



Citrus Research and  
Development Foundation, Inc.

NOTICE OF MEETING  
OF THE  
CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tuesday, March 24, 2026 – 10:00 AM Eastern Time

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 10:00 AM at the UF-IFAS Indian River Research & Education Center, 2199 S Rock Road, Fort Pierce, FL 34945, in Room 100A.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting should advise the Foundation at least 72 hours in advance by contacting Audrey Nowicki (863) 956-5894 or [anowicki@citrusrdf.org](mailto:anowicki@citrusrdf.org).

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
3. Approval of Minutes of January 27, 2026, Board Meeting \*
4. Public Comments
5. Discussion of CRDF and CRAFT merger
6. Committee Reports:
  - A. Executive Committee
  - B. Finance & Audit Committee
    - 1) Review of February 2026 Financial Summary \*
    - 2) Discussion of 2025-2026 Legislative funds
    - 3) FCM sponsorship request for Annual Meeting \*
  - C. Governance Committee
  - D. Plant Improvement Committee
  - E. Research Management Committee – Report of March 19, 2026, meeting
    - 1) Recommendations on proposals:
      - a. H. Jin, 25-018 ‘Field Evaluation of SAMP-Expressing Carrizo Rootstock for Protection of Citrus Scions Against HLB’ \*
      - b. Z. Mou, 25-017 ‘Enabling transgene-free editing in mature citrus’ \*
      - c. C. Messina & A. Huo, 25-014 ‘Rapid Development of Transgene-Free, Phloem-Enhanced Valencia Sweet Orange for HLB Tolerance via Mature-Tissue CRISPR Editing’ \*
      - d. D. Norman & P. Schirard, ‘Development of SP2 as a Biological Biostimulant to Mitigate Huanglongbing in Florida Citrus’ \*
    - 2) Recommendation of continuation funding of R. Turgeon project 22-020, ‘Protecting citrus trees from citrus greening with anchored, single-chain antibodies’ \*

\*Materials

3) Recommendations of Proposal and Off-Cycle Preproposal:

- a. C. Messina & C. El Mohtar, 25-016 ‘Developing an efficient system to accelerate flowering in citrus seedlings’ \*
- b. Y. Wang, ‘Using Machine Learning on Juvenile Leaf Chemistry to Predict Future Sweet Orange Juice Quality’ \*

7. COO Report – Rick Dantzler
8. Partnership Updates
9. New Business
10. Public Comments
11. Next Board of Directors meeting: April 28, 2026, in BHG Hall, UF-IFAS CREC, Lake Alfred
12. Adjournment