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**AVID BIOSERVICES, INC.**

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**2022**

**Annual Meeting of Stockholders**

**Notice and Proxy Statement**

**October 18, 2022  
10:00 a.m. (PDT)  
AVID BIOSERVICES, INC.**

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Dear Fellow Stockholders,

We are pleased to invite you to attend the 2022 annual meeting of stockholders of Avid Bioservices, Inc. to be held on October 18, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. (PDT), exclusively online via the internet as a virtual web conference at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CDMO2022](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CDMO2022). The meeting will be held for the following purposes:

- (1) To elect seven directors to serve on our Board of Directors until our 2023 annual meeting of stockholders, with each director to hold office until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation or removal;
- (2) To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2023;
- (3) To approve, on an advisory basis, a non-binding resolution approving the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as described in the Proxy Statement under "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" and "Executive Compensation";
- (4) To approve an amendment to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation to limit the liability of certain officers of the Company; and
- (5) To conduct any other business properly brought before the 2022 annual meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Our Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on August 22, 2022 as the record date for the 2022 annual meeting. Only stockholders of record on August 22, 2022 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the 2022 annual meeting. Further information about voting rights and the matters to be voted upon is presented in the accompanying proxy statement.

We have determined that the 2022 annual meeting will be held in a virtual format only via the Internet. You will be able to participate in the 2022 annual meeting online by visiting [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CDMO2022](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CDMO2022). You will also be able to vote your shares electronically at the 2022 annual meeting.

On or about September 5, 2022, we expect to mail our stockholders a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the "Notice") containing instructions on how to access our proxy statement and our annual report. The Notice also provides instructions on how to vote via the Internet or by telephone and includes instructions on how to receive a paper copy of our proxy materials by mail. The accompanying proxy statement and our annual report can be accessed directly at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

**YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT.** Whether or not you plan to attend the 2022 annual meeting online, we urge you to submit your vote via the Internet, telephone or mail as soon as possible so that your shares can be voted at the 2022 annual meeting in accordance with your instructions.

Very truly yours,

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Joseph Carleone, Ph.D.,  
Chairman of the Board of Directors

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

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To the Stockholders of Avid Bioservices, Inc.:

You are invited to attend the 2022 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, which we refer to as the “*Annual Meeting*”, of Avid Bioservices, Inc., a Delaware corporation, which we refer to as “*we*,” “*us*,” “*our*,” the “*Company*” and “*Avid*,” on October 18, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. (PDT). The Annual Meeting will be held exclusively online via the Internet as a virtual web conference at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CDMO2022](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CDMO2022), for the following purposes:

- (1) To elect seven directors to serve on our Board of Directors until our 2023 annual meeting of stockholders, with each director to hold office until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation or removal;
- (2) To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2023;
- (3) To approve, on an advisory basis, a non-binding resolution approving the compensation of the Company’s named executive officers, as described in the Proxy Statement under “Compensation Discussion and Analysis” and “Executive Compensation”;
- (4) To approve an amendment to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation to limit the liability of certain officers of the Company; and
- (5) To conduct any other business properly brought before the Annual Meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof.

The record date for the Annual Meeting is August 22, 2022. Only stockholders of record at the close of business on that date may vote at the Annual Meeting and at any adjournment or postponement thereof. If your brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee or other nominee is the holder of record of your shares (i.e., your shares are held in “street name”), you will receive voting instructions from the holder of record. You must follow these instructions in order for your shares to be voted. We recommend that you instruct your brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee or other nominee, by following those instructions, to vote FOR all the nominees named in Proposal No. 1 and FOR Proposal Nos. 2, 3 and 4. A list of our stockholders as of the close of business on August 22, 2022 will be available for inspection during business hours for ten days prior to the Annual Meeting at our principal executive offices located at 14191 Myford Road, Tustin, California 92780. The stockholders list will also be made available during the virtual Annual Meeting at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CDMO2022](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CDMO2022).

The accompanying Proxy Statement provides detailed information about the matters to be considered at the Annual Meeting. It is important that your voice be heard and your shares be represented at the Annual Meeting whether or not you are personally able to virtually attend. Even if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting online, we urge you to submit your vote via the Internet, telephone or mail as soon as possible so that your shares can be voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with your instructions.

**OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS VOTING FOR THE ELECTION OF EACH OF THE SEVEN NOMINEES NAMED IN PROPOSAL NO. 1 AND FOR PROPOSAL NOS. 2, 3 AND 4.**

Please note that, even if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting online, we recommend that you vote via the Internet, telephone or mail prior to the Annual Meeting to ensure that your shares will be represented.

Regardless of the number of shares of Common Stock of the Company that you own, your vote is important. Thank you for your continued support, interest and investment in Avid.

Very truly yours,

By order of the Board of Directors,

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Mark R. Ziebell,  
Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

Tustin, California  
August [ ], 2022

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 18, 2022: THE PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING AND THE ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2022 ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT [WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM](http://WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM).**

On or about September 5, 2022, the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and the attached Proxy Statement will be made available to stockholders of record as of August 22, 2022.

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# AVID BIOSERVICES, INC.

## PROXY STATEMENT FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors of Avid Bioservices, Inc., a Delaware corporation, to be used at the 2022 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company, which we refer to as the “*Annual Meeting*”, and which will be on October 18, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. (PDT), and at any adjournment or postponement thereof. The Annual Meeting will be held exclusively online via the Internet as a virtual web conference at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CDMO2022](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CDMO2022). Only stockholders of record at the close of business on August 22, 2022, which we refer to as the “*record date*”, will be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. The Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, which we refer to as the “*Notice*”, containing instructions on how to access this Proxy Statement and the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022, which we refer to as the “*Annual Report*”, is first being mailed to stockholders of record as of August 22, 2022 on or about September 5, 2022.

Holders of our common stock, \$0.001 par value per share (“*Common Stock*”), at the close of business on August 22, 2022 will be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. As of the date of August 22, 2022, [ ] shares of our Common Stock were issued and outstanding and entitled to vote. Stockholders are entitled to one vote for each share of Common Stock held. A majority, or [ ], of these shares, present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting, will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders, this Proxy Statement, the proxy card and the Annual Report are also available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). Web links and addresses contained in this Proxy Statement are provided for convenience only, and the content on the referenced websites does not constitute a part of this Proxy Statement.

All references in this Proxy Statement to “*Avid*”, the “*Company*”, “*we*”, “*us*” and “*our*” refer to Avid Bioservices, Inc. References to the “*Board of Directors*” or “*Board*” refer to the Board of Directors of Avid.

### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING**

#### ***How do I attend the virtual Annual Meeting?***

To participate in the virtual Annual Meeting, visit [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CDMO2022](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CDMO2022) on October 18, 2022 and enter your 16-digit control number included on your proxy card, your Notice of Internet Availability, or the instructions included with your proxy materials. The meeting will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. PDT on October 18, 2022. Online access will begin fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the meeting. If you are unable to locate your 16-digit control number, you will be able to login as a guest. However, if you login as a guest, you will not be able to vote your shares or ask questions during the meeting.

The virtual meeting platform is supported across most Internet browsers and devices (desktop computers, laptop computers, tablets, and smart phones) running updated versions of applicable software and plugins. Stockholders should ensure that they have a strong WiFi connection wherever they intend to participate in the meeting. Stockholders should also give themselves plenty of time to log in and ensure that they can hear streaming audio prior to the start of the meeting.

***Can I ask a question at the virtual Annual Meeting?***

Yes, you will be able to submit questions electronically during the Annual Meeting by using the "Ask a Question" field during the webcast if you have logged in using your control number on your proxy card or Notice of Internet Availability. After entering your 16-digit control number, you may also submit a question prior to the meeting on the voting website at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) by selecting the "Question for Management" field.

During the live question and answer session of the meeting, members of our executive leadership team will answer questions as they come in, as time permits. To ensure the meeting is conducted in a manner that is fair to all stockholders, the Chair of the meeting (or such other person designated by our Board), may exercise broad discretion in recognizing stockholders who wish to participate, the order in which questions are asked and the amount of time devoted to any one question. However, we reserve the right to edit or reject questions we deem profane or otherwise inappropriate. During the meeting, details for submitting written questions will be available at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CDMO2022](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CDMO2022).

***What do I do if I have technical difficulties during the virtual Annual Meeting?***

If you have any difficulties accessing the virtual meeting during the check-in or meeting time, please call the technical support number that will be posted on the virtual Annual Meeting login page.

***Why am I receiving these materials?***

At the Annual Meeting, the Company asks you to vote on four proposals:

**Proposal No. 1:** to elect seven directors to serve on our Board of Directors until our 2023 annual meeting of stockholders, with each director to hold office until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation or removal;

**Proposal No. 2:** to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2023;

**Proposal No. 3:** to adopt, on an advisory basis, a non-binding resolution approving the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as described in the Proxy Statement under "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" and "Executive Compensation"; and

**Proposal No. 4:** to approve an amendment to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation to limit the liability of certain officers of the Company.

The Board may also ask you to participate in the transaction of any other business that is properly brought before the Annual Meeting in accordance with the provisions of our Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the "*Charter*") and Amended and Restated Bylaws (the "*Bylaws*").

You are receiving this Proxy Statement as a stockholder of the Company as of August 22, 2022, the record date for purposes of determining the stockholders entitled to receive notice of and vote at the Annual Meeting. As further described below, we request that you promptly vote via the Internet, telephone or mail.

**THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS VOTING FOR THE ELECTION OF EACH OF THE BOARD'S NOMINEES ON PROPOSAL NO. 1 AND FOR PROPOSAL NOS. 2, 3 AND 4.**

***Who is soliciting my vote?***

In this Proxy Statement, the Board is soliciting your vote.

***Will there be any other items of business on the agenda?***

If any other items of business or other matters are properly brought before the Annual Meeting, your proxy gives discretionary authority to the persons named on the proxy card concerning those items of business or other matters. The persons named on the proxy card intend to vote the proxy in accordance with their best judgment. Our Board of Directors does not intend to bring any other matters to be voted on at the Annual Meeting, and we are not currently aware of any matters that may be properly presented by others for consideration at the Annual Meeting.

***How does the Board recommend that I vote?***

The Board unanimously recommends that you vote as follows:

- **FOR** the election of all seven board nominees;
- **FOR** the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2023;
- **FOR** the approval, on an advisory basis, of a non-binding resolution approving the compensation of the Company's named executive officers, as described in the Proxy Statement under "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" and "Executive Compensation"; and
- **FOR** the approval of an amendment to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation to limit the liability of certain officers of the Company.

***Who can vote?***

Holders of our Common Stock at the close of business on August 22, 2022, the record date, may vote at the Annual Meeting. At the close of business on that date, there were [ ] shares of our Common Stock outstanding and entitled to vote.

***Is my vote confidential?***

Proxies, ballots and voting tabulations are handled on a confidential basis to protect your voting privacy. This information will not be disclosed, except as necessary to meet applicable legal requirements, to allow for the tabulation of votes and certification of the vote, or to facilitate a successful proxy solicitation.

***What is the difference between holding shares as a stockholder of record and as a beneficial owner?***

***Stockholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name.*** If, at the close of business on the record date, your shares were registered directly in your name, then you are the stockholder of record for these shares. As the stockholder of record, you may vote either online at the Annual Meeting or by proxy.

***Beneficial Owners: Shares Registered in "Street Name".*** If, at the close of business on the record date, your shares were held, not in your name, but rather in a stock brokerage account or by a bank or other nominee on your behalf, then you are considered the beneficial owner of shares held in "street name." As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee or other nominee how to vote your shares by following the voting instructions your brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee or other nominee provides. If you do not provide your brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee or other nominee with instructions on how to vote your shares, your brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee or other nominee may, in its discretion, vote your shares with respect to routine matters but may not vote your shares with respect to any non-routine matters. Please see "*Will my shares be voted if I do nothing?*" for additional information.

***Why did I receive a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the "Notice") instead of a full set of proxy materials?***

In accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), we have elected to furnish our proxy materials, including this Proxy Statement and our Annual Report, primarily via the Internet. Stockholders may request to receive proxy materials in printed form by mail or electronically by e-mail by following the instructions contained in the Notice. We encourage stockholders to take advantage of the availability of our proxy materials on the Internet to help reduce the environmental impact of our annual meetings of stockholders.

***How do I vote?***

If you are the record holder of your stock, you can vote in the following ways:

- **By Internet or Telephone:** To vote via the Internet or by telephone, follow the instructions provided in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials. If you vote via the Internet or by telephone, you do not need to return a proxy card by mail. Internet and telephone voting are available 24 hours a day. Votes submitted through the Internet or by telephone must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on October 17, 2022. Alternatively, you may request a printed proxy card by telephone at 1-800-579-1639, over the Internet at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com), or by email at [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com).
- **By Mail:** If you received proxy materials by mail, you can vote by submitting a proxy by mail by marking, dating, signing and returning the proxy card in the postage-paid envelope. Your proxy must be received no later than October 17, 2022.

Shareholders of record and beneficial owners will be able to vote their shares electronically during the Annual Meeting by visiting [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CDMO2022](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CDMO2022). You will need your control number included on your notice or proxy card in order to be able to vote during the Annual Meeting. However, even if you plan to participate in the Annual Meeting online, we recommend that you vote by proxy so that your votes will be counted if you later decide not to participate in the Annual Meeting.



***How do I vote if my common shares are held in “street name”?***

If you hold your shares beneficially in street name through a nominee (such as a brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer or trustee), you may be able to complete your proxy and authorize your vote by proxy by telephone or the Internet as well as by mail. You should follow the instructions you receive from your nominee to vote these shares.

If you do not provide voting instructions to your brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee or other nominee holding shares of our Common Stock for you, your shares will not be voted with respect to Proposal Nos. 1 (election of directors), 3 (advisory vote to approve executive compensation) and 4 (approval of an amendment to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation), as brokerage firms, banks, broker-dealers or other nominees do not have discretion to vote on non-routine matters. We therefore encourage you to provide voting instructions on a proxy card or a provided voting instruction form to the brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee or other nominee that holds your shares by carefully following the instructions provided in their notice to you.

Electronic voting will be possible during the meeting for anyone who wants to vote during the meeting. If you hold your shares in street name, you must request a legal proxy from your bank or broker to vote during the meeting.

***How many votes do I have?***

Stockholders are entitled to one vote per proposal for each share of Common Stock held.

***How will my shares of Common Stock be voted?***

The shares of Common Stock represented by any proxy card which is properly executed and received by the Company prior to or at the Annual Meeting will be voted in accordance with the specifications you make thereon. Where a choice has been specified on the proxy card with respect to the proposals, the shares represented by the proxy will be voted in accordance with the specifications. If you return a validly executed proxy card without indicating how your shares should be voted on a matter and you do not revoke your proxy, your proxy will be voted: **FOR** the election of each of the seven named director nominees set forth on the proxy card (Proposal No. 1); **FOR** the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of the Company for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2023 (Proposal No. 2); **FOR** the approval, on an advisory basis, of a non-binding resolution approving the compensation of the Company’s named executive officers, as described in the Proxy Statement under “Compensation Discussion and Analysis” and “Executive Compensation” (Proposal 3); and **FOR** the approval of an amendment to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation to limit the liability of certain officers of the Company (Proposal No. 4).

***What vote is required with respect to the proposals?***

Proposal No. 1, the election of seven directors to our Board, will require approval of a plurality of the shares present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote, meaning that the director nominees receiving the highest numbers of “for” votes of the shares entitled to be voted for them, up to the number of directors to be elected by such shares, will be elected. As a result, the seven director nominees receiving the most “for” votes at the Annual Meeting will be elected. The proxy card enables a stockholder to vote “FOR” or “WITHHOLD” from voting as to each person nominated by the Board.

Proposal Nos. 2 and 3 will be decided by the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares represented and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. A stockholder may vote “FOR,” “AGAINST” or “ABSTAIN” on Proposal Nos. 2 and 3. Proposal No. 4 will be decided by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Company’s outstanding shares entitled to vote on the matter. A stockholder may vote “FOR,” “AGAINST” or “ABSTAIN” on Proposal No. 4.

***What is the effect of abstentions and broker non-votes on voting?***

Abstentions and broker “non-votes” are included in the determination of the number of shares present at the Annual Meeting for quorum purposes. Abstentions will count as a vote against the proposals, other than for the election of directors (Proposal No. 1). Abstentions will not have an effect on the election of directors because directors are elected by a plurality of the shares present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote. Broker “non-votes” are not counted in the tabulations of the votes cast or present at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote on any of the proposals and therefore will have no effect on the outcome of Proposal Nos. 1, 2 and 3 and will have the effect of a vote against Proposal No. 4. A broker “non-vote” occurs when a nominee holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular proposal because the nominee does not have discretionary voting power with respect to that item and has not received instructions from the beneficial owner. At the Annual Meeting, nominees will not have discretion to vote on Proposal Nos. 1 (election of directors), 3 (advisory vote to approve executive compensation) and 4 (the approval of an amendment to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation), but will have discretion to vote on Proposal No. 2 (ratification of appointment of independent registered public accounting firm).

We encourage you to provide voting instructions on the proxy card or a provided voting instruction form to the brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee, or other nominee that holds your shares by carefully following the instructions provided in their notice to you. Electronic voting will be possible during the meeting for anyone who wants to vote during the meeting. If you hold your shares in “street name”, you must request a legal proxy from your bank or broker to vote during the meeting.

***Who is paying for this proxy solicitation?***

We will bear the costs of soliciting proxies for the Annual Meeting. These costs will include, among other items, the expense of preparing, assembling, printing and mailing the proxy materials to stockholders of record and beneficial owners, and reimbursements paid to brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee or other nominee for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses for forwarding proxy materials to stockholders and obtaining beneficial owner’s voting instructions. In addition to soliciting proxies by mail, our directors, officers and employees may solicit votes, without additional compensation, personally, by telephone, or by other appropriate means.

***If I have already voted by proxy against the proposals, can I still change my mind?***

Yes. You may change your vote at any time prior to the taking of the vote at the Annual Meeting. If you are the stockholder of record, you may change your vote by (i) granting a new proxy bearing a later date (which automatically revokes the earlier proxy) using any of the methods described above (and until the applicable deadline for each method), (ii) providing a written notice of revocation to our corporate secretary at Avid Bioservices, Inc., 14191 Myford Road, Tustin, California 92780, Attn: Corporate Secretary, prior to your shares being voted, or (iii) attending the Annual Meeting online and voting online as instructed above. Attendance at the virtual meeting will not cause your previously granted proxy to be revoked unless you specifically so request. If you hold your shares in “street name”, you must request a legal proxy from your bank or broker to vote during the meeting. We strongly urge you to vote by proxy FOR each of the seven nominees named in Proposal No. 1 and FOR Proposal Nos. 2, 3 and 4. Only your latest dated proxy will count at the Annual Meeting.

***Will my shares be voted if I do nothing?***

If your shares of our Common Stock are registered in your name, you must sign and return a proxy card in order for your shares to be voted, unless you vote over the Internet or by telephone or attend the virtual Annual Meeting and vote online.

If your shares of Common Stock are held in “street name,” that is, held for your account by a brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee or other nominee, and you do not instruct your brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee or other nominee how to vote your shares, then your brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee or other nominee will determine if it has discretion to vote on each matter. Brokerage firms, banks, broker-dealers, trustees or other nominees do not have discretion to vote on non-routine matters. Proposal Nos. 1 (election of directors), 3 (advisory vote to approve executive compensation) and 4 (the approval of an amendment to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation to limit the liability of certain officers of the Company) are considered to be non-routine matters, while Proposal No. 2 (ratification of appointment of independent registered public accounting firm) is considered a routine matter. As a result, if you do not provide voting instructions to your brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee or other nominee, then your brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee or other nominee may not vote your shares with respect to Proposal Nos. 1, 3 or 4, which would result in a “broker non-vote,” but may, in its discretion, vote your shares with respect to Proposal No. 2. For additional information regarding broker non-votes, see “*What is the effect of abstentions and broker non-votes on voting?*” above.

If your shares of our Common Stock are held in “street name,” your brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee or nominee has enclosed a proxy card or voting instruction form with this Proxy Statement. We strongly encourage you to authorize your brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee or other nominee to vote your shares by following the instructions provided on the proxy card or voting instruction form. If you hold your shares in “street name,” you must request a legal proxy from your bank or broker to vote during the meeting.

**We strongly urge you to vote by proxy FOR each of the seven nominees in Proposal No. 1 and FOR Proposal Nos. 2, 3 and 4 by marking, dating, signing and returning the proxy card today in the envelope provided.** You may also vote by proxy over the Internet using the Internet address on the proxy card or by telephone using the toll-free number on the proxy card. If your shares are held in “street name,” you should follow the instructions on your proxy card or voting instruction form provided by your brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee or other nominee and provide specific instructions to your brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee or other nominee to vote as described above.

#### ***What constitutes a quorum?***

A quorum is the minimum number of shares required to be present at the Annual Meeting for the meeting to be properly held under our Bylaws and Delaware law. A majority of the issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock, present in person or represented by proxy, and entitled to vote will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting. Votes withheld, abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted as present or represented for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum for the Annual Meeting. In the absence of a quorum, the Annual Meeting may be adjourned by a majority of the shares entitled to be vote present in person or by proxy.

#### ***What is “Householding” of Annual Meeting materials?***

Some “street name” holders may be “householding” our proxy statements and annual reports. This means that only a single copy of our Proxy Statement and Annual Report to stockholders may have been sent to two or more stockholders sharing the same address. We will promptly deliver a separate copy of either document to you if you call or write us at our principal executive offices, 14191 Myford Road, Tustin, California, 92780, Attn: Investor Relations, telephone: (800) 987-8256. If you would like to receive separate copies of the Proxy Statement or Annual Report to stockholders in the future, or if you are receiving multiple copies and would like to receive only one copy per household, please notify your brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, trustee or other nominee if your shares are held in “street name”, or you may contact us at the above address and telephone number.

#### ***How can I find out the results of the voting at the Annual Meeting?***

Preliminary voting results are expected to be announced at the Annual Meeting. Final voting results will be published in a Current Report on Form 8-K to be filed with the SEC within four business days after the Annual Meeting. If final voting results are not available to us in time to file a Current Report on Form 8-K within four business days after the Annual Meeting, we intend to file a Current Report on Form 8-K to publish preliminary results and, within four business days after the final results are known to us, file an additional Current Report on Form 8-K to publish the final results.

***Who will count the votes?***

The votes will be counted, tabulated and certified by the inspector of elections for the Annual Meeting, who shall be duly appointed by the Board.

***What is the deadline to propose actions for consideration at next year's annual meeting of stockholders?***

Stockholder proposals may be included in our proxy materials for an annual meeting so long as they are provided to us on a timely basis and satisfy the other conditions set forth in applicable SEC rules. For a stockholder proposal to be included in our proxy materials for the 2023 annual meeting of stockholders, which we expect to hold on or about October 19, 2023, the proposal must be received at our principal executive offices at 14191 Myford Road, Tustin, California 92780, addressed to the Corporate Secretary, no later than May 10, 2023, and must comply with all applicable requirements of Rule 14a-8 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "*Exchange Act*"). However, if our 2023 annual meeting of stockholders is not held between September 18, 2023 and November 17, 2023, then the deadline will be a reasonable time prior to the time we begin to print and send our proxy materials.

Stockholder business that is not intended for inclusion in our proxy materials may be brought before the 2023 annual meeting so long as we receive notice of the proposal as specified by our Bylaws, addressed to the Corporate Secretary at our principal executive offices at 14191 Myford Road, Tustin, California 92780, by not earlier than the close of business on June 20, 2023 and not later than the close of business on July 20, 2023. However, if the 2023 annual meeting of stockholders is not held between September 18, 2023 and November 17, 2023, the notice must be delivered no earlier than the close of business on the 120th day nor later than the close of business on the 90th day prior to the 2023 annual meeting of stockholders or, if later, the 10th day following the day on which public disclosure of the date of the 2023 annual meeting of stockholders is made. All such notices must be submitted in accordance with the specific procedural requirements in our Bylaws and must include certain information with regard to the person submitting the proposal. Failure to comply with our Bylaw procedures and deadlines may preclude presentation of the proposal at our 2023 annual meeting of stockholders.

***Whom should I call if I have questions about the Annual Meeting?***

If you have any questions or if you need additional copies of the proxy materials, please call 1-800-690-6903 or log on to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

**IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 18, 2022: THE PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING AND THE ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2022 ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE AT [WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM](http://WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM).**

**PROPOSAL NO. 1:  
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Seven directors are to be elected to Avid's Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting. Proxies can only be voted for the number of nominees named in this Proxy Statement.

All directors are elected annually and serve until our next annual meeting of stockholders, with each director to hold office until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation or removal. The election of directors requires the affirmative vote of a plurality of the shares of Common Stock present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote. Thus, the seven nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be elected as directors at the Annual Meeting.

Our Board of Directors has proposed each of the following nominees for election as directors, each of whom is a current member of our Board of Directors and has consented to serve as a director for an additional term if elected: Esther M. Alegria, Ph.D, Joseph Carleone, Ph.D., Nicholas S. Green, Richard B. Hancock, Catherine J. Mackey, Ph.D., Gregory P. Sargen and Jeanne A. Thoma. The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR the election of each of our nominees to serve as a director of the Company until the next annual meeting, with each director to hold office until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation or removal. If any nominee is unable or declines to serve as a director at the time of the Annual Meeting, the proxies will be voted for any nominee designated by the present Board to fill the vacancy. We do not expect that any nominee will be unable or will decline to serve as a director.

**Considerations in Evaluating Director Nominees**

The Corporate Governance Committee of the Board of Directors is directed under its charter to identify qualified individuals to become directors, and to recommend individuals it identifies to the Board of Directors for nomination. The Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines establish criteria for membership on the Board. Under these criteria, the Corporate Governance Committee seeks to identify a diverse group of candidates for the Board. These candidates should possess strength of character, mature judgment, familiarity with the Company's business and industry, independence of thought and an ability to work collegially and be committed to representing the long-term interests of the stockholders. The Corporate Governance Committee considers all factors it deems appropriate, which may include tenure, existing commitments to other businesses, potential conflicts of interest with other pursuits, legal considerations such as antitrust issues, corporate governance background, various and relevant career experience, relevant technical skills, relevant business or government acumen, financial and accounting background, executive compensation background, other relevant factors deemed relevant to creating a diverse Board. The Corporate Governance Committee does not assign specific weight to particular criteria and not all criteria apply to every candidate.

**Board Diversity Matrix**

The table below provides an enhanced disclosure regarding the diversity of the members and nominees of our Board of Directors. Each of the categories listed in the below table has the meaning as it is used in Nasdaq Rule 5605(f).

**Board Diversity Matrix (As of August 15, 2022)**

<b>Board Size:</b>				
Total Number of Directors	7			
	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Non-Binary</b>	<b>Gender Undisclosed</b>
<b>Part I: Gender Identity</b>				
Number of directors base on gender identity	4	3		
<b>Part II: Demographic Background</b>				
African American or Black				
Asian				
Hispanic or Latinx		1		
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander				
White	4	2		
Two or More Race or Ethnicities				
LGBTQ+	1			
Did not Disclose Demographic Background				

*Director Skills and Experience*

We continually evaluate our director skillsets and expertise for alignment with Avid’s strategic goals. Our directors bring extensive experience in areas that are critical to the Company’s strategy and long-term success, such as CDMO business and operational experience, strategic planning and finance. Below we highlight the key skills and experiences of our director nominees that are critical to Avid’s success and which the Corporate Governance Committee considered when evaluating each director’s experience and qualifications to serve as a director. Each mark indicates a strength that was self-selected by each director. Additional information about each director’s background and business experience is provided below in the biographical information.

Key Skills & Experience

Director Nominee	CDMO Business and Operations Leadership	Public Company Board/CEO	Finance & Capital Markets	Strategic Planning and M&A	Risk Oversight	Human Resources and Executive Compensation	Commercial Sales & Marketing	Corporate Governance
Esther M. Alegria, Ph.D.	ü	ü		ü	ü		ü	ü
Joseph Carleone, Ph.D.	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü
Nicholas S. Green	ü	ü	ü	ü			ü	
Richard B. Hancock	ü	ü		ü	ü	ü		ü
Catherine J. Mackey, Ph.D.		ü		ü	ü	ü		ü
Gregory P. Sargen	ü	ü	ü	ü	ü			ü
Jeanne A. Thoma	ü	ü		ü	ü	ü	ü	ü

Following its evaluation of the seven nominees, the Corporate Governance Committee voted to recommend the nominees to the Board of Directors as candidates for election to a new term in office. The Board believes that as a group the Board consists of a sufficiently diverse group in terms of experience, knowledge and abilities to allow the Board to fulfill its responsibilities to the stockholders and the Company. As such, and based in part on the Corporate Governance Committee’s evaluation and recommendation, the Board of Directors has concluded that it is in our best interest and the best interest of our stockholders for each of the proposed nominees to serve as a member of our Board of Directors.

## Nominees

Information with respect to the number of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by each director as of August 15, 2022 appears under the heading “Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners, Directors and Management.” The name, age, years of service on our Board of Directors, and principal occupation and business experience of each director nominee is set forth below.

### NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES

Name and Age	Principal Occupation and Business Experience	Director Since
Esther M. Alegria, Ph.D. (age 64)	Dr. Esther M. Alegria was appointed to the Board of Directors in June 2021. Dr. Alegria, who brings more than 28 years of experience in the biopharmaceuticals industry, currently serves as the chief executive officer of APIE Therapeutics, leading a team of seasoned industry experts focused on advancing novel treatments for idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis and heart failure towards clinical development. Prior to joining APIE, Dr. Alegria was president and senior executive biopharmaceutical advisor at Catalyst Excel & Advance, an advisory firm providing operational guidance to senior executives working to launch new pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical companies. Prior to Catalyst, Dr. Alegria held positions of increasing responsibility at Biogen, Inc., most recently as senior vice president, global manufacturing, where she was responsible for the company's successful manufacturing operations in Denmark, Massachusetts and North Carolina. These facilities covered the production of large-scale drug substances, medical device assemblies, finished goods, and small-molecule manufacturing operations. Dr. Alegria has also held positions of increasing responsibility in the R&D department of Wyeth (now Pfizer), where she earned the company award for analytical technology in the development and launch of Prevnar. She holds a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Hawaii and an executive business management certification from Harvard Business School. The Board of Directors concluded that Dr. Alegria should serve as a director in light of her extensive operational and leadership experience in biopharma drug development, manufacturing and commercialization.	2021
Joseph Carleone, Ph.D. (age 76)	Dr. Carleone was appointed to the Board of Directors in November 2017, and currently serves as the non-executive Chairman of the Board. Dr. Carleone was Chairman of the Board of AMPAC Fine Chemicals LLC, a leading manufacturer of pharmaceutical active ingredients from 2015 to 2018. Prior to this position, Dr. Carleone was President, Chief Executive Officer and director of American Pacific Corporation, a leading custom manufacturer of fine and specialty chemicals and propulsion products. Dr. Carleone has also served or currently serves as an officer and/or a director of several directly or indirectly wholly-owned subsidiaries of American Pacific Holdings, LLC. Dr. Carleone received his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Drexel University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1968; his master's degree in Applied Mechanics from Drexel University in 1970; and his doctorate degree in Applied Mechanics from Drexel University in 1972. Dr. Carleone has served as a director of Sensient Technologies, Inc. (NYSE:SXT) since 2014, and is currently the Lead Director of the Sensient Board and a member of the Audit and Scientific Advisory Committees. The Board of Directors concluded that Dr. Carleone should serve as a director in light of his operational, governance, management and scientific experience, including extensive executive management and leadership experience as Chief Executive Officer and as Chairman of a public corporation.	2017

Name and Age	Principal Occupation and Business Experience	Director Since
Nicholas S. Green (age 58)	Mr. Green was appointed to the Board of Directors and as our President and Chief Executive Officer in July 2020. Mr. Green has more than 30 years of experience in the global pharmaceutical and healthcare services industry with significant expertise in the contract manufacturing of novel pharmaceutical products, having most recently served since April 2011 as the president and chief executive officer of Therapure Biopharma, a Canada-based biopharmaceutical company which includes Therapure Biomanufacturing. In this role, he oversaw the growth of Therapure's CDMO business, while also leading the creation of Therapure's proprietary plasma protein business, named Evolve. Prior to Therapure, Mr. Green held a number of senior management roles, most notably managing director of Nipa Laboratories Ltd., head of the life science division of Clariant International Ltd. in the USA, president and CEO of Rhodia Pharma Solutions Ltd. and president of Codexis, Inc.'s pharma division. Mr. Green holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Queen Mary College in London and an MBA from the University of Huddersfield. The Board of Directors concluded that Mr. Green should serve as a director in light of his extensive operational and executive management experience in the CDMO industry.	2020
Richard B. Hancock (age 63)	Mr. Hancock was appointed to the Board of Directors in November 2017 and served as our interim President and Chief Executive Officer from May 2019 to July 2020. Mr. Hancock has worked in the biologic CDMO industry for over 30 years in various operational and executive roles, serving most recently as President and Chief Executive Officer of Althea Technologies, Inc., a large molecule CDMO producing a wide range of biologics, vaccines and parenteral products. In addition to Althea, Mr. Hancock has held senior management positions at The Immune Response Corporation, and Hybritech Inc. (now part of Eli Lilly & Company), and he is currently the Executive Chairman of Argonaut Manufacturing Services, Inc., a privately-owned CDMO focused on the biotechnology and life sciences industries. Mr. Hancock has served on the Board of Directors of Tempo Therapeutics, a privately-held company focused on cell therapy and vaccine technology, since 2016 and as Executive Chairman of BioCina, a CDMO, focused on the development and cGMP manufacture of microbial-based therapeutics since January 2022. Mr. Hancock received a B.A. in Microbiology from Miami University. The Board of Directors concluded that Mr. Hancock should serve as a director in light of his extensive operational and executive management experience in the CDMO industry.	2017
Catherine J. Mackey, Ph.D. (age 66)	Dr. Mackey was appointed to the Board of Directors in July 2019. She has more than 30 years of experience in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and agricultural industries. In addition to serving on Avid's Board, she is also a member of the Board of Directors of IDEAYA Biosciences (NASDAQ:IDYA), a precision-medicine oncology company, Voyager Therapeutics (NASDAQ:VYGR), a gene therapy and neuroscience company, and COUR Pharma, a privately-held company focused on reprogramming the immune system. Previously, she served on the Board of Directors of Trillium Therapeutics, Poseida Therapeutics, GW Pharmaceuticals, PLC, and Sequenom, Inc. Dr. Mackey previously served as Senior Vice President of Pfizer Worldwide Research and Development and Director of Pfizer's La Jolla Laboratories, where she built Pfizer La Jolla into one of Pfizer's main pharmaceutical research and development sites with over 1,000 employees and a robust drug pipeline. Prior to that role, she served as head of Strategic Alliances and Genomic and Proteomic Sciences for Pfizer. Dr. Mackey spent the first part of her career in agricultural biotechnology, including as Vice President of DEKALB Genetics, Inc., an international researcher, producer, and marketer of agricultural seed. Dr. Mackey received her B.S. and Ph.D. degrees in microbiology from Cornell University. The Board of Directors concluded that Dr. Mackey should serve as a director in light of her extensive operational and executive management experience in the global pharmaceutical industry and public company board and committee experience.	2019



Name and Age	Principal Occupation and Business Experience	Director Since
Gregory P. Sargen (age 57)	Mr. Sargen was appointed to the Board of Directors in November 2017. Mr. Sargen most recently served as Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President, Corporate Development and Strategy of Cambrex Corporation (NYSE:CBM) (“Cambrex”), a global manufacturer and provider of services to life sciences companies, from 2007 until early 2020, when Cambrex was acquired by a private equity company. Mr. Sargen previously served as Executive Vice President, Corporate Development and Strategy, Chief Financial Officer, and Vice President, Finance of Cambrex. Prior to Cambrex, Mr. Sargen served as Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer of Expanets, Inc., Vice President of Finance – Chemicals Manufacturing Division of Fisher Scientific International Inc. (n/k/a Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.) (NYSE:TMO), and held positions with Merck & Co., Inc. (NYSE:MRK), Heat and Control, Inc. and Deloitte & Touche LLP. Mr. Sargen also serves on the board of Protara Therapeutics (NASDAQ:TARA), a drug development company, Kindeva Drug Delivery LLC, a privately held company focused on complex drug delivery solutions, Veranova, a privately held contract development and manufacturer of small molecule active pharmaceutical ingredients, and Umoja Biopharma, a privately held biotechnology company. Mr. Sargen serves as chairman of the Audit Committee for each of the foregoing companies. Mr. Sargen is a Certified Public Accountant (non-practicing) and holds an MBA in Finance from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and a B.S. in Accounting from Pennsylvania State University.	2017
Jeanne A. Thoma (age 62)	Ms. Thoma was appointed to the Board of Directors in December 2020. Ms. Thoma is a seasoned pharmaceutical industry executive with more than 30 years of experience spanning product development and commercialization, as well as operations and supply chain management. She most recently served as president and chief executive officer of SPI Pharma Inc., a global pharmaceuticals ingredients company and an innovative solutions provider of ingredients and drug delivery systems. Prior to SPI, Ms. Thoma held positions of increasing responsibility at Lonza AG, a Switzerland-based biotech company, most recently as president and chief operating officer of the microbial control business sector. Before joining Lonza, she spent 14 years within the pharma solutions business at BASF Corporation, during which time she held various leadership positions in the areas of sales, marketing and operations. Ms. Thoma currently sits on the board of directors of ANI Pharmaceuticals (NASDAQ:ANIP), and is a member of its Audit and Finance Committee, the board of directors of Nanoform Finland Oyi (NASDAQ:NANOFH.HE) and is a member of the Audit and Compensation Committee, the board of directors of Pharmathen Global BV, and previously the Senior Independent Director of the board of directors of Vectura Group plc. (LSE:VEC) The Board of Directors concluded that Ms. Thoma should serve as a director in light of her extensive executive leadership experience in the pharmaceutical industry.	2020

**Recommendation of the Board of Directors**

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE “FOR” THE ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF EACH OF THE SEVEN NOMINEES NAMED ABOVE IN THIS PROPOSAL NO. 1.**

Our Board of Directors strongly believes in good corporate governance policies and practices. We expect to continue to seek and implement those corporate governance practices that we believe will promote a high level of performance from our Board of Directors, officers and employees. This section describes key corporate governance guidelines and practices that our Board of Directors has adopted. Copies of the following corporate governance documents are posted on our website at <http://ir.avidbio.com/corporate-governance>: (1) Code of Business Conduct and Ethics; (2) Amended and Restated Charter of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors; (3) Charter of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors; (4) Charter of the Corporate Governance Committee of the Board of Directors; and (5) Corporate Governance Guidelines. If you would like a printed copy of any of these corporate governance documents, please send your request to Avid Bioservices, Inc., Attention: Corporate Secretary, 14191 Myford Road, Tustin, California 92780.

### **Board of Directors**

Our business is managed under the direction of our Board of Directors pursuant to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware and our Bylaws. Our Board of Directors has responsibility for establishing broad corporate policies and reviewing our overall performance. Among the primary responsibilities of our Board of Directors is the oversight of the management of our Company. Our directors remain informed of our business and management activities by reviewing documents provided to them before each meeting of the Board of Directors and by attending presentations made by our Chief Executive Officer and other members of management. The Board of Directors held seven meetings during the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022. Each incumbent director attended at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the meetings of the Board and of the committees on which he or she served during the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022. In addition, members of the Board of Directors have access to our books, records and reports and independent auditors and advisors. Members of our management frequently interact with and are at all times available to our Board of Directors.

### **Director Independence**

Under NASDAQ Listing Rule 5605(a)(2), a director will not be considered an “independent director” if such director at any time during the past three years was an employee of the Company, or if a director (or a director’s family member) accepted compensation from the Company (other than compensation for board or committee service) in excess of \$120,000 during any twelve consecutive month period within the three years preceding the determination of independence. In addition, a director will not qualify as an “independent director” if, in the opinion of our Board of Directors, that person has a relationship that would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director. Our Board has affirmatively determined, after considering all of the relevant facts and circumstances, that all of the directors, other than Nicholas S. Green our President and Chief Executive Officer and Richard B. Hancock, who served as our interim President and Chief Executive Officer from May 2019 to July 2020, are independent from our management under the standards set forth in the Company’s Corporate Governance Guidelines, which incorporates the independence standards required by Listing Rule 5605(a)(2) of The Nasdaq Stock Market. This means that none of the independent directors have any direct or indirect material relationship with the Company, either directly or as a partner, stockholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with the Company.

Our Audit, Compensation and Corporate Governance Committees are composed entirely of independent directors as required by applicable SEC and NASDAQ rules, including Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act. In addition, there are no family relationships among any of the directors or executive officers of the Company. Further, each member of our Compensation Committee is a “non-employee director” under Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

### **Meetings of Independent Directors**

The independent members of our Board of Directors have a practice of meeting in executive sessions without the presence of any members of Avid’s management. In accordance with the Corporate Governance Guidelines, the independent members of the Board of Directors are generally scheduled to meet in executive session each time the Board of Directors holds its regularly scheduled meetings and otherwise as needed.

## Committees of Our Board of Directors

The Board of Directors has three standing committees: the Compensation Committee, the Audit Committee, and the Corporate Governance Committee. Each of the three committees maintains a written charter approved by the Board of Directors. Current copies of all of our committees' charters are available on our website at <http://ir.avidbio.com/corporate-governance>. The following is a summary of our three standing committees:

**Compensation Committee.** The primary purposes of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors are to: (i) establish the compensation policy of the Company; (ii) ensure that the compensation of the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer and other corporate officers of the Company enables it to attract and retain high-quality leadership and is consistent with such policy; (iii) review the performance of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and other corporate officers in achieving Company goals and objectives and ensure that senior executives of the Company are compensated effectively in a manner consistent with the strategy of the Company; and (iv) produce an annual report on executive compensation for inclusion in the Company's proxy statements, in accordance with applicable rules and regulations. The Compensation Committee carries out its responsibilities in accordance with the terms of its charter. The Compensation Committee met eight times during the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022. The Compensation Committee has the authority to recommend director compensation to the Board and to determine executive compensation and may not delegate this authority. The Compensation Committee's members are currently Dr. Catherine J. Mackey (chair of the committee), Mr. Gregory P. Sargen, and Ms. Jeanne A. Thoma, each of whom is an independent director.

**Audit Committee.** The primary purposes of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors are to assist the Board of Directors in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities by reviewing: (i) the Company's financial statements provided to stockholders, the public and others; (ii) the Company's system of internal controls regarding finance, accounting, legal compliance and ethical behavior; and (iii) the Company's auditing, accounting and financial reporting process. The Audit Committee carries out its responsibilities in accordance with the terms of its charter. The Audit Committee met four times during the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022. The Audit Committee of our Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Gregory P. Sargen is an "audit committee financial expert" within the meaning of Item 407 of Regulation S-K of the Securities Act and meets the financial sophistication required under the NASDAQ listing standards. The Audit Committee meets the NASDAQ composition requirements, including the requirement that all Audit Committee members have the ability to read and understand financial statements. The Audit Committee members are currently Mr. Gregory P. Sargen (chair of the committee), Dr. Catherine J. Mackey and Dr. Esther M. Alegria, each of whom is an independent director.

**Corporate Governance Committee.** The primary purposes of the Corporate Governance Committee of the Board of Directors are to: (i) make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the size of the Board of Directors; (ii) make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the criteria for the selection of director nominees; (iii) identify and recommend to the Board of Directors for selection as director nominees individuals qualified to become members of the Board of Directors, including stockholder recommendations; (iv) recommend committee assignments to the Board of Directors; (v) regularly review our corporate governance documents, including our corporate Charter and Bylaws and the Corporate Governance Guidelines; (vi) oversee the evaluation of the Board of Directors and committees thereof, and (vii) review and monitor our environmental, social and governance strategy, policies and practices. The Corporate Governance Committee met five times during the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022. The Corporate Governance Committee's members are currently Ms. Jeanne A. Thoma (chair of the committee), Dr. Joseph Carleone and Dr. Esther M. Alegria, each of whom is an independent director.

## **Stockholder Recommendations for Nominations to the Board of Directors**

In accordance with our Bylaws, stockholders may nominate a candidate for election as director by complying with certain notice and other requirements set forth therein. For a stockholder to make any nomination for election to the Board of Directors at the 2023 annual meeting of stockholders, the stockholder must provide notice to the Company, which notice must be delivered to, or mailed and received at, the Company's principal executive offices not earlier than the close of business on June 20, 2023 and not later than the close of business on July 20, 2023. However, if the 2023 annual meeting of stockholders is not held between September 18, 2023 and November 17, 2023, the notice must be delivered no earlier than the close of business on the 120th day nor later than the close of business on the 90th day prior to the 2023 annual meeting of stockholders or, if later, the 10th day following the day on which public disclosure of the date of the 2023 annual meeting of stockholders is made. All such notices must be submitted in accordance with the specific procedural requirements in our Bylaws and must include certain information with regard to the person submitting the proposal. Further updates and supplements to such notice may be required at the times, and in the forms, required under our Bylaws. As set forth in our Bylaws, submissions must include: (i) the name, age, business address and residence address of such nominee; (ii) the principal occupation or employment of such nominee; (iii) the class and number of shares of each class of capital stock of the Company which are owned of record and beneficially by such nominee; (iv) the date or dates on which such shares were acquired and the investment intent of such acquisition; (v) with respect to each nominee for election or re-election to the Board of Directors, a completed and signed questionnaire, representation and agreement required by our Bylaws; and (vi) such other information concerning such nominee as would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement soliciting proxies for the election of such nominee as a director in an election contest (even if an election contest is not involved), or that is otherwise required to be disclosed pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (including such person's written consent to being named as a nominee and to serving as a director if elected). Our Bylaws also specify further requirements as to the form and content of a stockholder's notice. We recommend that any stockholder wishing to make a nomination for director review a copy of our Bylaws, which is available, without charge, from our Corporate Secretary, at Avid Bioservices, Inc., 14191 Myford Road, Tustin, California 92780.

If the Corporate Governance Committee or the Board of Directors determines that any nomination made by a stockholder was not made in accordance with the proper procedures under our Bylaws, the rules and regulations promulgated under the SEC or other applicable laws or regulations, such nomination will be void. The Corporate Governance Committee will evaluate candidates recommended by stockholders in the same manner as those recommended by others.

## **Board of Directors Leadership Structure**

Our Board of Directors does not have a policy on whether the same person should serve as both the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors or, if the roles are separate, whether the Chairman should be selected from the non-employee directors or should be an employee. The Board of Directors believes that it should have the flexibility to make these determinations in the way that it believes best provides appropriate leadership for the Company at a given time. Separation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board is appropriate for the Company at this time. Both positions are actively engaged on significant matters affecting the Company. The Chief Executive Officer has overall responsibility for all aspects of the Company's operations, while the Chairman has a greater focus on governance of the Company, including oversight of the Board of Directors. We believe this balance of shared leadership between the two positions is a strength for the Company. In accordance with the Corporate Governance Guidelines, in the event that in the future the positions of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer are held by the same person, the non-employee directors shall designate a lead independent director.

## **Risk Oversight**

The Board of Directors oversees an enterprise-wide approach to risk management that is designed to support the achievement of organizational objectives to improve long-term performance and enhance stockholder value. A fundamental part of risk management is not only understanding the risks a company faces and what steps management is taking to manage those risks, but also understanding what level of risk is appropriate for the Company. In setting the Company's business strategy, the Board of Directors assesses the various risks being mitigated by management and determines what constitutes an appropriate level of risk for the Company.

While the Board of Directors has the ultimate oversight responsibility for the risk management process, various committees of the Board of Directors also have responsibility for risk management. In particular, the Audit Committee focuses on financial risk, including internal controls, and receives financial risk assessment reports from management. Risks related to the compensation programs are reviewed by the Compensation Committee. The Corporate Governance Committee oversees the annual Board self-evaluation and director nomination processes in order to ensure a diverse and well-balanced Board, and oversees the evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer, including succession planning. These committees meet regularly and report their findings to the Board of Directors throughout the year. The Company also maintains insurance policies that would reimburse the Company for a wide range of potential losses that the Company could incur in due course.

### **Communicating with the Board of Directors**

Under our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, we have established an Open Door Policy and Hotline For Reporting Employee Complaints or Accounting or Auditing Matters for the confidential, anonymous submission by our directors, officers and employees of concerns regarding violations or suspected violations of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, including those relating to accounting and auditing matters. In addition, the Audit Committee has established procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of communications received by us, our Board of Directors and the Audit Committee regarding accounting, internal controls or auditing matters. Written communications from our stockholders and employees may be sent to: Avid Bioservices, Inc., Attention: Audit Committee Chair, 14191 Myford Road, Tustin, California 92780.

In addition, the Company's annual meeting of stockholders provides an opportunity each year for stockholders to ask questions of or otherwise communicate directly with members of the Board of Directors on appropriate matters. Any stockholder or interested person may communicate with the Company's non-management directors as a group by sending a communication to the Board of Directors c/o Avid Bioservices, Inc., Attn: Corporate Secretary, Avid Bioservices, Inc., 14191 Myford Road, Tustin, California 92780. All communications will be reviewed by the Company's Corporate Secretary. The Corporate Secretary will not forward to the non-management directors any spam, junk mail, mass mailing, product complaint, product inquiry, new product suggestion, job inquiry, survey, or business solicitation or advertisement. Material that is unduly hostile, threatening, illegal, or similarly unsuitable will also be excluded. The non-management directors who receive such communication will have discretion to determine the handling of such communication, and if appropriate, the response to the person sending the communication and disclosure, which shall be consistent with the Company's policies and procedures and applicable law regarding the disclosure of information.

### **Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability**

We are a dedicated biologics contract development and manufacturing organization working to improve patient lives by providing high quality development and manufacturing services to biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies. Early in fiscal year 2022 we engaged a third-party consultant to assist us with our establishment of a more formal environmental, social, governance ("ESG") and sustainability program. Working with the consultant, and under the oversight of the Corporate Governance Committee, we have embarked on a comprehensive initiative to assess, benchmark and prioritize our ESG and sustainability practices. Later in fiscal year 2022 our executive leadership team assembled a working team to formally launch the first phase of this initiative focusing on sustainable procurement and other environmental initiatives, including the engagement of EcoVadis, a leading global corporate social responsibility and sustainability company, to help us establish and enhance processes supporting strong ESG practices throughout our supply chain. Our partnership with EcoVadis provides an independent supplier assessment against 21 criteria in categories of environment, labor and human rights, ethics, and sustainable procurement.

### **Director Attendance at Annual Meetings of Stockholders**

We have no policy requiring directors to attend annual meetings of stockholders, but directors are encouraged to attend our annual meetings at which they stand for re-election. All seven of our then current directors attended the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

**DIRECTOR COMPENSATION**

The following table sets forth information regarding the compensation earned during the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022 by each individual who served as a non-employee director at any time during the fiscal year:

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash	Stock Awards <sup>(1)</sup>	Option Awards <sup>(2)</sup>	All Other Compensation	Total
Esther M. Alegria, Ph.D. <sup>(3)</sup>	\$70,727	\$169,789	\$118,994	—	\$359,510
Mark R. Bamforth <sup>(4)</sup>	\$22,500	—	—	\$123,118	\$145,618
Joseph Carleone, Ph.D.	\$109,073	\$115,985	—	—	\$225,058
Richard B. Hancock	\$55,000	\$115,985	—	—	\$170,985
Catherine J. Mackey, Ph.D.	\$90,000	\$115,985	—	—	\$205,985
Gregory P. Sargen	\$90,000	\$115,985	—	—	\$205,985
Jeanne A. Thoma	\$88,454	\$115,985	—	—	\$204,439

- (1) The amounts reported in this column represent the grant date fair value of the Restricted Stock Units (“RSUs”) granted to our non-employee directors during the fiscal year 2022, as computed in accordance with ASC Topic 718, not including any estimates of forfeitures. The assumptions used in calculating the grant date fair value of the RSUs reported in this column are set forth in Note 6 “Equity Compensation Plans” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022, filed with the SEC on June 29, 2022. The amounts reported in this column reflect the accounting cost for these RSUs, and do not correspond to the actual economic value that may be received by the non-employee directors from the RSUs. As of April 30, 2022, our non-employee directors had the following outstanding RSUs: Dr. Alegria – 6,699; Mr. Bamforth – 0; Dr. Carleone – 4,632; Mr. Hancock – 35,650; Dr. Mackey—4,632; Mr. Sargen—4,632; and Ms. Thoma – 7,706.
- (2) The amounts reported in this column represent the grant date fair value of the stock options granted to our non-employee directors during fiscal year 2022, as computed in accordance with ASC Topic 718, not including any estimates of forfeitures. The assumptions used in calculating the grant date fair value of the stock options reported in this column are set forth in Note 6 “Equity Compensation Plans” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022, filed with the SEC on June 29, 2022. The amounts reported in this column reflect the accounting cost for these stock options, and do not correspond to the actual economic value that may be received by the non-employee directors from the options. As of April 30, 2022, our non-employee directors had the following outstanding options: Dr. Alegria – 8,376; Mr. Bamforth – 0; Dr. Carleone – 124,305; Mr. Hancock – 228,887; Dr. Mackey—61,805; Mr. Sargen—124,305; and Ms. Thoma – 19,403.
- (3) Dr. Alegria was appointed to the Company’s Board effective June 28, 2021.
- (4) Mr. Bamforth resigned from the Company’s Board effective July 8, 2021. The amount shown for Mr. Bamforth in the column “All Other Compensation” represents the aggregate incremental fair value of stock and option awards modified in fiscal year 2022 to provide for the acceleration of vesting of Mr. Bamforth’s unvested option and RSU awards upon his resignation as a member of the Company’s Board, as computed in accordance with ASC Topic 718, in recognition of Mr. Bamforth’s significant contributions to the Board and Company during his near four-year tenure. This amount does not correspond to the actual value that may be recognized by Mr. Bamforth.

For fiscal year 2022, the Compensation Committee engaged its independent compensation consultant, Radford, to review the Company’s non-employee director compensation program and benchmark the compensation against the Company’s peers. Based on Radford’s July 2021 report, the Compensation Committee recommended, and the Board approved, effective November 1, 2021, the cash component of the non-employee director compensation program as follows: (i) an annual cash retainer of \$55,000, (ii) an annual cash retainer of \$50,000 for the Chairman of the Board, and (iii) an annual cash retainer of \$20,000 and \$15,000 per committee chairmanship and membership, respectively, each payable in equal quarterly installments. In addition, on an annual basis, in December of each year, each non-employee director is awarded an equity award for a number of shares of the Company’s Common Stock under our 2018 Omnibus Incentive Plan. Also based on Radford’s report, for fiscal year 2022, the Compensation Committee recommended, and the Board approved effective November 1, 2021, that the annual equity award should be delivered as an RSU award with a grant date intrinsic dollar value of \$140,000. These RSUs fully vest on the first anniversary of the date of grant. With respect to a non-employee director’s initial appointment or election to our Board of Directors, such non-employee director would receive an initial RSU award with a grant date intrinsic dollar of \$210,000. The initial RSU award vests in equal annual installments over a three-year period. With respect to the annual and initial awards, the number of shares awarded to each non-employee director is based on the average closing price of the Company’s Common Stock as reported on the Nasdaq Stock Market for the thirty (30) days ended on the date of the award. Dr. Alegria, who joined the Board effective June 28, 2021, received her initial equity award under the prior year non-employee director compensation program which is described under “Director Compensation” in our Definitive Proxy Statement with respect to the 2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders filed with the SEC on August 27, 2021.

**PROPOSAL No. 2:  
RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

The Audit Committee, in consultation with management, has approved the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal year ending April 30, 2023. Ernst & Young LLP has served in this capacity for each of the 22 fiscal years ended April 30, 2022. During the 22 fiscal years ended April 30, 2022, there were no disagreements between the Company and Ernst & Young LLP on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure or auditing scope or procedure.

Representatives of Ernst & Young LLP are expected to attend virtually the 2022 Annual Meeting with the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so and are expected to be available to respond to appropriate questions.

Stockholder ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm is not required by our Bylaws or otherwise. However, the Board of Directors is submitting the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP to the stockholders for ratification as a matter of good corporate governance. If the stockholders fail to ratify the selection, the Audit Committee will reconsider whether or not to retain Ernst & Young LLP. Even if the selection is ratified, the Audit Committee in its discretion may direct the appointment of a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if the Audit Committee determines that such a change would be in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

#### **Vote Required**

The affirmative vote of holders of a majority of the shares of our Common Stock represented in person (virtually) or by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote on the matter is required to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP to serve as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2023.

#### **Recommendation of the Board of Directors**

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR PROPOSAL NO. 2 TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 2023.**

#### **Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Fees**

The following summarizes aggregate fees billed to the Company for the fiscal years ended April 30, 2022 and 2021 by Ernst & Young LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Audit fees <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 675,000	\$ 560,000
Audit-related fees <sup>(2)</sup>	13,000	164,000
Tax fees <sup>(3)</sup>	13,000	50,000
All other fees <sup>(4)</sup>	–	2,000
Total fees	<u>\$ 701,000</u>	<u>\$ 776,000</u>

(1) Audit fees pertain to the audit of our annual consolidated financial statements for the fiscal years ended April 30, 2022 and 2021, including attestation services relating to the report on our internal controls in accordance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, and timely reviews of our quarterly consolidated financial statements.

(2) This category consists of fees for assurance and related services reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of financial statements and that are not reported under the Audit Fees category. For the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022, we incurred fees of approximately \$13,000, related to Ernst & Young's review of, and issuance of a consent for, our filing of a Registration Statement on Form S-3 with the Securities and Exchange Commission. For the fiscal year ended April 30, 2021, we incurred fees of approximately \$164,000 related to Ernst & Young's review of offering documents and related issuance of comfort letters in connection with our equity and convertible debt financings.

(3) This category consists of fees for professional services rendered for tax compliance and tax advice.

(4) All other fees are attributable to the Company's subscription to an Ernst & Young LLP online service used for accounting research purposes for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2021.

## **Pre-Approval Policy for Services Provided by our Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The Audit Committee has established a policy to pre-approve all audit and permissible non-audit services provided by our independent registered public accounting firm consistent with applicable SEC rules. From and after the effective date of the SEC rule requiring Audit Committee pre-approval of all audit and permissible non-audit services provided by an independent registered public accounting firm, the Audit Committee has pre-approved all audit and permissible non-audit services provided by Ernst & Young LLP.

The Audit Committee has considered whether the non-audit services provided by Ernst & Young LLP are compatible with maintaining that firm's independence and has determined that the provision of such non-audit services is compatible with maintaining the independent registered public accounting firm's independence.

## **Report of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors**

The Audit Committee reviews the Company's financial matters and oversees the financial reporting process on behalf of our Board of Directors. The Audit Committee operates pursuant to a written Audit Committee Charter. In accordance with the Audit Committee Charter, we must meet the independence requirements and other criteria set by the NASDAQ Listing Rules and SEC rules as currently in effect. As part of our oversight of our Company's financial statements, our Chairman of the Audit Committee reviews and discusses with both management and Ernst & Young LLP all annual and quarterly financial statements prior to their issuance. Our responsibilities include selecting, in consultation with management, an accounting firm to be hired as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm. We are also responsible for recommending to the Board of Directors that the Company's financial statements be included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022 (the "Annual Report"). We have taken the following steps in making our recommendation that the Company's financial statements be included in the Annual Report:

1. Reviewed and discussed with both management and Ernst & Young LLP, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022, all annual and quarterly financial statements prior to their issuance.
2. Discussed with Ernst & Young LLP those matters required to be discussed by the applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board ("PCAOB") and the SEC, including information regarding the scope and results of the audit. These communications and discussions are intended to assist the Audit Committee in overseeing the financial reporting and disclosure process.
3. Discussed with Ernst & Young LLP its independence and received from Ernst & Young LLP the written disclosures required by the applicable requirements of the PCAOB Ethics and Independence Rule 3526, *Communications with Audit Committees Concerning Independence*. This discussion and disclosure helped the Audit Committee in evaluating such independence.
4. Reviewed and discussed with the Company's management and Ernst & Young LLP, the Company's audited consolidated balance sheet at April 30, 2022, and consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income, cash flows and stockholders' equity for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022.

Based on the reviews and discussions explained above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Company's financial statements be included in the Annual Report.

This report of the Audit Committee shall not be deemed incorporated by reference by any general statement incorporating by reference this Proxy Statement into any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except to the extent we specifically incorporate this information by reference, and shall not otherwise be deemed filed under either the Securities Act or the Exchange Act.

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors  
Gregory P. Sargen (Chair of the Audit Committee)  
Catherine J. Mackey, Ph.D.  
Esther M. Alegria, Ph.D.



**PROPOSAL NO. 3:  
ADVISORY NON-BINDING VOTE ON THE COMPENSATION OF THE NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

Stockholders have an opportunity to cast an advisory, non-binding vote on the compensation paid to our Named Executive Officers (“NEOs”), as disclosed in this Proxy Statement. This proposal, commonly known as a “Say-on-Pay” proposal, is currently conducted at each annual stockholders’ meeting and gives stockholders the opportunity to either approve, reject or abstain from voting with respect to such compensation.

As discussed in the “Compensation Discussion and Analysis” section of this Proxy Statement, the primary objectives of our executive compensation program for fiscal year 2022 were to (i) attract and retain qualified executives with the requisite skills and abilities to enable us to achieve our corporate goals and (ii) align the interests of executives with those of stockholders by rewarding executives for the Company’s achievement of its goals and increased stockholder value. While we believe that the Compensation Committee is in the best position to determine whether the Company’s executive compensation program is appropriately tailored to meet these objectives, we appreciate and value our stockholders’ views. Your advisory, non-binding vote will serve as an additional tool for the Compensation Committee in assessing the Company’s executive compensation program.

The Board recommends a vote in favor of the following resolution:

**“RESOLVED**, that the compensation paid to the Company’s NEOs, as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K in the Company’s 2022 Proxy Statement, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, compensation tables and narrative discussion, is hereby **APPROVED**.”

Because the vote on this proposal is advisory in nature, it will not affect any compensation already paid or awarded to any NEO and will not be binding on or overrule any decisions of the Company, the Board or the Compensation Committee; it will not create or imply any change to the fiduciary duties of, or create or imply any additional fiduciary duties for, the Company, the Board or the Compensation Committee; and it will not restrict or limit the ability of stockholders to make proposals for inclusion in proxy materials related to executive compensation. Consistent with our commitment to high standards of corporate governance, the current Compensation Committee intends to take into account the outcome of the vote when considering future compensation arrangements for our Named Executive Officers.

#### **Vote Required**

The Say-on-Pay vote must receive the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the shares present in person (virtually) or by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote thereon to be approved. Abstentions are considered votes present in person (virtually) or by proxy and thus have the same effect as votes “Against” the proposal. Broker non-votes, if any, will have no effect on the outcome of this proposal. The Say-on-Pay vote is advisory, and therefore is not binding on us, our Compensation Committee or our Board. The Say-on-Pay vote will, however, provide information to us regarding investor sentiment about our executive compensation philosophy, policies and practices, which the Compensation Committee will consider when determining executive compensation for the remainder of the current fiscal year and beyond. Our Compensation Committee value the opinions of our stockholders. To the extent there is any significant vote against the NEOs’ compensation as disclosed in this proxy statement, we will endeavor to engage with stockholders to better understand the concerns that influenced the vote and consider our stockholders’ concerns. The Compensation Committee will evaluate whether any actions are necessary to address those concerns.

#### **Recommendation of the Board of Directors**

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR PROPOSAL NO. 3 TO APPROVE, ON AN ADVISORY BASIS, THE COMPENSATION OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AS DISCLOSED IN THIS PROXY STATEMENT.**

## Share Ownership

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the beneficial ownership of our Common Stock as of August 15, 2022, by: (i) each stockholder known to us to beneficially own more than 5% of our Common Stock; (iii) each current director and director nominee; (iv) our Named Executive Officers as of April 30, 2022 (including any individual who served as a principal executive officer or principal financial officer at any time during the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022); and (v) all current directors and executive officers of the Company as a group.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC and includes voting or investment power with respect to shares of our Common Stock. Under these rules, of Common Stock subject to any option or other right that are exercisable or convertible within 60 days of August 15, 2022 are deemed beneficially owned and outstanding for computing the percentage ownership of the individual or entity holding such securities, but are not considered outstanding for computing the percentage ownership of any other person. Unless otherwise indicated, each person named below holds sole investment and voting power, other than the powers that may be shared with the person's spouse under applicable law.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock	
	Number of Shares	Percent <sup>(a)</sup>
<b>5% or Greater Stockholders:</b>		
BlackRock, Inc. <sup>(b)</sup>	9,512,805	15.30%
Fidelity (FMR LLC) <sup>(c)</sup>	6,088,025	9.79%
State Street Corporation <sup>(d)</sup>	4,279,309	6.88%
Vanguard Group Inc. <sup>(e)</sup>	3,943,142	6.34%
<b>Named Executive Officers and Current Directors<sup>(f)</sup>:</b>		
Nicholas S. Green	121,608(g)	*
Daniel R. Hart	231,412(g)	*
Mark R. Ziebell	231,419(g)	*
Esther M. Alegria, Ph.D	3,481(g)	*
Joseph Carleone, Ph.D.	193,629(g)	*
Richard B. Hancock	193,090(g)	*
Catherine J. Mackey, Ph.D.	64,184(g)	*
Gregory P. Sargen	126,684(g)	*
Jeanne A. Thoma	8,005(g)	*
All directors and executive officers as a group (9 persons)	1,173,512	1.86%

\* Represents less than 1% of the outstanding shares of our Common Stock.

(a) Applicable percentage ownership of our Common Stock computed on the basis of 62,167,454 of our Common Stock outstanding at August 15, 2022, plus (i) shares of our Common Stock that could be acquired within 60 days of August 15, 2022 upon the exercise of stock options and/or vesting of stock awards.

(b) The information set forth herein is based solely on a Form 13F-HR filed with the SEC on August 12, 2022 by BlackRock, Inc., 55 East 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, New York, NY 10055, reporting ownership as of June 30, 2022.

(c) The information set forth herein is based solely on a Form 13F-HR filed with the SEC on August 12, 2022 by FMR LLC, 245 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02210, reporting ownership as of June 30, 2022.

(d) The information set forth herein is based solely on a Form 13F-HR filed with the SEC on August 15, 2022 by State Street Corporation, One Lincoln Street, Boston, MA 02111, reporting ownership as of June 30, 2022.

(e) The information set forth herein is based solely on a Form 13F-HR filed with the SEC on August 12, 2022 by Vanguard Group Inc., PO Box 2600 V26, Valley Forge, PA 19482, reporting ownership as of June 30, 2022.

(f) The address of all of our executive officers and directors is c/o Avid Bioservices, Inc., 14191 Myford Road, Tustin, California, 92780.

(g) Includes shares that such individuals have the right to acquire as of August 15, 2022, or within 60 days thereafter, pursuant to the exercise of outstanding stock options and vesting of stock awards as follows: Mr. Green—51,900 shares; Mr. Hart—186,751 shares; Mr. Ziebell—196,101 shares; Dr. Alegria—2,792 shares; Dr. Carleone—124,305 shares; Mr. Hancock—155,875 shares; Dr. Mackey—61,805 shares; Mr. Sargen—124,305 shares; and Ms. Thoma—6,468 shares. Such shares are deemed to be outstanding in calculating the percentage ownership of such individual (and the group), but are not deemed to be outstanding as to any other person.

*The following is a discussion and analysis of our executive compensation program and compensation decisions made for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022 (“fiscal year 2022”). This discussion relates to the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table included within the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of the Proxy Statement. We refer to these officers as the “Named Executive Officers” or “NEOs.”*

**Fiscal Year 2022 in Review**

For the fiscal year 2022, we built upon the momentum from the prior fiscal year and continued to make strong progress towards our long-term goals. We are keenly focused on achieving our corporate goals, in alignment with our broader purpose to return long-term value to our stockholders.

Among our accomplishments for fiscal year 2022 were the following:

- Reported revenues of \$119.6 million, an increase of 25%, or \$23.7 million, compared to the fiscal year ended April 30, 2021 (“fiscal year 2021”), representing an all-time high;
- Reported net income attributable to common stockholders of \$12.7 million, or \$0.21 per basic and diluted share, which excludes the effect of the non-cash income tax benefit due to the release of our valuation allowance recorded against the Company’s deferred tax assets, compared to \$3.3 million, or \$0.06 per basic and diluted share for fiscal year 2021;
- Expanded our customer base and programs with existing customers and ended fiscal year 2022 with a backlog of \$153 million, representing a net increase of 30% compared to \$118 million at the end of fiscal year 2021;
- Completed the first phase of our two-phased expansion of our Myford Facility with the commissioning of the second downstream processing suite in our Myford North facility in January 2022. The second phase, which further expands our capacity through the build-out of a second manufacturing train, including both upstream and downstream processing suites within the south side of our Myford facility, is on-going and anticipated to be online during the first calendar quarter of 2023; and
- Announced the expansion of our CDMO service offerings into the rapidly growing cell and gene therapy market, and initiated the construction of a world-class, purpose-built cell and gene therapy development and CGMP manufacturing facility in Costa Mesa, California.

In summary, we surpassed our financial goals for fiscal year 2022, expanded our service offerings into the cell and gene therapy market, and are on track to complete our various capacity expansions during calendar 2023, all of which we believe position Avid for long-term continued growth.

**Executive Summary**

The Compensation Committee of the Board is responsible for establishing, implementing and overseeing our overall compensation strategy and policies, including our executive compensation program, in a manner that supports our business objectives. The Compensation Committee believes that attracting, motivating, retaining, and rewarding superior executive talent is key to delivering attractive stockholder returns, and that an appropriately structured executive compensation program is critical to that end. For fiscal year 2022, the Compensation Committee continued to maintain an executive compensation philosophy designed to tie executive compensation to the successful execution of our overall corporate goals and adherence to our core values that best serve the interests of our stockholders. The Compensation Committee’s complete roles and responsibilities are set forth in a written charter of the Compensation Committee adopted by our Board of Directors, which can be found at our website, <http://ir.avidbio.com/corporate-governance>.

Our Named Executive Officers for fiscal year 2022 were the following individuals:

- Nicholas S. Green, President and Chief Executive Officer
- Daniel R. Hart, Chief Financial Officer
- Mark R. Ziebell, Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

### Compensation Philosophy

The Company's compensation philosophy is to provide compensation that will attract, motivate, retain and reward high-performing talent in our industry and foster a pay-for-performance philosophy by tying a significant portion of pay to financial performance as well as other goals that support the creation of sustainable long-term stockholder value. The Company believes that the compensation of its executive officers should align the executive officers' interests with those of the stockholders and focus executive officer behavior to achieve both near-term corporate goals and long-term business objectives and strategies.

It is the responsibility of the Compensation Committee to administer the Company's compensation programs to ensure that they are competitive with specific peers within the contract development and manufacturing organizations industry segment, as well as companies within the broader life sciences industry having a comparable profile, and to include incentives that are designed to appropriately drive the Company's continued development to create stockholder value. The Compensation Committee reviews and approves annually all components of the Company's executive officer compensation, including base salaries, annual cash incentive compensation, and equity incentive compensation.

### Compensation Objectives

The Company's compensation programs for its executive officers are designed to provide the following:

Element	Objective(s)
Base Salary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Provides a fixed level of compensation that is competitive with the external market and reflects each executive's contributions, experience, responsibilities and potential to contribute to our future success</li> </ul>
Annual Cash Bonus Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Aligns short-term compensation with our annual corporate goals, balanced with individual accountability</li> <li>· Motivates and rewards the achievement of annual corporate goals that support long-term value creation</li> </ul>
Long-term Equity Incentives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Drives Company performance and aligns executives' interests with the long-term interests of our stockholders</li> <li>· Motivates and rewards the achievement for stock price growth</li> <li>· Promotes executive retention and stock ownership, and focuses executives on enhancing stockholder value</li> </ul>
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Promotes health and wellness</li> <li>· Provides financial protection in the event of disability or death</li> <li>· Provides tax-beneficial ways for executives to save towards their retirement, and encourages savings through competitive matches to executives' retirement savings</li> </ul>

The Compensation Committee believes that combining short-term compensation components (such as base salaries and annual cash incentive bonuses) and long-term compensation components (such as time-based and performance-based equity incentive awards) provides an overall compensation structure that is consistent with the compensation philosophy of both attracting and retaining key executives and providing incentive for the achievement of short and long-term corporate goals, as well as aligning executives' interests with those of our stockholders.

## **Compensation Process**

### ***Role of the Compensation Committee in Setting Executive Compensation***

The Compensation Committee has principal responsibility for reviewing our executive compensation structure, evaluating the performance of our executive officers relative to our corporate goals and objectives, and considering and approving executive compensation.

The fundamental responsibilities of our Compensation Committee are to:

- review annually and approve our compensation strategy to ensure that employees, including Named Executive Officers, are rewarded appropriately for their contributions to our growth and profitability;
- review annually and approve corporate goals and objectives relevant to executive compensation and evaluate performance in light of those goals;
- review annually and approve or make recommendations to the Board of Directors with respect to executive officer compensation, plans, policies, and programs; and
- Oversee the administration of our equity compensation plans for executive officers and employees.

In determining each executive officer's compensation, our Compensation Committee reviews our corporate financial performance and financial condition and assesses the performance of the individual executive officers. The Chief Executive Officer evaluates the performance of the other executive officers and develops individual recommendations based upon peer group benchmarking data prepared by the Compensation Committee's independent compensation consultant. The Chief Executive Officer and the Compensation Committee may make adjustments to the recommended compensation based upon an assessment of an individual's performance and contributions to Avid. The compensation for the Chief Executive Officer is assessed and established by the Compensation Committee. This assessment is based on the peer group benchmarking data and other factors described in this Compensation Discussion and Analysis, and adjustments may be made based upon the non-employee directors' evaluation, conducted under the supervision of the Corporate Governance Committee, of the Chief Executive Officer's performance and contributions.

Although the Compensation Committee generally makes several compensation decisions in the first quarter of the fiscal year, the compensation evaluation process is ongoing. Compensation discussions and decisions are designed to promote our fundamental business objectives and strategy. Evaluation of management performance and rewards is performed annually or more often as needed.

### ***Independent Compensation Consultant***

In establishing compensation levels for each executive officer, the Compensation Committee has the authority to engage the services of outside consultants. In fiscal year 2022, the Compensation Committee engaged Radford, part of the Rewards Solutions practice of Aon plc, as its independent compensation consultant to assist the Compensation Committee in reviewing the Company's peer group, reviewing our executive compensation program, assessing the competitiveness and effectiveness of such program relative to our peer group, and advising our Compensation Committee on matters related to executive compensation. As part of its engagement, Radford assisted the Compensation Committee by providing the following services:

- Reviewing peer group and pay philosophy for go-forward reasonableness;
- Assessing the executive compensation program and developing recommendations covering salary, incentives and equity compensation;
- Reviewing peer long-term incentive trends, including dilution, vehicle mix and use of performance-based equity; and
- Presenting its analysis to the Compensation Committee and assisting in assessing the competitiveness of our executive officer compensation program as benchmarked against our peer group.

Radford served at the discretion of and reported to the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee assessed the independence of Radford taking into account, among other things, the independence standards and factors set forth in Exchange Act Rule 10C-1 and the applicable Nasdaq Listing Standards, and concluded that there were no conflicts of interest with respect to the work that Radford performed for the Compensation Committee in fiscal year 2022.

## Factors for Determining Compensation

### Performance

One of the primary objectives of our compensation program is to motivate our Named Executive Officers to achieve our short and long-term strategic goals. These goals for fiscal year 2022 primarily were tied to increasing revenue and backlog, continuing to diversify our client base, increasing production capacity through facilities expansion, diversifying our service offering into the rapidly growing cell and gene therapy market, managing operational and expansion costs, improving operational efficiencies and increasing earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. In addition to linking compensation to the attainment of pre-approved corporate goals, individual performance is assessed on the basis of more subjective, non-formulaic, criteria, such as:

- involvement in, and responsibility for, the development and implementation of our strategic plans and the attainment of our strategic and operating objectives;
- participation in the achievement of our corporate goals; and
- contribution to the management team and application of managerial leadership skill.

### “Say-on-Pay” Consideration

We provide our stockholders with the opportunity to cast an advisory vote on executive compensation (a “say-on-pay advisory proposal”) every year. At our 2021 Annual Meeting, approximately 96% of the shares voted at the meeting approved, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our Named Executive Officers. The Compensation Committee is very pleased with this vote and will continue to review our executive compensation programs to ensure they appropriately address our key objectives for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2023.

### Market Benchmarks and Competitive Analysis

In February 2022, Radford provided the Compensation Committee with an evaluation of its peer group review which had been last updated in February 2021. As a result of this evaluation the Compensation Committee approved an updated peer group in which 4 companies were added to the peer group and 4 companies were removed from the peer group compared to the prior fiscal year. As a result, the following 14 companies were included in the Company’s peer group for benchmarking executive compensation for fiscal year 2022:

<b>New Additions for Fiscal Year 2022</b>	<b>Retained for Fiscal Year 2022</b>	<b>Removals for Fiscal Year 2022</b>
CareDx Pacific Biosciences Sangamo Therapeutics Twist Biosciences	ANI Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ChromaDex Corporation Codexis, Inc. Codiak BioSciences Emergent BioSolutions Standard Biotech Inc. (formerly, Fluidigm Corporation) Harvard Bioscience, Inc. Landec Quanterix Rigel Pharmaceuticals	Catalent IBio, Inc. Repligen Syneos Health

In proposing the above peer group, Radford emphasized contract development and manufacturing organizations (“*CDMOs*”), contract manufacturing organizations (“*CMOs*”) and contract research organizations (“*CROs*”), and also included other bio-pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies that have their own manufacturing technology and/or facility. In addition, at the time of selection most of the peer companies had annual revenues of up to \$300 million, a market capitalization of between \$300 million and \$4 billion, and fewer than 1,000 employees. Catalent, Repligen and Syneos Health were removed from the peer group for fiscal year 2022 because they had been identified as outsized peers and the Compensation Committee desires to avoid the perception that such outsized peers may have the effect of increasing executive compensation without providing a sufficient link to the Company’s performance.

Based on the above peer group, Radford provided the Compensation Committee with an analysis of base salary, target bonus, target total cash, long-term incentive value and target total compensation for executives. The Compensation Committee uses the peer group compensation data as one of several factors in determining appropriate compensation parameters for base salary, variable cash compensation and equity-based, long-term incentives. The Compensation Committee’s executive compensation decisions are made on a case-by-case basis, and specific benchmark results do not, in and of themselves, determine individual target compensation decisions.

The Compensation Committee generally targets each NEO’s total compensation to the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile of the peer group, although individual elements of compensation may be above or below the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile. Additionally, the Compensation Committee considers a number of additional factors to determine the appropriate level of each NEO’s total compensation and each component of compensation, including the Company’s financial and operational performance and the relevant executive’s performance, experience, responsibilities and impact. Due to these other factors, the Compensation Committee may set an NEO’s total compensation below, at or above the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile of the peer group.

**Components of Our Fiscal Year 2022 Executive Compensation Program**

Our Compensation Committee structured our executive compensation program to ensure that executive officers are compensated in a manner consistent with stockholder interests, competitive pay practices and applicable regulatory requirements.

Our Compensation Committee did not have any formal or informal policy or target for allocating compensation between long-term and short-term compensation, between cash and non-cash compensation or between fixed and performance-based compensation. Instead, the Compensation Committee, after reviewing the Radford analysis, determined what it believes to be an appropriate level and mix of the various compensation components to achieve the compensation and corporate objectives described in this discussion.

*Base Salary*

Base salary represents the fixed portion of an executive officer’s compensation and is intended to provide compensation for day-to-day performance. The Compensation Committee believes that a competitive base salary is a necessary element of any compensation program that is designed to attract and retain talented and experienced executives. Each executive officer’s base salary is initially determined upon hire or promotion based on the executive officer’s responsibilities, prior experience, individual compensation history and salary levels of other executives within the Company and similarly situated executives within our peer group. Base salary is typically reviewed annually. The Compensation Committee believes that the base salaries paid to our executive officers during the fiscal year 2022 achieved the Company’s compensation objectives. The following are the base salaries of our NEOs for fiscal years 2023 and 2022:

<b>Named Executive Officer</b>	<b>2023 Annual Base Salary<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>2022 Annual Base Salary</b>	<b>Annual Base Salary Increase</b>
Nicholas S. Green	\$650,000	\$600,000	8.3%
Daniel R. Hart	\$445,000	\$430,000	3.5%
Mark R. Ziebell	\$425,000	\$414,000	2.7%

(1) In June 2022, the Compensation Committee approved the above increases in the annual base salaries of our NEOs. The compensation report prepared by Radford showed that the 2023 annual base salaries each of the NEOs is competitive with the 50th percentile among the Company’s peer group as disclosed above. These base salary increases were based on each named executive officer’s performance, qualifications, experience, responsibilities and Radford’s benchmarking against our peer group.

### Annual Cash Bonus Plan

Consistent with prior fiscal years (during which time it was referred to as the management cash incentive plan), for fiscal year 2022 the Compensation Committee established an annual cash bonus plan (the “Annual Cash Bonus Plan”) for all eligible employees, including our NEOs. Under the Annual Cash Bonus Plan, participating employees are eligible to earn an incentive cash bonus based on their target bonus percentage, which is a percentage of their annual base salary, and our attainment of certain corporate goals approved by the Compensation Committee at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Target bonus percentages are benchmarked against our peer group and generally correlate to the level of responsibility of the NEO, with higher target bonus percentages generally reserved for executives having more responsibility. For fiscal year 2022, the target bonus percentages as approved by our Compensation Committee are set forth in the following table:

<b>Named Executive Officer</b>	<b>Target Bonus Percentage</b>
Nicholas S. Green	100%
Daniel R. Hart	50%
Mark R. Ziebell	40%

For fiscal year 2022, the Compensation Committee established four corporate goals and corresponding financial performance targets for each goal. The four corporate goals were (i) Adjusted EBITDA, (ii) Revenue, (iii) Gross Margin and (iv) Backlog. The Compensation Committee believes use of these metrics is appropriate as they are important indicators of future growth and increased profitability, and are commonly used by investors and analysts when reviewing our performance.

With respect to the four performance metrics: “Adjusted EBITDA” is a non-GAAP measure that is defined by the Company as net income plus interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, determined by reference to our audited financial results, and further adjusted by stock-based compensation and other one-time adjustments, such as certain severance expense and other adjustments deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors; “Revenue” and “Gross Margin” are measured against our audited financial results for fiscal year 2022; and, “Backlog” represents our signed customer orders as of April 30, 2022. The Adjusted EBITDA target for fiscal year 2022 was set by the Compensation Committee at \$23.4 million, which includes the accrual of fiscal year 2022 bonuses assuming attainment of 100% of the three performance metrics below.

The first goal (Adjusted EBITDA) is used to determine the funding of the Annual Cash Bonus Plan based on achievement ranging from 1% to 130% of target. If the Company achieved positive Adjusted EBITDA, the bonus pool is then further adjusted by the Company’s performance against the three additional performance goals. The remaining three goals are based on achievement ranging from threshold (85% of the target), target (100%) and maximum (115% of target) levels, as illustrated in the table below, for the Company-based performance metrics and are weighted. For actual performance levels between the “Threshold” and “Target”, the potential award percentage for each metric is interpolated on a straight-line basis, and for performance levels between “Target” and “Maximum”, the potential award percentage for each metric is interpolated applying a 2x multiplier. For example, achieving 105% of a performance metric would result in a 110% payout for such performance metric.

<b>Performance Metric (Dollars in millions)</b>	<b>Threshold</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Weight</b>
Revenue	\$99.4	\$116.9	\$134.4	60%
Gross margin %	23.8%	28.0%	32.2%	20%
Backlog	110.5	130.0	149.5	20%



The determination of the bonus amounts under the Annual Cash Bonus Plan for fiscal year 2022 is illustrated as follows:

$$\boxed{\text{Bonus Payout (\$)}} = \boxed{\text{Base Salary (\$)}} \times \boxed{\text{Target Bonus \%}} \times \boxed{\text{Adjusted EBITDA Earned (1\% to 130\%)}} \times \boxed{\text{Weighted Performance Goals Earned (85\% to 130\%)}}$$

For fiscal year 2022, our performance against the Adjusted EBITDA bonus funding target and the three performance metrics was as follows (\$ in millions):

	Target	Actual Result	Actual Achieved	Bonus Achieved	Bonus Earned	Weight	Total Earned
Revenue	\$116.9	\$119.6	102%	105%	105%	60%	63%
Gross Margin %	28.0%	32.7%	117%	134%	130%	20%	26%
Backlog	\$130.0	\$153.0	117%	134%	130%	20%	26%
						Weighted Target Earned (A)	115%
Adjusted EBITDA	\$23.4	\$30.4	130%	130%	Bonus Funded Amount (B)		130%
					<b>Total Bonus Payout (A x B)</b>		<b>149%</b>

The above total payout percentage for fiscal year 2022 of 149% of each executive's target bonus resulted in cash bonus payments to our NEOs as set forth in the following table:

Named Executive Officer	Bonus Payment
Nicholas S. Green	\$895,200
Daniel R. Hart	\$320,780
Mark R. Ziebell	\$247,075

#### Long-term Equity Incentive Awards

Another component of our executive compensation program is long-term equity incentive awards. Our Compensation Committee believes that equity awards are an effective means of aligning the interests of executive officers and stockholders, rewarding executive officers for the Company's success over the long term, and providing executive officers an incentive to remain with us. For fiscal year 2022, in an effort to improve the linkage between pay and performance and better align executive long-term incentives with the interests of stockholders, the Compensation Committee introduced performance stock unit ("PSU") awards as a component of the mix of equity awards to our executive officers. As such, for fiscal year 2022 awards to executive officers, 50% of the total target long-term incentive value ("Target LTI Value") was delivered as PSUs and 50% of the Target LTI Value was delivered as restricted stock unit ("RSU") awards. For all other eligible employees, 100% of the LTI Value was delivered as RSUs.

PSUs:

- Share denominated units;
- Vests as to one-third per year over three one-year performance periods tied to our fiscal years ending April 30, 2022, 2023 and 2024 (each a “Performance Period”);
- The Compensation Committee has approved revenue (60% weight) and adjusted net income (40% weight) targets for each Performance Period;
- Adjusted net income means the Company’s net income before income taxes for the applicable Performance Period as adjusted, subject to approval by the Board, for share based compensation, changes in accounting practice, Board-directed initiatives and other non-routine items;
- 0% to 200% payout opportunity for each Performance Period based on fiscal year performance against the approved targets; and
- Settled in stock.

RSUs:

- Share denominated units;
- Vest quarterly in equal increments over a period of four years; and
- Settled in stock.

### Fiscal 2022 Annual LTI Awards

The Compensation Committee approved equity awards to the following NEOs, which awards were made on July 9, 2021, in accordance with our long-term equity incentive plan design, as detailed below:

<b>Named Executive Officer</b>	<b>Target LTI Value<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Number of RSUs<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Target Number of PSUs<sup>(2)</sup></b>
Nicholas S. Green	\$4,400,000	89,175	89,175
Daniel R. Hart	\$1,200,000	24,320	24,320
Mark R. Ziebell	\$ 550,000	11,146	11,146

- (1) Target LTI Values were approved by the Compensation Committee in June 2021 for purposes of the fiscal year 2022 long-term equity incentive awards and are based on the Radford report delivered in April 2021. Based on the Company’s outstanding financial performance for fiscal year 2021, the NEO award amounts targeted the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of the Company’s peer group.
- (2) Number of RSUs and PSUs determined based on the average closing price of our common stock on the Nasdaq Stock Market for the 30-day calendar period ending on the date of the award.

## Performance Results and Payouts from Prior Long-Term Incentive Plan Grants

Fiscal year 2022 represented the first Performance Period of the PSUs awarded in fiscal year 2022. The PSUs are settled in stock, and the number of shares earned are based upon the results of the Performance Period ended April 30, 2022. The earned PSUs vest effective April 30, 2022, but are not released to the respective NEOs until such time that our financial results for the Performance Period ended April 30, 2022 have been audited by our independent public accounting firm, and the audited financial results against the performance targets are certified by our chief financial officer and approved by the Compensation Committee. For the Performance Period ended April 30, 2022, the results of our performance against the revenue and adjusted net income, are set forth below:

### Measure and Targets for Fiscal Year 2022 Performance Period (Dollars in millions)

Performance Payout	Percentage Vested	Revenue (60%)	Adjusted Net Income (40%)
Maximum (200%)	100%	\$151.0	\$22.4
Mid (150%)	75%	\$134.0	\$20.4
Target (100%)	50%	\$117.0	\$17.9
Threshold (50%)	25%	\$105.0	\$15.2
Below Threshold (<50%)	0%	< \$105.0	< \$15.2

Linear interpolation is applied to determine the percentage of PSUs that vest and are earned where performance falls between the threshold, target, mid and maximum goals.

### Results for Fiscal Year 2022 Performance Period (Dollars in millions)

Performance Target	Actual Results	Payout Earned	Weight	Total
Revenue	\$119.6	108%	60%	65%
Adjusted Net Income	\$23.0	200%	40%	80%
			<b>Total Payout</b>	<b>145%</b>
			<b>Percentage Vested</b>	<b>72%</b>

The equity award information for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022 is set forth below under “Grants of Plan-Based Awards for Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2022”. See footnote 2 to the “Option Exercises and Stock Vested” table below for the number of earned PSUs for each NEO.

### *Employment Agreements, Severance and Change-in-Control Benefits*

We are party to employment agreements with Messrs. Green, Hart and Ziebell. Each of these employment agreements provides for severance payments and accelerated vesting benefits triggered by various termination events. For a description of these agreements and our potential payment obligations as of the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022, please see “Overview of Employment Agreements and Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change-in-Control” and the related tabular disclosure below.

When entering into employment agreements which provide for post-termination compensation for our NEOs, the Compensation Committee considers, among multiple factors, peer company practice, retention needs and consistency of post-termination compensation among our executives. Gains from prior equity awards are not a material consideration in setting the level of such compensation. In particular, we believe such employment agreements benefit us and our stockholders by attracting and retaining executives in a marketplace where such protections are commonly offered by our peer companies. We also believe that severance protection triggered by a change-in-control allows our executives to assess a potential change-in-control objectively, from the perspective of what is best for our stockholders, without regard to the potential impact of the transaction on their own job security. We use a “double trigger” with respect to benefits that are to be provided in connection with a change-in-control. A change-in-control does not itself trigger benefits; rather, benefits are paid only if the employment of the executive is terminated by us other than for cause or by the executive of “good reason,” as defined in the employment agreements, in connection with a change-in-control. We believe a “double trigger” benefit maximizes stockholder value because it prevents a windfall to executives in the event of a change of control in which the executive retains significant responsibility as defined in his or her individual agreement, while still providing our executives appropriate incentives to cooperate in negotiating any change of control that may put their jobs at risk. Further, we believe the severance protection offered under the employment agreements is balanced with the interests of the Company and its stockholders, as the executives are bound by non-disclosure, non-competition, and non-solicitation arrangements and must execute a general release in favor of the Company as a condition to receiving benefits under these agreements. None of the agreements include any tax gross-up payments for “golden parachute” excise taxes. All of the NEOs are “at will” employees.

These employment agreements are generally subject to automatic one-year extensions annually and, as part of the Compensation Committee’s review of all of our executive compensation practices, are reviewed to ensure that they continue to serve our interests in retaining these key executives, remain consistent with packages offered by our peers, and provide reasonable levels of severance protection and compensation.

#### *Perquisites and Other Benefits*

We maintain broad-based benefits that are provided to all employees, including health, dental, and vision insurance, life and disability insurance, a 401(k) plan, and an Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

Under the 401(k) plan, NEOs are allowed to contribute on the same basis as other employees of the Company as determined by IRS regulations. For fiscal year 2022, the Company voluntarily agreed to match 50% of all employee contributions, including NEOs, up to the first 6% of a participant’s annual salary for all 401(k) plan contributions, subject in each case to certain IRS limitations. Under the 401(k) plan, each participating employee, including NEOs, is fully vested in his or her contributions to the 401(k) plan and Company contributions to the 401(k) plan will fully vest after six years of service.

Under the Employee Stock Purchase Plan, NEOs are allowed to participate on the same basis as other employees of the Company, which allows employees on a voluntarily basis to purchase shares of our Common Stock directly from the Company through accumulated payroll deductions at a purchase price equal to the lesser of 85% of the fair market value of our Common Stock (i) on the first trading day of the six-month offering period or (ii) the last trading day of the six-month offering period. The Company believes the Employee Stock Purchase Plan closely aligns the interests of participants with the interests of stockholders.

In addition, NEOs are eligible to participate in the same employee benefit plans as all other employees. The cost of health and dental insurance was 100% covered by the Company for NEOs during fiscal year 2022. In addition, all employees, including NEOs, receive one (1) times their annual salary in term-life insurance, long-term disability benefits, and vision insurance at no cost to the employee. We also provide all employees, including NEOs, the option to make pre-tax payroll deductions up to \$2,750 per year under a flexible spending account plan that can be utilized for out-of-pocket medical, dental and other allowable expenses. The Company also provides paid-time-off benefits to cover vacation and sick time and annually determined Company holidays.

## **Tax and Accounting Considerations**

We have not provided or agreed to provide any of the Company's NEOs or directors with a gross-up or other reimbursement for tax amounts they might pay pursuant to Section 4999 or Section 409A of the Code. Sections 280G and 4999 of the Code provide that executive officers, directors who hold significant stockholder interests and certain other service providers could be subject to significant additional taxes if they receive payments or benefits in connection with a change in control of the Company that exceed certain limits, and that we or our successor could lose a deduction on the amounts subject to the additional tax. Section 409A of the Code also imposes additional significant taxes on the individual in the event that an employee, director or service provider receives "deferred compensation" that is not exempt from or does not meet the requirements of Section 409A.

For the Company's financial statements, cash compensation, such as salary and bonus, is expensed and for income tax returns, cash compensation is generally deductible except as set forth below. For equity-based compensation, we expense the fair value of such grants over the requisite service period.

Generally, Section 162(m) of the Code disallows a federal income tax deduction for public corporations of remuneration in excess of \$1 million paid for any fiscal year to a "covered employee" of the Company. With respect to taxable years beginning before January 1, 2018, remuneration in excess of \$1 million was exempt from this deduction limit if it qualified as "performance-based compensation" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code.

Pursuant to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017, Section 162(m) was amended to: (1) expand the scope of individuals who are "covered employees," including anyone who was a covered employee in any prior taxable year beginning after December 31, 2016, (2) expand the types of companies that are subject to the limitations of Section 162(m), and (3) eliminate the exception for performance-based compensation and commissions. Transition relief provided that any payment made pursuant to a written and binding agreement that was in effect as of November 2, 2017 and not subsequently materially modified, would be subject to the limitations of Section 162(m) as in effect prior to the amendment. Accordingly, compensation paid to our covered employees in excess of \$1 million will not be deductible unless it qualifies for the transition relief applicable to certain arrangements in place as of November 2, 2017, as described above. Furthermore, because of the uncertainties as to the application and interpretation of Section 162(m) as revised by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, including the uncertain scope of the transition relief, no assurance can be given that previously granted compensation intended to satisfy the requirements for performance-based compensation will, in fact, qualify for such exception.

The Compensation Committee believes that stockholder interests are best served if the Compensation Committee retains maximum flexibility to design executive compensation programs that meet stated business objectives. For these reasons, the Compensation Committee, while considering tax deductibility as a factor in determining executive compensation, may not limit such compensation to those levels that will be deductible, particularly in light of the expansion of the covered employee group and the elimination of the exception for performance-based compensation.

## **Compensation Risk**

As part of its oversight of our compensation policies, the Compensation Committee considers the incentives created by our executive compensation program and the impact that our compensation policies could have on our overall risk profile. In addition, the Compensation Committee annually reviews our compensation policies and procedures for all employees, including the NEOs, to determine whether they create risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company. Based on its latest review, our Compensation Committee concluded that our compensation policies and procedures did not create such risks.

## **Compensation Clawback Policy**

The Compensation Committee maintains a clawback policy consistent with the requirements of Section 954 of the Dodd-Frank Act, pursuant to which, to the extent permitted by governing law, the Company may seek to recoup certain incentive-based compensation in the event the Company is required to restate its publicly-reported financial statements due to material noncompliance with any financial reporting requirement under the securities laws as a result of misconduct. This policy will be reviewed from time to time to ensure that it is compliant with any SEC requirements.

## **Stock Ownership Guidelines**

In June 2022, the Board adopted a share ownership policy relating to ownership of the Company's securities by the Company's NEOs and the non-employee directors. Subject to the terms of the policy, (i) the CEO is required to acquire over a five-year period and hold shares of Common Stock of the Company equal to three times his or her base salary as of a specified measuring date, (ii) each of the Company's other NEOs is required to acquire over a five-year period and hold shares of Common Stock of the Company equal to one and one-half times his or her base salary as of a specified measuring date, and (iii) each of the Company's non-employee directors is required to acquire over a five-year period and hold shares of Common Stock of the Company equal to three times the Company's annual cash retainer paid to each such non-employee director. Unvested RSUs, PSUs and unexercised stock options (regardless of whether they are vested or unvested or in-the-money) are not included in the total number of shares owned by the NEOs or directors for purposes of the share ownership policy. Each NEO and non-employee director is required to hold at least 50% of all net shares (after shares withheld or sold to pay tax obligations) of RSUs and PSUs that vest until such individual gains compliance with the stock ownership guidelines. The Corporate Governance Committee annually reviews progress NEOs and non-employee directors are making toward achieving compliance with these guidelines.

## **Securities Trading Policy**

The Company's policy on securities trading prohibits our directors, officers and employees from trading in our securities during certain designated blackout periods and otherwise while they are aware of material non-public information, and from engaging in hedging transactions or short sales and trading in options with respect to our securities. The policy also prohibits: selling any of the Company's securities that are not owned by such person at the time of sale ("short selling"); purchasing the Company's stock on margin account; investing in Company-based derivative securities, such as options, puts, calls or other derivatives; hedging transactions with respect to the Company's securities; or pledging Company securities as collateral for a loan.

## EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

### Executive Officers

The following table sets forth information regarding our current executive officers as of August 15, 2022:

Executive Officer	Age	Position
Nicholas S. Green	58	President and Chief Executive Officer
Daniel R. Hart	48	Chief Financial Officer
Mark R. Ziebell	58	Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

The following biographies describe the business experience of our executive officers.

*Nicholas S. Green's* biography is set forth above under the “Nominee Biographies” section of this Proxy Statement.

*Daniel R. Hart* has served as Chief Financial Officer since August 2018 and has over 25 years of financial accounting and operational experience. Prior to joining Avid, Mr. Hart served as Chief Financial Officer of ENO Holdings, Inc. Prior to that, Mr. Hart served SM&A, Inc. for almost a decade in several roles, including most recently as Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer. Earlier in his career, Mr. Hart worked in the audit practice of Deloitte & Touche LLP. Mr. Hart holds a Bachelor of Science in business administration with an emphasis in accounting from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and is a certified public accountant (inactive).

*Mark R. Ziebell* has served as Vice President, General Counsel since June 2012 and Corporate Secretary since July 2012, and has been practicing corporate and securities law for over 25 years. Prior to joining us, Mr. Ziebell was a partner with the Costa Mesa, California office of Snell & Wilmer LLP. Mr. Ziebell has represented public and private companies in a wide range of corporate and securities matters, mergers and acquisitions, strategic alliance matters and corporate governance. He earned his B.S. in accounting in 1986 from the University of San Francisco and his Juris Doctorate in 1994 from the University of San Francisco School of Law. Prior to earning his law degree, Mr. Ziebell was a certified public accountant with BDO Seidman in San Francisco, California.

### Compensation Summary

The following table contains information with respect to the compensation for the fiscal years ended April 30, 2022, 2021 and 2020 for each individual who acted as our chief executive officer, our chief financial officer, our principal financial and principal accounting officer, and our other executive officers during the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022, as determined pursuant to SEC regulations. We refer to the executive officers identified in this table as our “Named Executive Officers.”

**SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE**

Name and Principal Position	Fiscal Year	Salary (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Bonus (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Stock Awards (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	Option Awards (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>	Non-Equity	All Other	Total (\$)
						Incentive Plan Compensation (\$) <sup>(4)</sup>	Compensation (\$) <sup>(5)</sup>	
Nicholas S. Green, President and Chief Executive Officer <sup>(6)</sup>	2022	600,000	—	4,642,450	—	895,200	44,174	6,181,824
	2021	420,962 <sup>(7)</sup>	137,500	1,089,000	347,153	723,227	127,441 <sup>(8)</sup>	2,845,283
Daniel R. Hart, Chief Financial Officer	2022	430,000	—	1,266,100	—	320,780	50,328	2,067,208
	2021	423,698	116,112	135,004	315,054	310,624	48,846	1,349,338
	2020	396,106	—	142,433	210,837	46,396	46,371	842,143
Mark R. Ziebell, Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary	2022	414,000	—	580,260	—	247,075	50,373	1,291,708
	2021	395,503	38,117	105,015	245,017	225,460	48,667	1,057,779
	2020	372,358	—	255,244	377,782	33,923	46,317	1,085,624

(1) Salary information is reported as of the last payroll paid prior to or immediately after April 30th of each fiscal year.

(2) Represents a one-time discretionary bonus approved by the Compensation Committee based on fiscal year 2021 performance.

(3) Represents the aggregate grant date fair value of the awards made in each fiscal year as computed in accordance with ASC Topic 718. For fiscal year 2022, the grant date fair value of PSUs is calculated based on the probable outcome of the performance measures as of the date on which the PSUs were granted for accounting purposes, which was deemed to be the target level of achievement. Actual PSU awards may range from 0 to 200 percent of the targeted incentive. For fiscal year 2022, the following amounts represent the aggregate grant date fair value of the awards assuming achievement of maximum (200%) payout with respect to the PSU awards: Mr. Green - \$6,963,676; Mr. Hart - \$1,899,175; and Mr. Ziebell - \$870,417. The PSUs are described more fully under the heading “Compensation Discussion and Analysis — Components of Our Fiscal Year 2022 Executive Compensation Program — Long-Term Equity Incentive Awards”. For all awards, the amounts in this column do not correspond to the actual value that may be recognized by each NEO. The assumptions used in determining the grant date fair values of the stock and option awards are set forth in Note 6 “Equity Compensation Plans” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022, filed with the SEC on June 29, 2022. Additional information regarding outstanding stock and option awards can be found in the “Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End” table of this Proxy Statement.

(4) Represents performance bonuses earned under the Company’s Annual Cash Bonus Plan. Additional information regarding the Company’s Annual Cash Bonus Plan for its NEOs can be found in the “Compensation Discussion and Analysis” section of this Proxy Statement under “Annual Cash Bonus Plan”.

(5) Except as described in footnote 8 below, amounts shown in this column reflect the cost of benefits paid on behalf of the Named Executive Officer for health, dental, and vision benefits in addition to premiums paid for disability and term life insurance (collectively referred to as “Health Benefits”) as well as company contributions to the Avid Bioservices, Inc. 401(k) Plan. Health Benefits paid and/or accrued during the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022 for each Named Executive Officer were as follows: Mr. Green—\$41,404; Mr. Hart—\$41,404; and Mr. Ziebell—\$41,388. Company contributions to the Avid Bioservices, Inc. 401(k) Plan during the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022 for each Named Executive Officer were as follows: Mr. Green — \$2,770; Mr. Hart—\$8,924; and Mr. Ziebell—\$8,985.

(6) Mr. Green was appointed our President and CEO effective July 30, 2020.

(7) Represents annual salary compensation beginning July 30, 2020, Mr. Green’s date of hire.

(8) Includes aggregate payments of \$92,426 consisting of reimbursement of relocation expenses, temporary housing and a rental car pursuant to Mr. Green’s employment agreement.



## Grants of Plan-Based Awards For the Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2022

The following table set forth certain summary information with respect to each plan-based award granted during the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022 to our Named Executive Officers.

### GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 2022

Name	Grant Date	Approval Date <sup>(1)</sup>	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards <sup>(2)</sup>			Estimated Future Payouts Under Equity Incentive Plan Awards <sup>(3)</sup>				All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units <sup>(4)</sup>	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards <sup>(5)</sup>
			Threshold (\$)	Target (\$)	Maximum (\$)	Threshold (#)	Target (#)	Mid (#)	Maximum (#)		
Nicholas S. Green	—	—	510,000	600,000	1,014,000	—	—	—	—	—	—
	7/9/2021	6/23/2021	—	—	—	44,588	89,175	133,763	178,350	—	2,321,225
	7/9/2021	6/23/2021	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	89,175	2,321,225
Daniel R. Hart	—	—	182,750	215,000	363,350	—	—	—	—	—	—
	7/9/2021	6/23/2021	—	—	—	12,160	24,320	36,481	48,641	—	633,050
	7/9/2021	6/23/2021	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24,320	633,050
Mark R. Ziebell	—	—	140,760	165,600	279,864	—	—	—	—	—	—
	7/9/2021	6/23/2021	—	—	—	5,573	11,146	16,720	22,293	—	290,130
	7/9/2021	6/23/2021	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11,146	290,130

(1) The column sets forth the date on which the Compensation Committee took action to grant the reported awards.

(2) Reflects threshold, target and maximum award amounts established for fiscal year 2022 under the Company's Annual Cash Bonus Plan. Additional information regarding the Company's Annual Cash Bonus Plan, including the performance metrics applicable to these awards under our Annual Cash Bonus Plan, can be found in the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section of this Proxy Statement under "Annual Cash Bonus Plan". The actual amount of bonus earned by each NEO under the Annual Cash Bonus Plan for fiscal year 2022 is reflected in the "Summary Compensation Table" above under the column heading, "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation."

(3) Represents shares of our common stock subject to each of the PSU awards granted to the NEOs in fiscal year 2022 under our 2018 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "2018 Plan"). These columns show the aggregate award amounts that may be earned at the threshold, target, mid and maximum levels of performance over three one-year performance periods based on our achievement against revenue and adjusted net income targets established by the Compensation Committee for each performance period. Additional information regarding the PSUs can be found in under the heading "Compensation Discussion and Analysis — Components of Our Fiscal Year 2022 Executive Compensation Program — Long-Term Equity Incentive Awards".

(4) The RSU awards were granted under our 2018 Plan and vest quarterly over a four (4) year period commencing on the grant date until fully-vested, subject to the NEO's continued service with us through the applicable vesting dates.

(5) The assumptions used in determining the grant date fair value of RSU and PSU awards are set forth in Note 6 "Equity Compensation Plans" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022, filed with the SEC on June 29, 2022. The grant date fair value of PSUs is calculated based on the probable outcome of the performance measures as of the date on which the PSUs were granted for accounting purposes, which was deemed to be the target level of achievement.

## Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

The following table sets forth certain information regarding unexercised stock options and unvested stock awards held by our Named Executive Officers as of the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022:

Name	Option Awards					Stock Awards			
	Grant Date	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable <sup>(1)</sup>	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#) <sup>(2)</sup>	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$) <sup>(4)</sup>	Number of Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#) <sup>(3)</sup>	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$) <sup>(4)</sup>
Nicholas S. Green	7/30/2020	18,750	56,250	\$7.26	7/30/2027	—	—	—	—
	7/30/2020	—	—	—	—	112,500	\$1,514,250	—	—
	7/9/2021	—	—	—	—	72,455	\$975,244	—	—
	7/9/2021	—	—	—	—	—	—	89,175	\$1,200,296
Daniel R. Hart	8/1/2018	79,750	26,750	\$5.66	8/1/2028	—	—	—	—
	7/10/2019	27,380	27,380	\$6.07	7/10/2026	—	—	—	—
	7/10/2020	17,780	53,340	\$6.95	7/10/2027	—	—	—	—
	7/10/2019	—	—	—	—	11,733	\$157,926	—	—
	7/10/2020	—	—	—	—	14,569	\$196,099	—	—
	7/9/2021	—	—	—	—	19,760	\$265,970	—	—
	7/9/2021	—	—	—	—	—	—	24,321	\$327,361
Mark R. Ziebell	6/20/2012	6,428	—	\$3.29	6/20/2022	—	—	—	—
	12/27/2012	7,183	—	\$17.01	12/27/2022	—	—	—	—
	5/6/2013	25,000	—	\$9.87	5/6/2023	—	—	—	—
	5/6/2014	25,000	—	\$12.25	5/6/2024	—	—	—	—
	5/11/2015	14,286	—	\$9.17	5/11/2025	—	—	—	—
	6/2/2016	21,429	—	\$3.50	6/2/2026	—	—	—	—
	7/10/2019	49,060	49,060	\$6.07	7/10/2026	—	—	—	—
	7/10/2020	13,828	41,482	\$6.95	7/10/2027	—	—	—	—
	7/10/2019	—	—	—	—	21,026	\$283,010	—	—
	7/10/2020	—	—	—	—	11,333	\$152,542	—	—
	7/9/2021	—	—	—	—	9,057	\$121,907	—	—
7/9/2021	—	—	—	—	—	—	11,146	\$150,025	

- (1) All options vest over a four (4) year period at the rate of 25% on each anniversary of the date of grant until fully-vested, subject to the NEO's continued service with us through the applicable vesting dates.
- (2) The amounts reflected in this column represent unvested RSU awards. The RSU awards granted on July 9, 2021 vest quarterly in equal installments over a four (4) year period commencing on the grant date and all other RSU awards vest over a four (4) year period at the rate of 25% on each anniversary of the date of grant, in each case until fully-vested, subject to the NEO's continued service with us through the applicable vesting dates.
- (3) All amounts in this column represent unvested PSU awards. The amounts reported in the table reflect the number of PSUs that would vest assuming mid achievement of the performance goals during the final two one-year performance periods of the PSU awards made July 9, 2021. Additional information regarding the PSUs can be found under the heading "Compensation Discussion and Analysis — Components of Our Fiscal Year 2022 Executive Compensation Program — Long-Term Equity Incentive Awards".
- (4) Market value is calculated based on the closing price of our Common Stock of \$13.46 per share on April 29, 2022, the last trading day of the fiscal year, times the number of shares subject to the applicable stock award.

## Option Exercises and Stock Vested

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the exercise of stock options and vesting of stock awards by our Named Executive Officers during the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022.

Name	Option Awards		Stock Awards	
	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise	Value Realized on Exercise <sup>(1)</sup>	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting	Value Realized on Vesting <sup>(2)</sup>
Nicholas S. Green	—	—	97,027	\$1,892,813
Daniel R. Hart	500	\$11,705	26,955	\$532,975
Mark R. Ziebell	39,961	\$684,791	21,728	\$488,283

- (1) The value realized equals the difference between the exercise price and the market price of our Common Stock on the Nasdaq Stock Market at exercise, multiplied by the number of shares acquired on exercise.
- (2) Includes shares of Common Stock underlying the fiscal year 2022 PSUs awards which vested effective April 30, 2022 based on our performance for the first performance period ended April 30, 2022 against the financial targets, as follows: Mr. Green - 42,804; Mr. Hart - 11,673; and Mr. Ziebell - 5,350. The foregoing shares of Common Stock were not released to the respective NEO until July 7, 2022, which is the fifth business day following our chief financial officer's certification of our performance against the financial targets for the first performance period ended April 30, 2022. Additional information regarding the PSUs can be found under the heading "Compensation Discussion and Analysis — Components of Our Fiscal Year 2022 Executive Compensation Program — Long-Term Equity Incentive Awards". The value realized on vesting of RSUs and PSUs is based on the closing price of our Common Stock on the date vesting or the trading date immediately preceding the date of vesting if such vesting date is not a trading day. The actual number of shares received by a NEO may be lower to the extent any shares were sold upon vesting in order to satisfy applicable tax withholding obligations.

## Overview of Employment Agreements and Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change-in-Control

### Employment Agreements

As of the end of fiscal year 2022, we are a party to employment agreements with Messrs. Green, Hart and Ziebell. Each employment agreement is subject to automatic one-year extensions annually unless either party gives written notice of such party's intent not to renew the employment agreement at least ninety (90) days prior to the commencement of the next year's period.

Each employment agreement provides that the executive officer must devote his or her full business time to the performance of services to the Company. In addition, each executive officer has agreed to maintain the confidentiality of the Company's proprietary information, and that all work product discovered or developed by him or her in the course of his or her employment belongs to the Company. Each executive officer has further agreed that he or she will not (i) compete with the Company, directly or indirectly, during the course of such executive's employment within the United States or any foreign country in which the Company has done business or has actually investigated doing business or where its products are sold or distributed, or (ii) solicit Company employees or customers during the course of employment and for a period of one year following the termination of such executive's employment.

The Company has the right to terminate each executive's employment for "cause" if such executive (a) breaches in any material respect or fails to fulfill in any material respect his or her fiduciary duty owed to Company; (b) breaches in any material respect his or her employment agreement or any other confidentiality or non-solicitation, non-competition agreement with the Company; (c) pleads guilty to or is convicted of a felony; (d) is found to have engaged in any reckless, fraudulent, dishonest or grossly negligent misconduct, (e) fails to perform his or her duties to the Company, provided that he or she fails to cure any such failure within thirty (30) days after written notice from Company of such failure, provided further, however, that such right to cure shall not apply to any repetition of the same failure previously cured under the agreement; or (f) violates any material rule, regulation or policy of the Company that may be established and made known to Company's employees from time to time, including without limitation, the Company's employee handbook. If an executive's employment is terminated for "cause", he or she shall have no right to receive any compensation or benefit under his or her employment agreement after such termination other than base salary and paid time-off earned or accrued but unpaid as of the date of termination.

The following discussion describes the amounts that we would pay or provide to our NEOs or, as applicable, their beneficiaries under these employment agreements as a result of (i) termination without cause or resignation for good reason, (ii) termination following a change-in-control, (iii) death or disability, and (iv) voluntary resignation with extended notice.

***Payments Upon Termination Without Cause or Resignation for Good Reason***

If we terminate Mr. Green's, Mr. Hart's or Mr. Ziebell's employment without cause or the executive terminates his employment for "good reason", such executive is entitled to (i) continued base salary and group insurance benefits for a period of twelve (12) months, and (ii) other than with respect to Mr. Green, the payment of any prorated earned target bonus, as determined by the Compensation Committee in its sole discretion. In addition, each executive shall have a period of time equal to the lesser of two years, for Mr. Ziebell, and twelve months, for Mr. Hart, following the date of such termination or until the original expiration date of the applicable option agreement to exercise any vested and outstanding stock options as of the date of such termination. An executive's receipt of the foregoing severance benefits shall be conditioned upon such executive's execution of a general release of known and unknown claims in favor of the Company and its affiliates.

Each employment agreement defines "good reason" as (a) the Company relocates executive's principal place of work to a location more than fifty (50) miles from the original location, without the executive's prior written approval; (b) the executive's position and/or duties are modified so that his or her duties are no longer consistent with the executive's title; or (c) the executive's annual base salary and related benefits, as adjusted from time to time, are reduced without his or her written authorization.

The following table sets forth the potential payments to our NEOs assuming a termination without cause or resignation for good reason with estimated benefits calculated as if the termination occurred on April 30, 2022:

<b>Named Executive Officer</b>	<b>Base Salary<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Target Bonus<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Group Benefits<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>
Nicholas S. Green	\$600,000	—	\$42,394	\$642,394
Daniel R. Hart	\$430,000	\$215,000	\$42,394	\$687,394
Mark R. Ziebell	\$414,000	\$165,600	\$42,394	\$621,994

- (1) Represents payment of base salary for a period of twelve (12) months.
- (2) The payment of a Target Bonus to the NEOs is at the sole discretion of the Board of Directors. A Target Bonus is equal to a percentage of the NEO's annual base salary as follows Mr. Hart – 50%; and Mr. Ziebell – 40%. The above assumes that the Board of Directors authorized the payment of the full Target Bonus to each executive for the fiscal year.
- (3) Represents estimated payments to reimburse executive's monthly benefits premiums for continued group health, dental, and vision benefits in addition to premiums for disability and term life insurance during the severance period of twelve (12) months. Amounts were calculated based on current premiums paid for executive's benefits.

### ***Payments Upon a Termination in Connection with a Change-in-Control***

In the event of a change-in-control of Avid, if (i) Mr. Green's, Mr. Hart's or Mr. Ziebell's employment is terminated other than for cause within three (3) months prior or twenty-four (24) months following such change-in-control, or (ii) such executive officer terminates his or her employment for "good reason" within twenty-four (24) months, for Mr. Green and Mr. Hart, or twelve (12) months, for Mr. Ziebell, following such change-in-control, the executive shall be paid (a) in the case of Mr. Green, twelve (12) months' base salary, payable monthly, and in the case of Mr. Hart and Mr. Ziebell, twenty-four (24) months base salary, payable in a lump sum, and (b) other than with respect to Mr. Green, one hundred percent (100%) of such executive's earned target bonus as determined by the Compensation Committee in its sole discretion. Mr. Hart and Mr. Ziebell will also be paid group insurance benefits for himself and his family for twenty-four (24) months. In addition, each of the executive officers' outstanding equity awards shall immediately become fully vested, provided however that PSUs shall only vest as to the "target" level of performance, and, with respect to stock options, Mr. Green shall have a period of one year following the date of such termination, and Mr. Hart and Mr. Ziebell each shall have a period of time equal to the lesser of two years, for Mr. Hart following the date of such termination, and for Mr. Ziebell, following the date of the change-in-control, or until the original expiration date of the applicable option agreement to exercise any vested and outstanding stock options as of the date of such termination. An executive's receipt of the foregoing severance benefits is conditioned upon such executive's execution of a general release of known and unknown claims in favor of the Company and its affiliates.

The following table sets forth the potential payments to Mr. Green, Mr. Hart and Mr. Ziebell assuming a termination without cause or resignation for good reason in connection with a change-in-control, with estimated benefits calculated assuming the change-in-control and termination of employment occurred on April 30, 2022:

<b>Named Executive Officer</b>	<b>Base Salary<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Target Bonus<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>Acceleration of Equity Awards<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>Group Benefits<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>
Nicholas S. Green	\$600,000	—	\$3,638,441	\$42,394	\$4,280,835
Daniel R. Hart	\$860,000	\$215,000	\$1,596,467	\$84,787	\$2,756,254
Mark R. Ziebell	\$828,000	\$165,600	\$1,290,082	\$84,787	\$2,368,469

(1) Represents payment of base salary for a period of twelve (12) months for Mr. Green and twenty-four (24) months for Mr. Hart and Mr. Ziebell.

(2) The payment of a Target Bonus to the NEOs is at the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee. A Target Bonus is equal to a percentage of the NEO's annual base salary as follows Mr. Hart – 50%; and Mr. Ziebell – 40%. The above assumes that the Compensation Committee determined, in its sole discretion, that each executive earned the full Target Bonus for the fiscal year.

(3) Amounts shown in this column reflect the value of unvested stock options and market value of unvested restricted stock units and performance stock units that would have accelerated if the NEO's employment was terminated on April 30, 2022 in connection with a change-in-control. Per the terms of the 2018 Plan, unvested performance stock units vest at an assumed achievement of all relevant performance goals at the target level. Values were derived using \$13.46, the closing price of our common stock on the Nasdaq Stock Market on the last trading day of our fiscal year ended April 30, 2022. For stock options, this value equals the difference between the closing market price of \$13.46 or our common stock and the exercise price, multiplied by the number of option shares subject to accelerated vesting upon termination.

(4) Represents estimated payments to reimburse executive's monthly benefits premiums for continued group health, dental, and vision benefits in addition to premiums for disability and term life insurance during the severance period of twelve (12) months for Mr. Green and twenty-four (24) months for Mr. Hart and Mr. Ziebell. Amounts were calculated based on current premiums paid for executive's benefits.

### ***Payments upon Death or Disability***

In the event of the death or disability, as defined in the employment agreements, of Mr. Hart or Mr. Ziebell, the Company will not pay any further compensation or benefits after such event other than the payment by the Company of group insurance benefits previously provided to such executive officers for a period of twelve (12) months. Amounts were calculated based on current premiums paid for executive's benefits as follows:

<b>Named Executive Officer</b>	<b>Group Benefits</b>
Nicholas S. Green	—
Daniel R. Hart	\$42,394
Mark R. Ziebell	\$42,394

### ***Payments upon Executive's Voluntary Resignation with Extended Notice Period***

In the event that Mr. Ziebell voluntarily resigns, and in connection therewith provides ninety (90) days' advance written notice (the "*Extended Notice Period*") to the Company, the Company will pay Mr. Ziebell's base salary then in effect and shall continue to provide other contractual benefits including group insurance benefits during the Extended Notice Period and for a period of six (6) months following the Extended Notice Period, provided Mr. Ziebell makes himself telephonically available to the Board of Directors and the Company's executive team for up to two hours per week.

### **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

During the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022, the following non-employee directors served on the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors: Dr. Catherine J. Mackey, Mr. Gregory P. Sargen and Ms. Jeanne A. Thoma. There are not currently, and during the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022, there were not, any interlocks of executive officers or directors of the Company serving on the compensation committee or equivalent committee of another entity, which has any director or executive officer serving on the Compensation Committee, other committees or the Board of Directors.

### **Certain Relationships and Related Transactions**

Except for the compensation arrangements between us and our executive officers and directors described above under "Compensation Discussion and Analysis," since May 1, 2021, we have not been a party to any transactions involving more than \$120,000 and in which any director, nominee for director, executive officer, holder of more than 5% of our common stock or any immediate family member of the foregoing has a direct or indirect material interest, nor are any such transactions currently proposed.

The Audit Committee's charter requires that it review and approve any related-party and conflicts of interest transactions. In considering related-party transactions, the Audit Committee would consider the relevant available facts and circumstances, including, but not limited to, (i) the risks, costs and benefits to us, (ii) the impact on a director's independence in the event the related party is a director, immediate family member of a director or an entity with which a director is affiliated, (iii) the terms of the transaction, (iv) the availability of other sources for comparable services or products, and (v) the terms available to or from, as the case may be, unrelated third parties or to or from employees generally. In the event a director has an interest in the proposed transaction, the director must recuse himself or herself from the deliberations and approval. In determining whether to approve, ratify or reject a related-party transaction, the Audit Committee evaluates whether, in light of known circumstances, the transaction is in, or is inconsistent with, our best interests and those of our stockholders.

*The Report of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors shall not be deemed incorporated by reference by any general statement incorporating by reference this Proxy Statement into any filing under the Securities Act or under the Exchange Act, except to the extent that the Company specifically incorporates this information by reference, and shall not otherwise be deemed filed under such Acts.*

The Compensation Committee of our Company has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis required by Item 402(b) of Regulation S-K with management and, based on such review and discussions, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Proxy Statement.

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors

Catherine J. Mackey, Ph.D (Chair of the Compensation Committee)

Jeanne A. Thoma

Gregory P. Sargen

### **CEO Pay Ratio Disclosure**

As required by SEC rules, we are providing the following information about the relationship of the annual total compensation of our employees and the annual total compensation of Nicholas S. Green, our CEO on April 30, 2022. The pay ratio included below is a reasonable estimate calculated in a manner consistent with Item 402(u) of Regulation S-K.

For fiscal year 2022, the median of the annual total compensation for our employees (other than our CEO) was \$66,197, and the annual total compensation of our CEO, as reported in the Summary Compensation Table included above was \$6,181,824. Based on this information, for fiscal year 2022 the ratio of the annual total compensation of our CEO to the median of the annual total compensation of all of our employees was approximately 65 to 1.

We took the following steps to identify the median of the annual total compensation of all our employees, as well as to determine the annual total compensation of our median employee and our CEO:

1. We determined that, as of April 30, 2022, our entire employee population consisted of 327 individuals. To identify the median employee from our employee population, we used the amount of "gross wages" for the employees as reflected in our payroll records for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2022. For gross wages, we generally used the total amount of compensation the employees were paid before any taxes, deductions, insurance premiums, and other payroll withholding. We did not use any statistical sampling techniques.
2. For the annual total compensation of our median employee, we identified and calculated the elements of that employee's compensation for fiscal year 2022 in accordance with the requirements of Item 402(c)(2)(x) of Regulation S-K promulgated under the Exchange Act, and then added the approximate value of the employee's medical benefits, resulting in annual total compensation of \$94,883.
3. For the annual total compensation of our CEO, we used the amount reported in the "Total" column of our Summary Compensation Table for fiscal year 2022.

**PROPOSAL No. 4:**  
**APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO OUR RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION TO LIMIT THE LIABILITY OF CERTAIN OFFICERS**

The Board has unanimously adopted a resolution to amend our Restated Certificate of Incorporation (“*Charter*”), subject to stockholder approval, to provide for the elimination or limitation of monetary liability of specified executive officers of the Company for breach of the duty of care. Article VI of our Charter currently provides for the Company to limit the monetary liability of directors in certain circumstances pursuant to and consistent with Section 102(b)(7) of the General Corporation Laws of Delaware (“DCGL”). Effective August 1, 2022, Section 102(b)(7) of the DCGL was amended to permit a corporation’s certificate of incorporation to include a provision eliminating or limiting monetary liability for certain senior corporate officers for breach of the fiduciary duty.

If the stockholders approve this Proposal at the Annual Meeting, the Company will file a Certificate of Amendment of Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the “*Amendment*”) in the form attached hereto as Appendix A.

**Purpose and Possible Effects of the Proposed Amendment**

The Board desires to amend its Charter to maintain provisions consistent with the governing statutes contained in the DCGL and believes that amending its Charter to add the authorized liability protection for certain officers, consistent with the protection in the Charter currently afforded its directors, is necessary in order to continue to attract and retain experienced and qualified officers.

The proposed Amendment would allow for the exculpation of certain officers only in connection with direct claims brought by stockholders, including class actions, but would not eliminate officers’ monetary liability for breach of fiduciary duty claims brought by the corporation itself or for derivative claims brought by stockholders in the name of the corporation. As is currently the case with directors under our Charter, the Amendments would not limit the liability of officers for: any breach of the duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, any acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of the law, and any transaction from which the officer derived an improper personal benefit.

**Vote Required**

Approval of the Amendment the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the voting power of the shares of our outstanding stock entitled to vote on this Proposal, voting together as a single class. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as votes “AGAINST” this Proposal.

**Recommendation of the Board of Directors**

**THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT.**



**Other Matters**

Neither the Board of Directors nor the management knows of any other business to be presented at the Annual Meeting, but if other matters do properly come before the Annual Meeting, it is intended that the persons named on the proxy card will vote on those matters in accordance with their best judgment.

**Annual Report on Form 10-K**

A copy of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, as filed with the SEC (exclusive of Exhibits), will be furnished by first class mail, within one business day of receipt of request, without charge to any person from whom the accompanying proxy is solicited upon written request to Avid Bioservices, Inc., Attention: Corporate Secretary, 14191 Myford Road, Tustin, California 92780. If Exhibit copies are requested, a copying charge of \$0.20 per page will be made. In addition, all of the Company's public filings, including the Annual Report on Form 10-K, can be found on our website at [www.avidbio.com](http://www.avidbio.com).

By Order of the Board of Directors

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*Mark R. Ziebell*  
*Vice President, General Counsel and*  
*Corporate Secretary*

August [ ], 2022

**CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT  
OF  
RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
AVID BIOSERVICES, INC.**

AVID BIOSERVICES, INC., a corporation duly organized and existing under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "Corporation"), does hereby certify that:

1. The Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation, as amended to date, is hereby further amended by striking out Article VI in its entirety and by substituting the following in lieu thereof:

"VI.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Section 6.01. Limitation on Liability. A director or officer of this Corporation shall not be personally liable to the Corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director or officer, provided that this provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director or an officer (i) for any breach of his duty of loyalty to the Corporation or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of the law, (iii) under Section 174 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, (iv) for any transaction from which the director or officer derives and improper personal benefit, or (v) an officer in any action by or in the right of the Corporation. If the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware is hereafter amended to authorize corporate action further limiting or eliminating the personal liability of directors or officers, then the liability of the directors or officers of the Corporation shall be limited or eliminated to the fullest extent permitted by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, as so amended from time to time. Any repeal or modification of this Article 6 by the stockholders of the Corporation shall be prospective only, and shall not adversely affect any limitation on the personal liability of a director or officer of the Corporation existing at the time of such repeal or modification. All references in this paragraph to an officer shall mean only a person who at the time of an act or omission as to which liability is asserted is deemed to have consented to service by the delivery of process to the registered agent of the Corporation pursuant to § 3114(b) of Title 10 (for purposes of this sentence only, treating residents of the State of Delaware as if they were nonresidents to apply of § 3114(b) of Title 10 to this sentence)."

2. The foregoing amendment was duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of Section 242 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, AVID BIOSERVICES, INC. has caused this Certificate to be executed by its duly authorized officer on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Nicholas S. Green  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer