



Citrus Research and
Development Foundation, Inc.

NOTICE OF A MEETING
OF THE
CITRUS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION, INC.
RESEARCH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 – 10:00 AM

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

A meeting of the Research Management Committee of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation, Inc. will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 10:00 AM in the Ben Hill Griffin Hall Conference Room #103, UF/IFAS, CREC, in Lake Alfred, Florida.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting is asked to advise the Foundation at least 72 hours in advance by contacting Barbara Thompson by phone at 863-956-8817 or by email at bat@citrusrdf.org.

CRDF RESEARCH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call/Determination of Quorum
- C. Approval of Minutes of April 21, 2026, RMC Meeting *
- D. Consideration of Off-Cycle research preproposals:
 - 1. M. Dutt ‘Proactively developing transgenic lines stacked for resistance to HLB’ *
 - 2. C. Baysal ‘Virus-Mediated in Planta Genome Editing Platform for Accelerated Trait Discovery in Citrus’ *
- E. Discussion and recommendations of full research proposals:
 - 1. N. Quinn 25-022 ‘Advancing Entomopathogenic...POSTPONED
 - 2. A. Schultink, Fortiphyte 25-024 ‘Using the FIT3 immune receptor gene to generate HLB-resistant citrus for Florida’ *
 - 3. M. Dutt 25-023 ‘Identification of Key Factors in Citrus Tolerance to HLB’ *
 - 4. C. Baysal 25-021 ‘Engineering Durable Citrus Tolerance to Huanglongbing via Rational Multi-Layer Defense Stacking’ *
 - 5. B. Bonning 23-040 continuation, ‘Optimal combination of Bt toxins and gene silencing RNAs for management of citrus root weevil – Continuation’ *
 - 6. Reconsideration of C. Messina (& A. Huo) 25-014 ‘Rapid Development of Transgene-Free, Phloem-Enhanced Valencia Sweet Orange for HLB Tolerance via Mature-Tissue CRISPR Editing’ *
- F. Report on Dr. Leandro Peña’s visit *
- G. Other Business
- H. Public Comments
- I. Adjournment