Ph.D.) and the Class I directors (William F. Doyle, Alan M. Lotvin, M.D., and Brian J. G. Pereira, M.D) will serve until the annual general meetings of shareholders to be held in 2026 and 2027, respectively, and until their respective successors have been elected and qualified.

Unless authority to vote for any of these nominees is withheld, the shares represented by the enclosed proxy will be voted **FOR** the election of Jennifer Fox and José Ignacio Jiménez Santos as directors. In the event that any nominee becomes unable or unwilling to serve, the shares represented by the enclosed proxy will be voted for the election of such other person as the Board may recommend in that nominee's place. We have no reason to believe that any nominee will be unable or unwilling to serve as a director.

#### Resolutions

An ordinary resolution, being a resolution passed by the holders of not less than a simple majority of the ProKidney Class A and Class B ordinary shares, voting as a single class, represented in person or by proxy and entitled to vote thereon and who vote at the annual meeting, is required for the election of each director.

The full text of the resolutions to be proposed is as follows:

"RESOLVED, as an ordinary resolution of the holders of the Company's Class A ordinary shares and Class B ordinary shares, voting together as a single class, that Jennifer Fox be appointed to serve as a Class II director on the Board for a three-year term that will expire at the annual general meeting of shareholders in 2027."

"RESOLVED, as an ordinary resolution of the holders of the Company's Class A ordinary shares and Class B ordinary shares, voting together as a single class, that José Ignacio Jiménez Santos be appointed to serve as a Class II director on the Board for a three-year term that will expire at the annual general meeting of shareholders in 2027."

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE ELECTION OF EACH OF JENNIFER FOX AND JOSÉ IGNACIO JIMÉNEZ SANTOS AS DIRECTORS, AND PROXIES SOLICITED BY THE BOARD WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOR THEREOF UNLESS A SHAREHOLDER HAS INDICATED OTHERWISE ON THE PROXY.

#### PROPOSAL NO. 2

#### RATIFICATION OF SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Audit Committee has appointed Ernst & Young LLP, as our independent registered public accounting firm, to audit our financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. Ernst & Young LLP has served as our independent registered public accounting firm since 2019. The Board proposes that the shareholders ratify this appointment. Ernst & Young LLP audited our financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. We expect that representatives of Ernst & Young LLP will be present at the annual meeting, will be able to make a statement if they so desire, and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

In deciding to appoint Ernst & Young LLP, the Audit Committee reviewed auditor independence issues and existing commercial relationships with Ernst & Young LLP and concluded that Ernst & Young LLP has no commercial relationship with the Company that would impair its independence for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.

## Policy on Audit Committee Pre-Approval of Audit and Permissible Non-Audit Services of Independent Public Accountant

The Audit Committee has adopted a policy for the pre-approval of all audits and permitted non-audit services that may be performed by our independent registered public accounting firm. Under the policy, the Audit Committee must give prior approval for any amount or type of service within four categories—audit, audit-related, tax services or, to the extent permitted by law, other services—that the independent auditor provides. Prior to the annual engagement, the Audit Committee may grant general pre-approval for independent auditor services within these four categories. During the year, circumstances may arise when it may become necessary to engage the independent auditor for additional services not contemplated in the original pre-approval and, in those instances, such service will require separate pre-approval by the Audit Committee if it is to be provided by the independent auditor. For any pre-approval, the Audit Committee will consider whether such services are consistent with the SEC's rules on auditor independence, whether the auditor is best positioned to provide the most cost-effective and efficient service and whether the service might enhance our ability to manage or control risk or improve audit quality. The Audit Committee may delegate to one or more of its members authority to approve a request for pre-approval, provided the member reports any approval so given to the Audit Committee at its next scheduled meeting. All fees incurred subsequent to our IPO were pre-approved by the Audit Committee.

#### **Summary of Fees**

The following table summarizes the aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by Ernst & Young LLP to us in 2023 and 2022. A description of these various fees and services follows the table (in thousands).

Name	2023	2022
Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	\$740	\$1,502
Audit-Related Fees	_	_
Tax Fees <sup>(2)</sup>	867	346
All Other Fees <sup>(3)</sup>	2	2

<sup>(1)</sup> Audit Fees: This category represents fees for professional services provided in connection with the audit of our financial statements, review of our quarterly financial statements, and audit services pertaining to other regulatory filings such as our proxy statements and registration statements filed in connection with the Business Combination in 2022.

In the event that our shareholders do not ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm, the Audit committee will reconsider its appointment.

<sup>(2)</sup> Tax Fees: This category consists of tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice.

<sup>(3)</sup> All Other Fees: This category consists of fees for permitted services other than the services reported in audit fees and tax fees.

An ordinary resolution, being a resolution passed by the holders of not less than a simple majority of the ProKidney Class A and Class B ordinary shares, voting as a single class, represented in person or by proxy and entitled to vote thereon and who vote at the annual meeting, is required to ratify the appointment of the independent registered public accounting firm.

#### Resolution

The full text of the resolution to be passed is as follows:

"RESOLVED, as an ordinary resolution, that the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024 be confirmed, ratified and approved in all respects."

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM, AND PROXIES SOLICITED BY THE BOARD WILL BE VOTED IN FAVOR OF SUCH RATIFICATION UNLESS A SHAREHOLDER INDICATES OTHERWISE ON THE PROXY.

#### CODE OF ETHICS AND BUSINESS CONDUCT

We have adopted a code of ethics and business conduct that applies to all of our employees, including our chief executive officer and chief financial and accounting officers. The text of the code of ethics and business conduct is posted on our website at www.prokidney.com. Disclosure regarding any amendments to, or waivers from, provisions of the code of ethics and business conduct that apply to our directors, principal executive officer and principal financial officer will be included in a Current Report on Form 8-K within four business days following the date of the amendment or waiver, unless website posting or the issuance of a press release of such amendments or waivers is then permitted by the rules of The Nasdaq Stock Market.

#### OTHER MATTERS

The Board knows of no other business which will be presented to the annual meeting. If any other business is properly brought before the annual meeting, proxies will be voted in accordance with the judgment of the persons named therein.

#### SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS AND NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTOR

To be considered for inclusion in the proxy statement relating to our 2025 annual general meeting of shareholders, we must receive shareholder proposals and nominations for director no later than December 27, 2024, or, if the date of the 2025 annual general meeting has been advanced or delayed by more than 30 days from the date of this year's annual general meeting, then the deadline will be set by the Board and must be a reasonable time before the Company begins to print and send its related proxy materials. Nominations and proposals also must satisfy other requirements set forth in the Charter. Proposals that are not received in a timely manner will not be voted on at the 2025 annual general meeting. If a proposal is received on time, the proxies that management solicits for the meeting may still exercise discretionary voting authority on the proposal under circumstances consistent with the proxy rules of the SEC. All shareholder proposals should be marked for the attention of Corporate Secretary, 2000 Frontis Plaza Blvd, Suite 250, Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27103.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Winston-Salem, North Carolina April 26, 2024



PROKIDNEY CORP. 2000 FRONTIS PLAZA BLVD SUITE 250 WINSTON-SALEM, NC 27103



#### VOTE BY INTERNET

Before The Meeting - Go to www.proxyvote.com or scan the QR Barcode above

Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time the day before the cut-off date or meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions to obtain your records and to create an electronic voting instruction form.

During The Meeting - Go to www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/PROK2024

You may attend the meeting via the Internet and vote during the meeting. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow available and follow the instructions.

VOTE BY PHONE - 1-800-690-6903
Use any touch-tone telephone to transmit your voting instructions up until 11:59 p.m.
Eastern Time the day before the cut-off date or meeting date. Have your proxy card in hand when you call and then follow the instructions.

VOTE BY MAIL
Mark, sign and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope we have provided or return it to Vote Processing, c/o Broadridge, 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717.

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	1b. José Ignacio Jiménez Santos	0	0	0			For Aç	gainst .	Abstain
2.	To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as	our independent	t register	ed public accounting	firm for the fiscal year ending De	ecember 31, 2024.	0	0	0
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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Ma	laterials for the Annual General Meeting:
The shareholder materials are available a	at www.proxwote.com

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# PROKIDNEY CORP. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS May 30, 2024 10:00 A.M., EASTERN TIME THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The shareholder(s) hereby appoint(s) Bruce Culleton, M.D. and James Coulston, or either of them, as proxies, each with the power to appoint his substitute, and hereby authorize(s) them to represent and to vote, as designated on the reverse side of this ballot, all of the shares of ProKidney Corp. that the shareholder(s) is/are entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders to be held at 10:00 a.m., Eastern Time on May 30, 2024, at 399 Boylston Street, Ste. 350, Boston, MA 02116 and/or www. virtualshareholdermeeting.com/PROK2024, and any adjournment or postponement thereof.

This proxy, when properly executed, will be voted in the manner directed herein. If no such direction is made, this proxy will be voted in accordance with the Board of Directors' recommendations.

CONTINUED AND TO BE SIGNED ON REVERSE SIDE