
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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Check the appropriate box:

Preliminary Proxy Statement

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Definitive Proxy Statement

Definitive Additional Materials

Soliciting Material under § 240.14a-12

CARA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

(Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement if Other Than the Registrant)

Payment of Filing Fee (Check all boxes that apply):

No fee required.

Fee paid previously with preliminary materials.

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Your **Vote** Counts!

CARA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

2022 Annual Meeting

Vote by June 1, 2022

11:59 PM ET

CARA THERAPEUTICS, INC.
4 STAMFORD PLAZA
107 ELM STREET, 9TH FLOOR
STAMFORD, CT 06902



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You invested in CARA THERAPEUTICS, INC. and it's time to vote!

You have the right to vote on proposals being presented at the Annual Meeting. **This is an important notice regarding the availability of proxy material for the stockholder meeting to be held on June 2, 2022.**

Get informed before you vote

View the Notice and Proxy Statement and Form 10-K online OR you can receive a free paper or email copy of the material(s) by requesting prior to May 19, 2022. If you would like to request a copy of the material(s) for this and/or future stockholder meetings, you may (1) visit www.ProxyVote.com, (2) call 1-800-579-1639 or (3) send an email to sendmaterial@proxyvote.com. If sending an email, please include your control number (indicated below) in the subject line. Unless requested, you will not otherwise receive a paper or email copy.



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Vote Virtually at the Meeting*

June 2, 2022
12:00 PM EDT

Virtually at:

www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/CARA2022

*Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance.

THIS IS NOT A VOTABLE BALLOT

This is an overview of the proposals being presented at the upcoming stockholder meeting. Please follow the instructions on the reverse side to vote these important matters.

Voting Items	Board Recommends
1. Election of the Board of Directors' two nominees for director to serve until the 2025 Annual Meeting and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. Nominees: 01) Jeffrey L. Ives, Ph.D. 02) Christopher Posner	✔ For
2. Advisory vote to approve the compensation of our named executive officers.	✔ For
3. Ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022.	✔ For

NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

You may attend and vote during the Annual Meeting via the Internet. Have the information that is printed in the box marked with the arrow on your proxy card or Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials available and follow the instructions.



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