# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549** 

## FORM 8-K/A

Amendment No. 1

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 23, 2022

# Adagio Therapeutics, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its Charter)

83-1403134

(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

Delaware 001-40703
(State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission of Incorporation) File Number)

1601 Trapelo Road, Suite 178
Waltham, Massachusetts
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)
(Zip Code)

(781) 819-0080 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

	appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing provisions (see General Instructions A.2. belo	is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing ow):	obligation of the registrant under any of the
	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)		
	Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)		
	Pre-commencement communications pursu	nant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (	17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
	Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))		
Securities r	egistered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Ac	t:	
	Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value		ADGI	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company ⊠

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.  $\Box$ 

#### **Explanatory Note**

As previously reported by Adagio Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company") on a Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 23, 2022 (the "Initial Form 8-K"), the Company's Board of Directors appointed David Hering to serve as Interim Chief Executive Officer. This Current Report on Form 8-K/A is being filed, pursuant to Instruction 2 to Item 5.02 of Form 8-K, as an amendment to the Initial Form 8-K to add information related to additional compensation that Mr. Hering received in connection with his appointment to this new position that was not determined at the time of the filing of the Initial Form 8-K.

# Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b), (c), (e) On February 23, 2022, Tillman U. Gerngross, Ph.D. resigned as Chief Executive Officer and President of Adagio Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company") and as a member of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Company.

Following Dr. Gerngross's resignation, on February 23, 2022, the Board appointed David Hering to serve as Interim Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Hering will also continue to serve as the Company's Chief Operating Officer. There is no arrangement or understanding between Mr. Hering and any other person pursuant to which he was selected as an officer of the Company, and there is no family relationship between Mr. Hering and any of the Company's other executive officers or directors. The Company is not aware of any transaction involving Mr. Hering requiring disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

In connection with Mr. Hering's appointment as Interim Chief Executive Officer, on March 18, 2022, the Board approved the following compensation for Mr. Hering: (i) an increase in Mr. Hering's annual base salary to \$510,000, effective as of February 23, 2022, (ii) a monthly stipend of \$7,500 in addition to Mr. Hering's base salary during his tenure as Interim Chief Executive Officer and (iii) a target bonus for 2022 reflecting a blended rate of (a) a 60% target bonus at an assumed annual base salary of \$600,000 for time served as Interim Chief Executive Officer and (b) a 40% target bonus for time served solely as Chief Operating Officer.

Mr. Hering's employment agreement (the "Employment Agreement"), which was amended and restated in connection with the Company's initial public offering, provides that Mr. Hering is eligible for an annual target bonus of 40% of his base salary (which will be adjusted pursuant to the foregoing for time served as Interim Chief Executive Officer). The annual bonus will be determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board based on the achievement of performance goals and objectives for the calendar year. The Employment Agreement provides for standard benefits, such as paid time off, reimbursement of business expenses, and participation in the Company's employee benefit plans and programs. In the event that Mr. Hering's employment ends upon death or a disability, he will be entitled to accrued obligations and payment of his target bonus so long as his employment terminates after the completion of the calendar year but prior to the date of payment of the bonus (the "Earned Bonus"). In the event that Mr. Hering's employment terminates, other than during the period commencing three months prior to or ending 12 months following a "change in control" (as defined in the Company's 2021 Equity Incentive Plan) (the "Change in Control Period") by the Company without "cause" or by him for "good reason" (each as defined in the Employment Agreement), and subject to the delivery to the Company of a separation agreement that includes a general release of claims, Mr. Hering will receive cash severance equal to nine months of his base salary, as well as the Earned Bonus, if applicable, and nine months continuation of benefits. Mr. Hering will also be entitled to delayed forfeiture of unvested time-based equity awards until 90 days after the date of termination. In the event that Mr. Hering's employment is terminated by the Company without cause or by him for good reason, in either case, during the Change in Control Period, and subject to his delivery to the Company of a separation agreement that includes a general release of claims, Mr. Hering will receive cash severance equal to 12 months of his base salary, his target bonus for the year of termination, as well as the Earned Bonus, if applicable, and 12 months continuation of benefits. In such case, Mr. Hering will also be entitled to immediate acceleration and full vesting of any time-based equity awards, exercisable or nonforfeitable as if employment continued until the later of the date of termination or the effective date of the separation agreement.

The foregoing description of the Employment Agreement is only a summary and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete terms and conditions of the Employment Agreement, which is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

Mr. Hering has also entered into an indemnification agreement in the form previously approved by the Board, which form is filed as Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1/A, filed with the SEC on August 2, 2021.

David Hering, M.B.A., 47, has served as the Company's Chief Operating Officer since June 2021. Prior to joining Adagio, Mr. Hering served as the Head of the mRNA Global Franchise Business of Pfizer, Inc. from April 2021 to June 2021, the President of North America Vaccines of Pfizer, Inc. from December 2018 to April 2021 and the Vaccines Commercial Officer of Pfizer, Inc. from June 2015 to December 2018. Before joining Pfizer in 2015, Mr. Hering spent seven years at Novartis Vaccines, where he held the position of Head of the North America Region. Mr. Hering received an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School and a B.S. in Operations Research and Industrial Engineering from Cornell University.

In order to achieve a more equal balance of membership among the Company's three classes of directors in connection with Dr. Gerngross's resignation from the Board, the Board determined that one of its members should be reclassified from Class II (with a term expiring at the Company's 2023 annual meeting of stockholders) to Class III (with a term expiring at the Company's 2024 annual meeting of stockholders). Accordingly, on February 23, 2022, Tom Heyman agreed to resign from his position as a Class II director subject to his immediate reappointment as a Class III director. The Board accepted Mr. Heyman's resignation and immediately reappointed him as a Class III director. The resignation and reappointment of Mr. Heyman was effected solely to rebalance the Board classes in connection with Dr. Gerngross's resignation, and for all other purposes, Mr. Heyman's service on the Board is deemed to have continued uninterrupted.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

#### (d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, by and between the Registrant and David Hering, dated August 5, 2021
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: March 21, 2022

Adagio Therapeutics, Inc.

By: /s/ Jill Andersen

Jill Andersen

Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary

# AMENDED AND RESTATED EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

This Amended and Restated Employment Agreement ("<u>Agreement</u>") is made between Adagio Therapeutics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), and David Hering (the "<u>Executive</u>"), this 5th day of August, 2021. This Agreement amends, restates, and supersedes in its entirety that certain Employment Agreement, dated June 30, 2021 (the "<u>Prior Agreement</u>"), between the Executive and the Company.

WHEREAS, the Company is planning an initial public offering (the "Offering") of its shares of common stock;

WHEREAS, the Company and the Executive desire to amend and restate the Prior Agreement in the manner set forth herein, effective as of the date on which the registration statement relating to the Offering is effective (the "Effective Date").

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

#### 1. Employment.

(a) <u>Term</u>. The Company shall employ the Executive and the Executive shall be employed by the Company pursuant to this Agreement commencing as of the Effective Date and continuing until such employment is terminated in accordance with the provisions hereof (the "<u>Term</u>"). The Executive's employment with the Company shall continue to be "at will," meaning that the Executive's employment may be terminated by the Company or the Executive at any time and for any reason subject to the terms of this Agreement.

#### (b) Position and Duties.

The Executive shall serve as the Chief Operating Officer of the Company and shall have such powers and duties as customarily associated with the office of Chief Operating Officer, and as may from time to time be prescribed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Company (the "<u>CEO</u>"), subject to the direction and control of the CEO. The Executive shall report to the CEO.

Nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit the Executive from reasonably delegating parts of the responsibilities set forth in or contemplated by this Section 1(b) to other employees of the Company or its subsidiaries. Upon the termination of Executive's service for any reason, unless otherwise determined by the Board, Executive will be deemed to have resigned from any other positions held at the Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates voluntarily, without any further required action by Executive, as of the cessation of Executive's services, and Executive, at the Board's request, will execute any documents deemed in the discretion of the Company to be reasonably necessary to reflect Executive's resignation(s).

(c) <u>Outside Activities</u>. Executive will use good faith efforts to discharge Executive's obligations under this Agreement to the best of Executive's ability. Executive will devote substantially all of Executive's business efforts and time to the Company.

The Executive agrees not to engage actively in any other employment, occupation, or consulting activity for any direct or indirect remuneration without the prior approval of the CEO; provided, however, that Executive may, without such approval, serve in any capacity with any civic, educational, or charitable organization, participate in industry affairs and manage Executive's family's personal passive investments, and engage in the activities set forth in Appendix A to this Agreement, provided that in each case such services do not materially interfere with Executive's obligations to the Company, create a conflict of interest, violate any of the Executive's Continuing Obligations (as defined in Section 9 below) or cause any reputational damage to the Company as reasonably determined by the Board.

The Executive may retain any compensation or benefits received as a result of consented to service as a director without any offset in respect of any compensation or benefits to be provided hereunder.

- 2. <u>Compensation and Related Matters</u>. This Section 2 sets forth the compensation and benefits to be provided to the Executive during the Term.
- (a) <u>Base Salary</u>. The Executive will continue to pay Executive, as compensation for the performance of the Executive's duties and obligations hereunder, salary at the rate of \$410,000 per year. The Executive's salary shall be subject to annual review not later than March 31st of each year for possible increase by the Board or the Compensation Committee of the Board (the "<u>Compensation Committee</u>"), which may be adjusted from time to time. The base salary in effect at any given time is referred to herein as "<u>Base Salary</u>." The Base Salary shall be payable in a manner that is consistent with the Company's usual payroll practices for its executive officers
- (b) <u>Incentive Compensation</u>. The Executive shall participate in an annual cash incentive compensation plan (the "<u>Annual Bonus Plan</u>"). The Executive's target Annual Bonus will be eligible to earn an annual bonus for each full calendar year completed (the "<u>Annual Bonus</u>"). The Executive's target Annual Bonus will be forty percent (40%) of Executive's Base Salary (the "<u>Target Bonus</u>") based on Base Salary in effect on January 1st of the applicable performance period. The actual Annual Bonus payable to the Executive with respect to a performance period will be determined by the Compensation Committee based on achieving performance goals and objectives for such calendar year as reasonably determined by the Compensation Committee. The Executive's Annual Bonus shall be paid as soon as administratively practicable after the end of the performance period, but in no event later than the March 15<sup>th</sup> immediately following such period; provided, that the Executive must remain continuously employed by the Company through the date on which the Board approves the actual Annual Bonus amount payable to the Executive to be eligible to receive bonus (except as otherwise provided in Section 4(c) or 5(a)).
- (c) Expenses. The Company shall promptly pay or reimburse the Executive for all reasonable expenses incurred by the Executive while performing services hereunder, including but not limited to travel expenses and attendance at industry events, in accordance with the policies and procedures then in effect and established by the Company for its executive officers, but in no event later than thirty (30) days submission of a reimbursement request in accordance with such policies or procedures.

- (d) Other Benefits. The Executive shall be eligible to participate in or receive benefits under the Company's employee benefit plans in effect from time to time, subject to the terms of such plans.
- (e) <u>Paid Time Off</u>. The Executive shall be entitled to take paid time off in accordance with the Company's applicable paid time off policy for executives, as may be in effect from time to time.
- (f) <u>Stock Ownership Guidelines</u>. The Executive shall be subject to the Company's Executive Stock Ownership Guidelines while providing services under this Agreement.
- (g) <u>Treatment of Equity Awards upon a Change in Control</u>. The following provisions shall apply to any award granted under the Adagio Therapeutics, Inc. 2021 Equity Incentive Plan (the "<u>Plan</u>") or any other plan, agreement or arrangement based on the value of a share of the Company's common stock on or after the Effective Date (collectively, the "<u>Equity Awards</u>") to the extent the Equity Awards are assumed, continued or substituted by the surviving or acquiring entity (or its parent) in connection with a Change in Control (as defined in the Plan) and the Executive continues to provide services to the Company or its successor following such Change in Control:
  - (i) Except as otherwise provided in the Change in Control transaction's definitive agreement, the Plan or the applicable award agreement, or as set forth in Section 6 below, Equity Awards subject to vesting solely on account of completing periods of covered employment or service (collectively, the "<u>Time-Based Equity Awards</u>") shall not immediately accelerate and become fully vested and exercisable or non-forfeitable on such a Change in Control, and
  - (ii) all other Equity Awards, including but not limited to performance stock units vesting based on achieving pre-established performance goals (collectively, the "*Performance-Based Equity Awards*") shall be governed by the terms of the Plan and the applicable award agreement.
- 3. <u>Termination</u>. The Executive's employment hereunder may be terminated without any breach of this Agreement under the following circumstances:
  - (a) <u>Death</u>. The Executive's employment hereunder shall terminate upon death.
- (b) <u>Disability</u>. The Company may terminate the Executive's employment if the Executive is disabled and unable to perform or expected to be unable to perform the essential functions of the Executive's then existing position or positions under this Agreement with or without reasonable accommodation for a period of 180 days (which need not be consecutive) in any 12-month period. If any question shall arise as to whether during any period the Executive is

disabled so as to be unable to perform the essential functions of the Executive's then existing position or positions with or without reasonable accommodation, the Executive may, and at the request of the Company shall, submit to the Company a certification in reasonable detail by a physician selected by the Company to whom the Executive or the Executive's guardian has no reasonable objection as to whether the Executive is so disabled or how long such disability is expected to continue, and such certification shall for the purposes of this Agreement be conclusive of the issue. The Executive shall cooperate with any reasonable request of the physician in connection with such certification. If such question shall arise and the Executive shall fail to submit such certification, the Company's determination of such issue shall be binding on the Executive. Nothing in this Section 3(b) shall be construed to waive the Executive's rights, if any, under existing law including, without limitation, the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 U.S.C. §2601 *et seq.* and the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. §12101 *et seq.* 

- (c) <u>Termination by the Company for Cause</u>. The Company may terminate the Executive's employment hereunder for Cause. For purposes of this Agreement, "*Cause*" shall mean any of the following:
  - (i) the Executive's unauthorized use or disclosure of confidential information or trade secrets of the Company for Executive's benefit or any material breach of a written agreement between the Executive and the Company, including without limitation a material breach of this Agreement or the Restrictive Covenants Agreement;
  - (ii) the Executive's conviction of, or pleading no contest to, a felony under the laws of the United States or any state thereof (other than in connection with a traffic violation that does not result in imprisonment) or any crime that results in the Executive's incarceration in a federal, state, or local jail or prison;
  - (iii) the Executive's material and willful misconduct in the performance of the Executive's duties or the Executive's willful or repeated failure or refusal to substantially perform assigned duties (other than any such failure of refusal resulting from the Executive's incapacity due to physical or mental illness or any such actual or anticipated failure after the issuance of a notice of Good Reason by the Executive pursuant to Section 3(e) hereof), in any case, which willful misconduct, failure or refusal has continued for more than thirty (30) days following written notice from the CEO of such willful misconduct, failure or refusal;
  - (iv) any act of fraud, embezzlement or material misappropriation committed by the Executive against the Company (other than good faith expense account disputes);
  - (v) willful engaging by the Executive in any act that brings the Company into public disrepute or disgrace or causes material harm to the customer relations, operations or business prospects of the Company; or

(vi) the Executive's failure to cooperate with a bona fide internal investigation or an investigation by regulatory or law enforcement authorities, after being instructed by the Company to cooperate, or the willful destruction or failure to preserve documents or other materials known to be relevant to such investigation or the inducement of others to fail to cooperate or to produce documents or other materials in connection with such investigation.

For purposes of this Section 3(c), no act, or failure to act, on the Executive's part shall be deemed "willful" if done, or omitted to be done, by the Executive in good faith and with reasonable belief that the Executive's act, or failure to act, was in the best interest of the Company.

In the case of any termination for Cause, the Company shall provide written notice to the Executive setting forth to a reasonable extent at least the principal acts or omissions of the Executive giving rise to Cause for termination. It is agreed to by the parties that the below par or below average financial performance of the Company and/or its subsidiaries, in and of itself shall not constitute Cause for employment termination under this Agreement.

A termination for Cause under this Section 3(c) (other than with respect to Section 3(c)(ii) shall in no event become effective under the Agreement unless the provisions of this paragraph are complied with. The Executive must be given written notice by the Board of the intention to terminate Executive's employment for Cause, such notice (A) to state in detail the act or acts or failure or failures to act that constitute the grounds on which the proposed termination for Cause is based and (B) to be given within three (3) months of the Board learning of such act or acts or failure or failures to act. The Executive shall have ten (10) days after the date that such written notice has been given to the Executive in which to cure such conduct, to the extent such cure is possible. If the Executive fails to cure such conduct, the Executive shall thereupon be terminated for Cause.

- (d) <u>Termination by the Company without Cause</u>. The Company may terminate the Executive's employment hereunder at any time without Cause. Any termination by the Company of the Executive's employment under this Agreement which does not constitute a termination for Cause under Section 3(c) and does not result from the death or disability of the Executive under Section 3(a) or 3(b) shall be deemed a termination without Cause.
- (e) <u>Termination by the Executive</u>. The Executive may terminate employment hereunder at any time for any reason, including but not limited to, Good Reason. For purposes of this Agreement, "<u>Good Reason</u>" shall mean that the Executive has completed all steps of the Good Reason Process (hereinafter defined) following the occurrence of any of the following events without the Executive's consent (each, a "<u>Good Reason</u> <u>Condition</u>"):
  - (i) a material diminution in the Executive's title, responsibilities, authority or duties; or a material reduction in the authority, duties, or responsibilities of the CEO to whom the Executive is required to report;

- (ii) a Change in Control following which either: (A) there is a material reduction in the budget over which the Executive retains authority or (B) the Executive is not Chief Operating Officer of the Company or, if the Company becomes a subsidiary of one or more entities following the Change in Control, the post-consummation ultimate parent entity of the Company; or
- (iii) a material breach of this Agreement by the Company, including without limitation, a reduction of the Executive's Base Salary or Target Bonus in violation of Section 2(a) or 2(b) (except for across-the-board salary reductions of not more than ten percent (10%) similarly affecting all or substantially all senior management employees of the Company), a relocation of the Executive's place of employment to any location that is greater than twenty (20) miles from the Executive's home office, or the failure of the Company to obtain the assumption in writing of the Company's obligations to the Executive under this Agreement by any successor as required under Section 13 below.
- (f) Good Reason Process. The "Good Reason Process" consists of the following steps:
  - (i) the Executive reasonably determines in good faith that a Good Reason Condition has occurred;
- (ii) the Executive notifies the Company in writing of the first occurrence of the Good Reason Condition within sixty (60) days of the first occurrence of such condition;
- (iii) the Executive cooperates in good faith with the Company's efforts, for a period of not less than thirty (30) days following such notice (the "*Cure Period*"), to remedy the Good Reason Condition;
  - (iv) notwithstanding such efforts, the Good Reason Condition continues to exist at the end of the Cure Period; and
  - (v) the Executive terminates employment within sixty (60) days after the end of the Cure Period.

If the Company cures the Good Reason Condition during the Cure Period, Good Reason shall be deemed not to have occurred.

#### 4. Matters Related to Termination.

(a) Notice of Termination. Except for termination as specified in Section 3(a), any termination of the Executive's employment by the Company or any such termination by the Executive shall be communicated by written Notice of Termination to the other party hereto. For purposes of this Agreement, a "Notice of Termination" shall mean a notice which shall indicate the specific termination provision in this Agreement relied upon.

- (b) <u>Date of Termination</u>. "<u>Date of Termination</u>" shall mean: (i) if the Executive's employment is terminated by death, the date of death; (ii) if the Executive's employment is terminated on account of disability under Section 3(b) or by the Company for Cause under Section 3(c), the date on which Notice of Termination is given; (iii) if the Executive's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause under Section 3(d), thirty (30) days after the date on which a Notice of Termination is given or a later date otherwise specified by the Company in the Notice of Termination; (iv) if the Executive's employment is terminated by the Executive under Section 3(e) other than for Good Reason, thirty (30) days after the date on which a Notice of Termination is given, and (v) if the Executive's employment is terminated by the Executive under Section 3(e) for Good Reason, the date on which a Notice of Termination is given after the end of the Cure Period. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the Executive gives a Notice of Termination to the Company, the Company may unilaterally accelerate the Date of Termination and such acceleration shall not result in a termination by the Company for purposes of this Agreement.
- (c) <u>Accrued Obligations</u>. If the Executive's employment with the Company is terminated for any reason, the Company shall pay or provide to the Executive (or to the Executive's authorized representative or estate) (i) any Base Salary earned through the Date of Termination; (ii) unpaid expense reimbursements (subject to, and in accordance with, Section 2(c) of this Agreement); and (iii) any vested benefits the Executive may have under any employee benefit plan or compensation arrangement of the Company (including equity compensation plans and insurance coverages) through the Date of Termination, which vested benefits shall be paid and/or provided in accordance with the terms of such employee benefit plans. In the event that the Executive terminates employment due to death or Disability (as defined in Section 3(b) above), the Executive (or in the case of death, the Executive's estate) shall be entitled to receive the Earned Bonus (as defined in Section 5(a)) at the same time bonuses are paid to other employees who are actively employed by the Company. The amounts described under this Section 4(c) are referred to below as the "<u>Accrued Obligations</u>."
- (d) <u>Resignation of All Other Positions</u>. To the extent applicable, the Executive shall be deemed to have resigned from all officer and board member positions that the Executive holds with the Company or any of its respective subsidiaries and affiliates upon the termination of the Executive's employment for any reason. The Executive shall execute any documents in reasonable form as may be requested to confirm or effectuate any such resignations.
- 5. Severance Pay and Benefits Upon Termination by the Company without Cause or by the Executive for Good Reason. If the Executive's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause as provided in Section 3(d), or the Executive terminates employment for Good Reason as provided in Section 3(e), then, in addition to the Accrued Obligations, and subject to (i) the Executive signing a separation agreement and release in a form substantially the same as set forth in <u>Appendix B</u> (the "<u>Separation Agreement</u>"), which provides that if the Executive materially breaches any of the Continuing Obligations, all payments of the Severance Amount shall immediately cease, and (ii) the Separation Agreement becoming irrevocable, all within sixty (60) days after the Date of Termination (or such shorter period as set forth in the Separation Agreement):
- (a) <u>Cash Severance</u>. The Company shall pay the Executive an amount equal to nine (9) months' of the Executive's Base Salary (the "<u>Severance Amount</u>") and, in the event that the Executive's employment is terminated after the end of the calendar year but prior to the payment of any Annual Bonus for the immediately preceding calendar year, the Executive shall be entitled to receive a lump sum payment of any unpaid Annual Bonus earned based on achievement of the applicable performance goals and objectives, without any reduction for individual performance, with respect to such immediately preceding calendar year (the "<u>Earned Bonus</u>").

- (b) <u>COBRA Premiums</u>. Subject to the Executive's copayment of premium amounts at the applicable active employees' rate and the Executive's proper election to receive benefits under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended ("<u>COBRA</u>"), the Company shall pay to the group health plan provider or the COBRA provider a monthly payment equal to the monthly employer contribution that the Company would have made to provide health insurance to the Executive if the Executive had remained employed by the Company until the earliest of (A) the nine (9) month anniversary of the Date of Termination; (B) the date that the Executive becomes eligible for group medical plan benefits under any other employer's group medical plan; or (C) the cessation of the Executive's health continuation rights under COBRA; provided, however, that if the Company determines that it cannot pay such amounts to the group health plan provider or the COBRA provider (if applicable) without potentially violating applicable law (including, without limitation, Section 2716 of the Public Health Service Act), then the Company shall convert such payments to payroll payments directly to the Executive for the time period specified above. Such payments to the Executive shall be subject to tax-related deductions and withholdings and paid on the Company's regular payroll dates.
- (c) <u>Delayed Forfeiture of Time-Based Equity Awards</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Time-Based Equity Awards, if the Separation Agreement becomes effective, the unvested portions of all Time-Based Equity Awards shall not terminate or be forfeited on the Date of Termination, but rather shall remain outstanding until ninety (90) days after the Date of Termination (the "<u>Pre-CIC Protection Period</u>"). If the Company has not, prior to the end of the Pre-CIC Protection Period, entered into a definitive agreement that, if closed, would result in a Change in Control (a "<u>P&S Agreement</u>"), then the unvested portion of the Time-Based Equity Awards shall terminate and be forfeited. If the Company, prior the end of the Pre-CIC Protection Period, enters into a P&S Agreement, then the Time-Based Equity Awards shall remain outstanding and become fully vested upon a Change in Control resulting from such agreement. Time-Based Equity Awards shall terminate and be forfeited if the Company abandons a sale of the Company as contemplated under the P&S Agreement entered into during the Pre-CIC Protection Period. No additional vesting of the Time-Based Equity Awards shall occur following the Date of Termination except on account of a Change in Control during or after the Pre-CIC Protection Period as specifically provided above. For the avoidance of doubt, any unvested Performance-Based Equity Awards shall terminate and be forfeited on the Date of Termination unless otherwise provided by the terms of the Plan or the applicable award agreement.
- (d) <u>Severance Payment Timing</u>. The amounts payable under Section 5 (other than the Earned Bonus, as applicable), to the extent taxable, shall be paid or commence to be paid within thirty (30) days after the Date of Termination (or such longer period as required in order to have an enforceable release, but in no event later than sixty (60) days after the Date of Termination); provided, however, that if the period applicable to Executive's termination of

employment begins in one calendar year and ends in a second calendar year, such payments to the extent they qualify as "non-qualified deferred compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "*Code*"), shall be paid or commence to be paid in the second calendar year by the last day of such period. The Severance Amount shall be paid in a single lump sum and the Earned Bonus, if any, shall be paid at the same time as if the Executive had remained employed with the Company through the payment date.

6. Severance Pay and Benefits Upon Termination by the Company without Cause or by the Executive for Good Reason within the Change in Control Period. The provisions of this Section 6 shall apply in lieu of, and expressly supersede, the provisions of Section 5 if (i) the Executive's employment is terminated either (a) by the Company without Cause as provided in Section 3(d), or (b) by the Executive for Good Reason as provided in Section 3(e), and (ii) the Date of Termination is during the Change in Control Period. The "Change in Control Period" shall begin on the earlier of (a) the signing of a P&S Agreement and (b) the date that is 3 months prior to the closing of a Change in Control, and shall end on the date that is twelve (12) months after the occurrence of the first event constituting a Change in Control. These provisions shall terminate and be of no further force or effect after the Change in Control Period. In no event will the Executive be entitled to severance benefits under both Section 5 and Section 6 of this Agreement. If the Company has commenced providing severance pay and benefits to the Executive under Section 5 prior to the date that the Executive becomes eligible to receive severance pay and benefits under this Section 6, the severance pay and benefits previously provided to the Executive under Section 5 shall reduce the severance pay and benefits to be provided under this Section 6.

If the Executive's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause as provided in Section 3(d) or the Executive terminates employment for Good Reason as provided in Section 3(e) and in each case the Date of Termination occurs during the Change in Control Period, then, in addition to the Accrued Obligations, and subject to the signing of the Separation Agreement by the Executive and the Separation Agreement becoming fully effective, all within the time frame set forth in the Separation Agreement but in no event more than sixty (60) days after the Date of Termination:

- (a) <u>Cash Severance</u>. The Company shall pay the Executive a lump sum in cash in an amount equal to the sum of (A) twelve (12) months' of the Executive's then-current Base Salary (or the Executive's Base Salary in effect immediately prior to the Change in Control, if higher), and (B) the Executive's Target Bonus for the then-current year (or the Executive's Target Bonus in effect immediately prior to the Change in Control, if higher), plus, if applicable, any Earned Bonus (the "<u>Change in Control Payment</u>").
- (b) <u>COBRA Premiums</u>. Subject to the Executive's copayment of premium amounts at the applicable active employees' rate and the Executive's proper election to receive benefits under COBRA, the Company shall pay to the group health plan provider or the COBRA provider a monthly payment equal to the monthly employer contribution that the Company would have made to provide health insurance to the Executive if the Executive had remained employed by the Company until the earliest of (A) the twelve (12) month anniversary of the Date of Termination; (B) the date that the Executive becomes eligible for group medical plan benefits

under any other employer's group medical plan; or (C) the cessation of the Executive's health continuation rights under COBRA; provided, however, that if the Company determines that it cannot pay such amounts to the group health plan provider or the COBRA provider (if applicable) without potentially violating applicable law (including, without limitation, Section 2716 of the Public Health Service Act), then the Company shall convert such payments to payroll payments directly to the Executive for the time period specified above. Such payments to the Executive shall be subject to tax-related deductions and withholdings and paid on the Company's regular payroll dates.

- (c) <u>Accelerated Vesting of Equity Awards</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Equity Award, the Time-Based Equity Awards shall immediately accelerate and become fully vested and exercisable or nonforfeitable as if the Executive had remained employed with the Company as of the later of (i) the Date of Termination (or, if later, the Change in Control) or (ii) the effective date of the Separation Agreement (the "<u>Accelerated Vesting Date</u>"), provided that in order to effectuate the accelerated vesting contemplated by this subsection, the unvested portion of such Equity Awards that would otherwise terminate or be forfeited on the Date of Termination will be delayed until the earlier of (A) the effective date of the Separation Agreement (at which time acceleration will occur), or (B) the date that the Separation Agreement can no longer become fully effective (at which time the unvested portion of the Executive's Time-Based Equity Awards will terminate or be forfeited). Notwithstanding the foregoing, no additional time-based vesting of the Time-Based Equity Awards shall occur during the period between the Date of Termination and the Accelerated Vesting Date except as specifically provided in this Section 6(c).
- (d) <u>Change in Control Payment Timing</u>. The amounts payable under this Section 6, to the extent taxable, shall be paid or commence to be paid within sixty (60) days after the Date of Termination or, if later, the Change in Control; provided, however, that if the 60-day period begins in one calendar year and ends in a second calendar year, such payments to the extent they qualify as "non-qualified deferred compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code, shall be paid or commence to be paid in the second calendar year by the last day of such 60-day period.

#### 7. 280G Limitation.

(a) Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, in the event that the amount of any compensation, payment or distribution by the Company to or for the benefit of the Executive, whether paid or payable or distributed or distributable pursuant to the terms of this Agreement or otherwise, calculated in a manner consistent with Section 280G of the Code, and the applicable regulations thereunder (the "Aggregate Payments"), would be subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code, then the Aggregate Payments shall be reduced (but not below zero) so that the sum of all of the Aggregate Payments shall be \$1.00 less than the amount at which the Executive becomes subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code; provided that such reduction shall only occur if it would result in the Executive receiving a higher After Tax Amount (as defined below) than the Executive would receive if the Aggregate Payments were not subject to such reduction. In such event, the Aggregate Payments shall be reduced in the following order, in each case, in reverse chronological order beginning with the Aggregate Payments that are to be paid the furthest in

time from consummation of the transaction that is subject to Section 280G of the Code: (1) cash payments not subject to Section 409A of the Code; (2) cash payments subject to Section 409A of the Code; (3) equity-based payments and acceleration; and (4) non-cash forms of benefits; provided that in the case of all the foregoing Aggregate Payments all amounts or payments that are not subject to calculation under Treas. Reg. §1.280G-1, Q&A-24(b) or (c) shall be reduced before any amounts that are subject to calculation under Treas. Reg. §1.280G-1, Q&A-24(b) or (c).

- (b) For purposes of this Section 7, the "<u>After Tax Amount</u>" means the amount of the Aggregate Payments less all federal, state, and local income, excise and employment taxes imposed on the Executive as a result of the Executive's receipt of the Aggregate Payments. For purposes of determining the After Tax Amount, the Executive shall be deemed to pay federal income taxes at the highest marginal rate of federal income taxation applicable to individuals for the calendar year in which the determination is to be made, and state and local income taxes at the highest marginal rates of individual taxation in each applicable state and locality, net of the maximum reduction in federal income taxes which could be obtained from deduction of such state and local taxes.
- (c) For purposes of determining whether and the extent to which the Aggregate Payments will be subject to the excise tax, (i) no portion of the Aggregate Payments the receipt or enjoyment of which Executive shall have waived at such time and in such manner as not to constitute a "payment" within the meaning of Section 280G(b) of the Code shall be taken into account, (ii) no portion of the Aggregate Payments shall be taken into account which, in the written opinion of independent auditors or advisors of nationally recognized standing ("*Independent Advisors*") selected by the Company prior to a Change in Control, does not constitute a "parachute payment" within the meaning of Section 280G(b)(2) of the Code (including by reason of Section 280G(b)(4)(A) of the Code) and, in calculating the excise tax, no portion of such Aggregate Payments shall be taken into account which, in the opinion of Independent Advisors, constitutes reasonable compensation for services actually rendered, within the meaning of Section 280G(b)(4)(B) of the Code, in excess of the "base amount" (as defined in Section 280G(b)(3) of the Code) allocable to such reasonable compensation, and (iii) the value of any non-cash benefit or any deferred payment or benefit included in the Aggregate Payments shall be determined by the Independent Advisors in accordance with the principles of Sections 280G(d)(3) and (4) of the Code. The Independent Advisors shall provide detailed supporting calculations both to the Company and the Executive within fifteen (15) business days of the Date of Termination, if applicable, or at such earlier time as is reasonably requested by the Company or the Executive. Any determination by the Independent Advisors shall be binding upon the Company and the Executive.

#### 8. Section 409A.

(a) Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, if at the time of the Executive's separation from service within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code, the Company determines that the Executive is a "specified employee" within the meaning of Section 409A(a)(2) (B)(i) of the Code, then to the extent any payment or benefit that the Executive becomes entitled to under this Agreement or otherwise on account of the Executive's separation from service would be considered deferred compensation otherwise subject to the 20% additional

tax imposed pursuant to Section 409A(a) of the Code as a result of the application of Section 409A(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Code, such payment shall not be payable and such benefit shall not be provided until the date that is the earlier of (A) six (6) months and one day after the Executive's separation from service, or (B) the Executive's death. If any such delayed cash payment is otherwise payable on an installment basis, the first payment shall include a catch-up payment covering amounts that would otherwise have been paid during the 6-month period but for the application of this provision, and the balance of the installments shall be payable in accordance with their original schedule.

- (b) All in-kind benefits provided and expenses eligible for reimbursement under this Agreement shall be provided by the Company or incurred by the Executive during the time periods set forth in this Agreement. All reimbursements shall be paid as soon as administratively practicable, but in no event shall any reimbursement be paid after the last day of the taxable year following the taxable year in which the expense was incurred. The amount of in-kind benefits provided or reimbursable expenses incurred in one taxable year shall not affect the in-kind benefits to be provided or the expenses eligible for reimbursement in any other taxable year (except for any lifetime or other aggregate limitation applicable to medical expenses). Such right to reimbursement or in-kind benefits is not subject to liquidation or exchange for another benefit.
- (c) To the extent that any payment or benefit described in this Agreement constitutes "non-qualified deferred compensation" under Section 409A of the Code, and to the extent that such payment or benefit is payable upon the Executive's termination of employment, then such payments or benefits shall be payable only upon the Executive's "separation from service." The determination of whether and when a separation from service has occurred shall be made in accordance with the presumptions set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(h).
- (d) The parties intend that this Agreement will be administered in a manner not intended to violate Section 409A of the Code. To the extent that any provision of this Agreement is ambiguous as to its compliance with Section 409A of the Code, the provision shall be read in such a manner so that all payments hereunder comply with Section 409A of the Code. Each payment pursuant to this Agreement is intended to constitute a separate payment for purposes of Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-2(b)(2). Any such payment that may be excluded from Section 409A either as separation pay due to an involuntary separation from service or as a short-term deferral (each as described in Treasury regulations issued under Section 409A) shall be excluded from Section 409A to the greatest extent possible. The parties agree that this Agreement may be amended, as reasonably requested by either party, and as may be necessary to fully comply with Section 409A of the Code and all related rules and regulations in order to preserve the payments and benefits provided hereunder without additional cost to either party.
- (e) The Company makes no representation or warranty and shall have no liability to the Executive or any other person if any provisions of this Agreement are determined to constitute deferred compensation subject to Section 409A of the Code but do not satisfy an exemption from, or the conditions of, such Section.

#### 9. Continuing Obligations.

- (a) <u>Restrictive Covenants Agreement</u>. As a condition of entering into this Agreement, Executive agrees to the terms of the Employee Proprietary Information and Inventions Assignment Agreement, dated August 5, 2021 between the Company and the Executive (the "<u>Restrictive</u> <u>Covenants Agreement</u>"). For purposes of this Agreement, the obligations in this Section 9 and those that arise in the Restrictive Covenants Agreement and any other agreement relating to confidentiality, assignment of inventions, or other restrictive covenants that may later be agreed to by the Executive shall collectively be referred to as the "<u>Continuing Obligations</u>."
- (b) <u>Third-Party Agreements and Rights</u>. The Executive hereby confirms that the Executive is not bound by the terms of any agreement with any previous employer or other party which restricts in any way the Executive's use or disclosure of information, other than confidentiality restrictions (if any), or the Executive's engagement in any business. The Executive represents to the Company that the Executive's execution of this Agreement, the Executive's employment with the Company and the performance of the Executive's proposed duties for the Company will not violate any obligations the Executive may have to any such previous employer or other party. In the Executive's work for the Company, the Executive will not disclose or make use of any information in violation of any agreements with or rights of any such previous employer or other party, and the Executive will not bring to the premises of the Company any copies or other tangible embodiments of non-public information belonging to or obtained from any such previous employment or other party.
- (c) <u>Litigation and Regulatory Cooperation</u>. During and after the Executive's employment, the Executive shall cooperate fully with the Company in (i) the defense or prosecution of any claims or actions now in existence or which may be brought in the future against or on behalf of the Company which relate to events or occurrences that transpired while the Executive was employed by the Company, and (ii) the investigation, whether internal or external, of any matters about which the Company believes the Executive may have knowledge or information. The Executive's full cooperation in connection with such claims, actions or investigations shall include, but not be limited to, being available to meet with counsel upon reasonable notice to answer questions or to prepare for discovery or trial and to act as a witness on behalf of the Company at mutually convenient times. During and after the Executive's employment, the Executive also shall cooperate fully with the Company in connection with any investigation or review of any federal, state or local regulatory authority as any such investigation or review relates to events or occurrences that transpired while the Executive was employed by the Company. The Company shall reimburse the Executive for any reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with the Executive's performance of obligations pursuant to this Section 9(c), which shall be in addition to its obligations to provide indemnification to the Executive.
- (d) Relief. The Executive agrees that it would be difficult to measure any damages caused to the Company which might result from any breach by the Executive of the Continuing Obligations, and that in any event monetary damages would be an inadequate remedy for any such breach. Accordingly, the Executive agrees that if the Executive breaches, or proposes to breach, any portion of the Continuing Obligations, the Company shall be entitled, in addition to all other remedies that it may have, to an injunction or other appropriate equitable relief to restrain any such breach without showing or proving any actual damage to the Company.

- 10. <u>Consent to Jurisdiction</u>. The parties hereby consent to the jurisdiction of the state and federal courts of the State of Vermont. Accordingly, with respect to any such court action, the Executive (a) submits to the exclusive personal jurisdiction of such courts; (b) consents to service of process; and (c) waives any other requirement (whether imposed by statute, rule of court, or otherwise) with respect to personal jurisdiction or service of process.
- 11. <u>Integration</u>. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements between the parties concerning such subject matter, including the Prior Agreement, provided that the Restrictive Covenants Agreement and the agreements governing any Equity Awards remain in full force and effect.
- 12. Withholding; Tax Effect. All payments made by the Company to the Executive under this Agreement shall be net of any tax or other amounts required to be withheld by the Company under applicable law. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to require the Company to make any payments to compensate the Executive for any adverse tax effect associated with any payments or benefits or for any deduction or withholding from any payment or benefit.
- 13. Successors and Assigns. This Agreement will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of (a) the heirs, executors, and legal representatives of Executive upon Executive's death as well as any beneficiaries duly designated by Executive prior to death in accordance with the terms hereof, and (b) any successor of the Company. Any such successor of the Company will be deemed substituted for the Company under the terms of this Agreement for all purposes. For this purpose, "successor" means any person, firm, corporation, or other business entity which at any time, whether by purchase, merger, or otherwise, directly or indirectly acquires all or substantially all of the assets or business of the Company. The Company shall require its respective successors to expressly assume and agree to perform this Agreement in the same manner and to the same extent that the Company would be required to perform it if no such succession had taken place. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall remain, with such successor, jointly and severally liable for all of their obligations hereunder. Except as herein provided, this Agreement may not otherwise be assigned by the Company and any attempted assignment in contravention hereof will be null and void. In the event of the Executive's death after the Executive's termination of employment but prior to the completion by the Company of all payments due to the Executive under this Agreement, the Company shall continue such payments to the Executive's beneficiary designated in writing to the Company prior to the Executive's death (or to the Executive's estate, if the Executive fails to make such designation). The Executive may designate one or more persons or entities as the primary or contingent beneficiaries of any amounts to be received under this Agreement. Such designation must be in the form of a signed writing reasonably acceptable to the Board or the Board's designee. Executive may make or change such designation at any time. Except as approved by the Board or the Board's designee, none of the rights of the Executive to receive any form of compensation payable pursuant to this Agreement may be assigned or transferred except by will or the laws of descent and distribution. Any other attempted assignment, transfer, conveyance, or other disposition of Executive's right to compensation or other benefits will be null and void.

- 14. <u>Enforceability</u>. If any portion or provision of this Agreement (including, without limitation, any portion or provision of any section of this Agreement) shall to any extent be declared illegal or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such portion or provision in circumstances other than those as to which it is so declared illegal or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and each portion and provision of this Agreement shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- 15. <u>Survival</u>. The provisions of this Agreement shall survive the termination of this Agreement and/or the termination of the Executive's employment to the extent necessary to effectuate the terms contained herein, including but not limited to the Company's obligation to make severance payments or provide indemnification and the Executive's obligations to comply with the Continuing Obligations.
- 16. <u>Waiver</u>. No waiver of any provision hereof shall be effective unless made in writing and signed by the waiving party. The failure of any party to require the performance of any term or obligation of this Agreement, or the waiver by any party of any breach of this Agreement, shall not prevent any subsequent enforcement of such term or obligation or be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach.
- 17. Notices. Any notices, requests, demands and other communications provided for by this Agreement shall be sufficient if in writing and (i) delivered in person, (ii) sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier service or by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the Executive at the last address the Executive has filed in writing with the Company or, in the case of the Company, at its main offices, attention of the Board or (iii) sent via email to the Executive at the Executive's Company email address or, in the case of the Company, to the CEO's Company email address.
- 18. <u>Amendment</u>. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by a written instrument signed by the Executive and by a duly authorized representative of the Company.
- 19. <u>Indemnification</u>. The Company will (i) indemnify the Executive with respect to claims arising out of any action taken or not taken in Executive's capacity as an officer or employee of the Company or its subsidiaries; provided, that the Executive acted in good faith and in a manner that Executive reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the Company and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that Executive's conduct was unlawful, (ii) advance to the Executive all reasonable and documented out of pocket costs and expenses incurred by the Executive in connection with the foregoing clause (i), including but not limited to attorneys' fees, and (iii) provide for the Executive to be covered by D&O insurance, with respect to clauses (i) and (ii), on the same terms as are made available to the CEO and/or members of the Board, as applicable; provided that, this Agreement constitutes an undertaking that amounts advanced under clause (ii) shall be promptly repaid to the Company by the Executive if it shall ultimately be determined that the Executive is not entitled to be indemnified by the Company pursuant to this Section 19. Nothing

herein shall limit any right that the Executive may have in respect of indemnification, advancement or liability insurance coverage under any other policy, plan, contract or arrangement of the Company or its subsidiaries or under applicable law with respect to his or her services as an officer or employee for the Company or its subsidiaries, and the Company shall not change any right to such indemnification or advancement with respect to the Executive after his or her termination of employment.

- 20. <u>No Mitigation</u>; <u>Offset</u>. In the event of any termination of employment and service hereunder, the Executive shall be under no obligation to seek other employment, and there shall be no offset against any amounts due Executive under this Agreement on account of any remuneration attributable to any subsequent employment that Executive may obtain. The preceding sentence shall not limit the Company's right to enforce the termination provisions set forth in Section 4 above or the repayment or recoupment provisions in Section 22(d) and Section 23 below.
- 21. Effect on Other Plans and Agreements. An election by the Executive to resign for Good Reason under the provisions of this Agreement shall not be deemed a voluntary termination of employment by the Executive for the purpose of interpreting the provisions of any of the Company's benefit plans, programs or policies. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to limit the rights of the Executive under the Company's benefit plans, programs or policies except to the extent specifically provided in Section 7 hereof, and except that the Executive shall have no rights to continue any severance benefits under any Company severance pay plan, offer letter or otherwise. Except for the Restrictive Covenants Agreement, in the event that the Executive is party to an agreement with the Company providing for payments or benefits under such plan or agreement and under this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall govern and the Executive may receive payment under this Agreement only and not both. Further, Section 5 and Section 6 of this Agreement are mutually exclusive and in no event shall the Executive be entitled to cash severance payments or benefits pursuant to both Section 5 and Section 6 of this Agreement.

#### 22. Governing Law; Venue and Enforcement.

- (a) This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with applicable federal laws and, to the extent not inconsistent therewith or preempted thereby, with the laws of the State of Vermont, including any applicable statutes of limitation, without regard to any otherwise applicable principles of conflicts of laws or choice of law rules (whether of the State of Vermont or any other jurisdiction) that would result in the application of the substantive or procedural rules or law of any other jurisdiction.
- (b) Each party agrees that any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the alleged breach hereof shall be instituted in the United States District Court for the District of Vermont, or if that court does not have or will not accept jurisdiction, in any court of general jurisdiction in the State of Vermont, and Executive and the Company hereby consent to the personal and exclusive jurisdiction of such court(s) and hereby waive any objection(s) that any such party may have to personal jurisdiction, the laying of venue of any such proceedings and any claim or defense of inconvenient forum.

- (c) Any award shall be payable to Executive no later than the end of Executive's first taxable year in which the Company either concede the amount (or portion of the amount) payable or are required to make payment pursuant to a judgment by a court, and shall include interest on any amounts due and payable to Executive from the date due to the date of payment, calculated at one hundred and ten percent (110%) of the base lending in effect at Citibank, N.A. (or any successor thereto) on the first of each month.
- (d) If it is necessary or desirable for Executive to retain legal counsel or incur other costs and expenses in connection with the enforcement of any or all of Executive's rights under this Agreement, the Company shall, within thirty (30) days after receipt of an invoice certifying payment by Executive of such attorney fees, or payment of such other costs and expenses, reimburse Executive's reasonable attorneys' fees and costs and such other expenses, including expenses of any expert witnesses, in connection with the enforcement of said rights in an amount not to exceed \$100,000; provided, that to the extent (and only to the extent) such expenses are subject to Section 409A, in no event shall any payment of Executive's fees, costs, and expenses be made after the last day of Executive's taxable year following the taxable year in which the expense was incurred; provided, further, that Executive shall repay any such advance of fees, costs, and expenses (and no additional advances or reimbursements shall be made) (i) if there is a specific judicial finding that Executive's request to litigate was frivolous, unreasonable or without foundation; (ii) if it has been finally determined that Executive's termination of employment for Cause was proper; or (iii) if the Board determines in good faith that as of the date of Executive's termination of employment and service, grounds for an involuntary termination for Cause had existed.
- 23. Recoupment. Executive shall be required to repay incentive pay to the Company as described in this Section 23, and the Company may offset payments otherwise due and payable under this Agreement by the amounts required to be repaid under this Section 23. Repayment of incentive pay shall be required if, and to the extent that, the Compensation Committee determines, in its sole discretion, that repayment is due on account of a restatement of the Company's financial statements or otherwise pursuant to any clawback or compensation recoupment policy as may be in effect or amended from time to time) (the "Recoupment Policy"). Where the result of a performance measure was a factor in determining the compensation awarded or paid, but (i) the subsequently-restated performance measure was not the only factor used to determine the compensation awarded or paid, or (ii) the incentive-based compensation is not awarded or paid on a formulaic basis, the Committee will determine in its discretion the amount, if any, by which the payment or award should be reduced. If the Committee seeks to recover payment of incentive pay as a result of a restatement of the Company's financial statements or otherwise under the Recoupment Policy, Executive shall pay to the Company, as applicable, (A) all or a portion (as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion) of the amount by which the payment received by Executive exceeds the amount that would have been paid to Executive based on the restated financial statements, or (B) the amount (as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion) to be repaid pursuant to the Recoupment Policy. Nothing in this Section 23 shall preclude the Company (or any other person) from taking any other action.

24. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be taken to be an original; but such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same document.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement effective on the Effective Date.

### ADAGIO THERAPEUTICS, INC.

By: /s/ Tillman U. Gerngross, Ph.D. Name: Tillman U. Gerngross, Ph.D. Its: Chief Executive Officer

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### **EXECUTIVE**

/s/ David Hering David Hering <u>Appendix A</u>
Outside Activities

#### Appendix B

#### FORM SEPARATION AGREEMENT

[Date]

[Name] [Address]

#### Re: Separation Agreement

Dear [Name]:

This letter sets forth the substance of the separation agreement (the "Agreement") which Adagio Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company") is offering to you to aid in your employment transition.

- 1. Separation. Your last day of work with the Company and your employment termination date will be [Date] (the "Separation Date").
- **2. Accrued Salary.** On the Separation Date, the Company will pay you all accrued salary earned through the Separation Date, subject to standard payroll deductions and withholdings. You will receive these payments regardless of whether or not you sign this Agreement.
- **3. Severance Benefits.** If you execute and do not revoke this Agreement, the Company will provide you with the following Severance Benefits pursuant to the terms of your [month, date, year] Employment Agreement.

The Company is offering severance to you in reliance on Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(9) and the short term deferral exemption in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(4). Any payments made in reliance on Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(4) will be made not later than March 15, 20\_\_. For purposes of Code Section 409A, your right to receive any installment payments under this Agreement (whether severance payments, reimbursements or otherwise) shall be treated as a right to receive a series of separate payments and, accordingly, each installment payment hereunder shall at all times be considered a separate and distinct payment.

#### 4. Benefit Plans.

If you are currently participating in the Company's group health insurance plans, your participation as an employee will end on [the Separation Date] *or* [the last day of the month in which separation occurs]. Thereafter, to the extent provided by the federal COBRA law or, if applicable, state insurance laws, and by the Company's current group health insurance policies, you will be eligible to continue your group health insurance benefits at your own expense. Later, you may be able to convert to an individual policy through the provider of the Company's health insurance, if you wish.

Deductions for the 401(k) Plan will end with your last regular paycheck. You will receive information by mail concerning 401(k) plan rollover procedures should you be a participant in this program.

You may be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits after the Separation Date. The Massachusetts Department of Unemployment Assistance, not the Company, will determine your eligibility for such benefits.

- **5. Stock Options.** You were granted an option to purchase \_\_\_\_\_\_ shares of the Company's common stock, pursuant to the Company's [correct name of Stock or incentive plan] (the "Plan"). Under the terms of the Plan and your stock option grant, vesting will cease as of the Separation Date.
- **6. Other Compensation or Benefits.** You acknowledge that, except as expressly provided in this Agreement, you will not receive any additional compensation, severance or benefits after the Separation Date.
- **7. Expense Reimbursements.** You agree that, within ten (10) days of the Separation Date, you will submit your final documented expense reimbursement statement reflecting all business expenses you incurred through the Separation Date, if any, for which you seek reimbursement. The Company will reimburse you for reasonable business expenses pursuant to its regular business practice.
- **8. Return of Company Property.** By the Separation Date, you agree to return to the Company all Company documents (and all copies thereof) and other Company property that you have had in your possession at any time, including, but not limited to, Company files, notes, drawings, records, business plans and forecasts, financial information, specifications, computer-recorded information, tangible property (including, but not limited to, computers), credit cards, entry cards, identification badges and keys; and, any materials of any kind that contain or embody any proprietary or confidential information of the Company (and all reproductions thereof). Please coordinate return of Company property with [name/title]. **Receipt of the severance benefits described in Section 3 of this Agreement is expressly conditioned upon return of all Company Property.**
- 9. Confidential Information and Post-Termination Obligations. Both during and after your employment you acknowledge your continuing obligations under your Employee Proprietary Information and Inventions Assignment Agreement ("Restrictive Covenants Agreement") not to use or disclose any confidential or proprietary information of the Company and to refrain from certain solicitation activities. A copy of your Restrictive Covenants Agreement is attached hereto. If you have any doubts as to the scope of the restrictions in your agreement, you should contact [name/title] immediately to assess your compliance. As you know, the Company will enforce its contract rights. Please familiarize yourself with the enclosed agreement which you signed. Confidential information that is also a "trade secret," as defined by law, may be disclosed (A) if it is made (i) in confidence to a federal, state, or local government official, either directly or indirectly, or to an attorney and (ii) solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law; or (B) is made in a complaint or other document filed in a lawsuit or other proceeding, if such filing is made under seal. In addition, in the event that you file a lawsuit for

retaliation by the Company for reporting a suspected violation of law, you may disclose the trade secret to your attorney and use the trade secret information in the court proceeding, if you: (A) file any document containing the trade secret under seal; and (B) do not disclose the trade secret, except pursuant to court order.

- 10. Non-Compete. In exchange for the payments and other consideration under this Agreement, to which you would not otherwise be entitled, you agree that during the one year period after the Separation Date, you will not, whether paid or not: (i) serve as a partner, principal, licensor, licensee, employee, consultant, officer, director, manager, agent, affiliate, representative, advisor, promoter, associate, investor, or otherwise for, (ii) directly or indirectly, own, purchase, organize or take preparatory steps for the organization of, or (iii) build, design, finance, acquire, lease, operate, manage, control, invest in, work or consult for or otherwise join, participate in or affiliate yourself with, any business whose business, products or operations are in any respect involved in Conflicting Services (defined below) anywhere in the Restricted Territory (defined below). Should you obtain other employment within 12 months immediately following the Separation Date, you agree to provide written notification to the Company as to the name and address of your new employer, the position that you expect to hold, and a general description of your duties and responsibilities, at least three business days prior to starting such employment.
- **a)** The parties agree that for purposes of this Agreement, "Conflicting Services" means any business in which the Company is engaged, or in which the Company has plans to be engaged, or any service that the Company provides or has plans to provide.
- **b)** The parties further agree that for purposes of this Agreement, "Restricted Territory" means the geographic areas in which you provided services for the Company or had a material presence or influence, during any time within the last two years prior to the Separation Date.
- 11. Confidentiality. The provisions of this Agreement will be held in strictest confidence by you and will not be publicized or disclosed in any manner whatsoever; provided, however, that: (a) you may disclose this Agreement to your immediate family; (b) you may disclose this Agreement in confidence to your attorney, accountant, auditor, tax preparer, and financial advisor; and (c) you may disclose this Agreement insofar as such disclosure may be required by law. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Agreement shall limit your right to voluntarily communicate with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, United States Department of Labor, the National Labor Relations Board, the Securities and Exchange Commission, other federal government agency or similar state or local agency or to discuss the terms and conditions of your employment with others to the extent expressly permitted by Section 7 of the National Labor Relations Act.
- 12. Non-Disparagement. You agree not to disparage the Company, and the Company's attorneys, directors, managers, partners, employees, agents and affiliates, in any manner likely to be harmful to them or their business, business reputation or personal reputation; provided that you may respond accurately and fully to any question, inquiry or request for information when required by legal process. You further agree that, by no later than the Effective Date, you shall delete or otherwise remove any and all disparaging public comments or statements that you made prior to the Effective Date about or relating to the Company, including, but not limited to, comments in online forums or on websites (including, but not limited to, Facebook, Glassdoor, Yelp, and

LinkedIn). Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Agreement shall limit your right to voluntarily communicate with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, United States Department of Labor, the National Labor Relations Board, the Securities and Exchange Commission, other federal government agency or similar state or local agency or to discuss the terms and conditions of your employment with others to the extent expressly permitted by Section 7 of the National Labor Relations Act.

- **13. Cooperation after Termination.** You agree to cooperate fully with the Company in all matters relating to the transition of your work and responsibilities on behalf of the Company, including, but not limited to, any present, prior or subsequent relationships and the orderly transfer of any such work and institutional knowledge to such other persons as may be designated by the Company, by making yourself reasonably available during regular business hours.
- 14. Release. In exchange for the payments and other consideration under this Agreement, to which you would not otherwise be entitled, and except as otherwise set forth in this Agreement, you, on behalf of yourself and, to the extent permitted by law, on behalf of your spouse, heirs, executors, administrators, assigns, insurers, attorneys and other persons or entities, acting or purporting to act on your behalf (collectively, the "Employee Parties"), hereby generally and completely release, acquit and forever discharge the Company, its parents and subsidiaries, and its and their officers, directors, managers, partners, agents, representatives, employees, attorneys, shareholders, predecessors, successors, assigns, insurers and affiliates (the "Company Parties") of and from any and all claims, liabilities, demands, contentions, actions, causes of action, suits, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, damages, indemnities, debts, judgments, levies, executions and obligations of every kind and nature, in law, equity, or otherwise, both known and unknown, suspected and unsuspected, disclosed and undisclosed, arising out of or in any way related to agreements, events, acts or conduct at any time prior to and including the execution date of this Agreement, including but not limited to: all such claims and demands directly or indirectly arising out of or in any way connected with your employment with the Company or the termination of that employment; claims or demands related to salary, bonuses, commissions, stock, stock options, or any other ownership interests in the Company, vacation pay, fringe benefits, expense reimbursements, severance pay, or any other form of compensation; claims pursuant to any federal, state or local law, statute, or cause of action; tort law; or contract law (individually a "Claims" and collectively "Claims"). The Claims you are releasing and waiving in this Agreement include, but are not limited to, any and all Claims that any of the Company Parties:
  - has violated its personnel policies, handbooks, contracts of employment, or covenants of good faith and fair dealing;
  - has discriminated against you on the basis of age, race, color, sex (including sexual harassment), national origin, ancestry, disability, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, source of income, entitlement to benefits, any union activities or other protected category in violation of any local, state or federal law, constitution, ordinance, or regulation, including but not limited to: Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1866 (42 U.S.C. 1981), the Civil Rights Act of 1991, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act, Executive Order 11246, which prohibit discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, or sex; the Americans with

Disabilities Act and Sections 503 and 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibit discrimination against the disabled, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA), which prohibits discrimination based on age, the Older Workers Benefit Protection Act, the National Labor Relations Act, the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, the anti-retaliation provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, or any other federal or state law regarding whistleblower retaliation; the Massachusetts Fair Employment Practices Act (M.G.L. c. 151B), the Massachusetts Equal Rights Act, the Massachusetts Equal Pay Act, the Massachusetts Privacy Statute, the Massachusetts Sick Leave Law, the Massachusetts Civil Rights Act, all as amended, and any and all other federal, state or local laws, rules, regulations, constitutions, ordinances or public policies, whether known or unknown, prohibiting employment discrimination;

- has violated any employment statutes, such as the WARN Act, which requires that advance notice be given of certain workforce reductions; the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) which, among other things, protects employee benefits; the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, which regulates wage and hour matters; the National Labor Relations Act, which protects forms of concerted activity; the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, which requires employers to provide leaves of absence under certain circumstances; the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the Employee Polygraph Protection Act, the Massachusetts Payment of Wages Act (M.G.L. c. 149 sections 148 and 150), the Massachusetts Overtime regulations (M.G.L. c. 151 sections 1A and 1B), the Massachusetts Meal Break regulations (M.G.L. c. 149 sections 100 and 101), all as amended, and any and all other federal, state or local laws, rules, regulations, constitutions, ordinances or public policies, whether known or unknown relating to employment laws, such as veterans' reemployment rights laws;
- has violated any other laws, such as federal, state, or local laws providing workers' compensation benefits, restricting an employer's right
  to terminate employees, or otherwise regulating employment; any federal, state or local law enforcing express or implied employment
  contracts or requiring an employer to deal with employees fairly or in good faith; any other federal, state or local laws providing recourse
  for alleged wrongful discharge, retaliatory discharge, negligent hiring, retention, or supervision, physical or personal injury, emotional
  distress, assault, battery, false imprisonment, fraud, negligent misrepresentation, defamation, intentional or negligent infliction of
  emotional distress and/or mental anguish, intentional interference with contract, negligence, detrimental reliance, loss of consortium to you
  or any member of your family, whistleblowing, and similar or related claims.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, other than events expressly contemplated by this Agreement you do not waive or release rights or Claims that may arise from events that occur after the date this waiver is executed or your right to enforce this Agreement. Also excluded from this Agreement are any Claims which cannot be waived by law, including, without limitation, any rights you may have under applicable workers' compensation laws and your right, if applicable, to file or participate in an investigative proceeding of any federal, state or local governmental agency.

Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent you from filing, cooperating with, or participating in any proceeding or investigation before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, United States Department of Labor, the National Labor Relations Board, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Securities and Exchange Commission or any other federal government agency, or similar state or local agency ("Government Agencies"), or exercising any rights pursuant to Section 7 of the National Labor Relations Act. You further understand this Agreement does not limit your ability to voluntarily communicate with any Government Agencies or otherwise participate in any investigation or proceeding that may be conducted by any Government Agency, including providing documents or other information, without notice to the Company. While this Agreement does not limit your right to receive an award for information provided to the Securities and Exchange Commission, you understand and agree that, you are otherwise waiving, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any and all rights you may have to individual relief based on any Claims that you have released and any rights you have waived by signing this Agreement. If any Claim is not subject to release, to the extent permitted by law, you waive any right or ability to be a class or collective action representative or to otherwise participate in any putative or certified class, collective or multi-party action or proceeding based on such a Claim in which any of the Company Parties is a party. This Agreement does not abrogate your existing rights under any Company benefit plan or any plan or agreement related to equity ownership in the Company; however, it does waive, release and forever discharge Claims existing as of the date you execute this Agreement pursuant to any such plan or agreement.

15. Your Acknowledgments and Affirmations/ Effective Date of Agreement. You acknowledge that you are knowingly and voluntarily waiving and releasing any and all rights you may have under the ADEA, as amended. You also acknowledge and agree that (i) the consideration given to you in exchange for the waiver and release in this Agreement is in addition to anything of value to which you were already entitled, and (ii) that you have been paid for all time worked, have received all the leave, leaves of absence and leave benefits and protections for which you are eligible, and have not suffered any on-the-job injury for which you have not already filed a Claim. You affirm that all of the decisions of the Company Parties regarding your pay and benefits through the date of your execution of this Agreement were not discriminatory based on age, disability, race, color, sex, religion, national origin or any other classification protected by law. You affirm that you have not filed or caused to be filed, and are not presently a party to, a Claim against any of the Company Parties. You further affirm that you have no known workplace injuries or occupational diseases. You acknowledge and affirm that you have not been retaliated against for reporting any allegation of corporate fraud or other wrongdoing by any of the Company Parties, or for exercising any rights protected by law, including any rights protected by the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Family Medical Leave Act or any related statute or local leave or disability accommodation laws, or any applicable state workers' compensation law. You further acknowledge and affirm that you have been advised by this writing that: (a) your waiver and release do not apply to any rights or Claims that may arise after the execution date of this Agreement; (b) you have been advised hereby that you have the right to consult with an attorney prior to executing this Agreement; (c) you have been given twenty-one (21) days to consider this Agreement (although you may choose to voluntarily execute this Agreement earlier and if you do you will sign the Consideration Period waiver below); (d) you have seven (7) business days following your execution of this Agreement to revoke this Agreement; and (e) this Agreement shall not be effective until the date upon which the revocation period has expired unexercised (the "Effective Date"), which shall be the eighth business day after this Agreement is executed by you.

- **16. No Admission.** This Agreement does not constitute an admission by the Company of any wrongful action or violation of any federal, state, or local statute, or common law rights, including those relating to the provisions of any law or statute concerning employment actions, or of any other possible or claimed violation of law or rights.
- 17. Breach. You agree that upon any breach of this Agreement you will forfeit all amounts paid or owing to you under this Agreement. Further, you acknowledge that it may be impossible to assess the damages caused by your violation of the terms of Sections 8, 9, 10 and 11 of this Agreement and further agree that any threatened or actual violation or breach of those Sections of this Agreement will constitute immediate and irreparable injury to the Company. You therefore agree that any such breach of this Agreement is a material breach of this Agreement, and, in addition to any and all other damages and remedies available to the Company upon your breach of this Agreement, the Company shall be entitled to an injunction to prevent you from violating or breaching this Agreement. You agree that if the Company is successful in whole or part in any legal or equitable action against you under this Agreement, you agree to pay all of the costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred by the Company in enforcing the terms of this Agreement.
- 18. Miscellaneous. This Agreement, including any exhibits, constitutes the complete, final and exclusive embodiment of the entire agreement between you and the Company with regard to this subject matter. It is entered into without reliance on any promise or representation, written or oral, other than those expressly contained herein, and it supersedes any other such promises, warranties or representations. This Agreement may not be modified or amended except in a writing signed by both you and a duly authorized officer of the Company. This Agreement will bind the heirs, personal representatives, successors and assigns of both you and the Company, and inure to the benefit of both you and the Company, their heirs, successors and assigns. If any provision of this Agreement is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, in whole or in part, this determination will not affect any other provision of this Agreement and the provision in question will be modified by the court so as to be rendered enforceable. This Agreement will be deemed to have been entered into and will be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as applied to contracts made and to be performed entirely within Massachusetts.
- 19. To ensure the rapid and economical resolution of disputes that may arise in connection with your employment with the Company, you and the Company agree that any and all disputes, claims, or causes of action, in law or equity, including but not limited to statutory claims (including, but not limited to, the Massachusetts Antidiscrimination Act, Mass. Gen. Laws ch.151B and the Massachusetts Wage Act, Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 149), arising from or relating to the enforcement, breach, performance, or interpretation of this Agreement, your employment with the Company, or the termination of your employment, shall be resolved, to the fullest extent permitted by law, by final, binding and confidential arbitration conducted by JAMS or its successor, under JAMS' then applicable rules and procedures for employment disputes (available upon request and also currently available at http://www.jamsadr.com/rules-employment-arbitration/). You acknowledge that by agreeing to this arbitration procedure, both you and the Company

waive the right to resolve any such dispute through a trial by jury or judge or administrative proceeding. You will have the right to be represented by legal counsel at any arbitration proceeding. The arbitrator shall: (a) have the authority to compel adequate discovery for the resolution of the dispute and to award such relief as would otherwise be permitted by law; and (b) issue a written statement signed by the arbitrator regarding the disposition of each claim and the relief, if any, awarded as to each claim, the reasons for the award, and the arbitrator's essential findings and conclusions on which the award is based. The arbitrator shall be authorized to award all relief that you or the Company would be entitled to seek in a court of law. The Company shall pay all JAMS arbitration fees in excess of the administrative fees that you would be required to pay if the dispute were decided in a court of law. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to prevent either you or the Company from obtaining injunctive relief in court to prevent irreparable harm pending the conclusion of any such arbitration.

If this Agreement is acceptable to you, please sign below and return the original to me on or after your Separation Date, but no later than the date that is twenty-one (21) days after you receive this Agreement. This offer will expire if we have not received your executed copy by that date.

Sincerely,
Adagio Therapeutics, Inc.
By: [Name] [Title]
AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED:
[Name]

I wish you good luck in your future endeavors.

CONSIDERATION PERIOD
I,, understand that I have the right to take at least 21 days to consider whether to sign this Agreement, which I received on, 20 If I elect to sign this Agreement before 21 days have passed, I understand I am to sign and date below this paragraph to confirm that I knowingly and voluntarily agree to waive the 21-day consideration period.
AGREED:
Signature
Date