



Voyager Announces CEO Succession Plan, Appoints Robin Swartz President

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- Robin Swartz, Voyager's Chief Business and Operating Officer, appointed President, effective immediately; expected to succeed Alfred W. Sandrock, Jr., M.D., Ph.D., as CEO in Q1 2027 -

- Dr. Sandrock expected to remain CEO through initial acute safety data with VY1706, anticipated in Q1 2027 pending enrollment, and to subsequently continue as a member of Voyager's Board of Directors -

LEXINGTON, Mass., Oct. 21, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Voyager Therapeutics, Inc. (Nasdaq: VYGR), a biotechnology company dedicated to leveraging genetics to treat neurological diseases, today announced that its Board of Directors has appointed Robin Swartz, currently Chief Business Officer and Chief Operating Officer, as President, effective October 20, 2026. Swartz is expected to succeed Alfred W. Sandrock, Jr., M.D., Ph.D., as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in Q1 2027, following the receipt of initial acute safety data from a clinical trial of Voyager's investigational tau silencing gene therapy VY1706 in adults with early Alzheimer's disease (AD). Dr. Sandrock will subsequently continue to provide strategic guidance as a member of Voyager's Board of Directors.

"Robin brings a deep understanding of Voyager as well as extensive experience spanning development, operations, business strategy, and commercialization," said Michael Higgins, Chairman of Voyager's Board of Directors. "Her strategic vision, commitment to patients, and proven ability to consistently deliver results are why the Board unanimously selected her as the most qualified candidate to lead Voyager's advancement of its increasingly development-stage pipeline."

"I am honored by the Board's confidence in my ability to lead Voyager into its next chapter and to build on the foundation of a visionary like Al, who is widely regarded as a leading neurotherapeutics drug developer," said Swartz. "Over the last five years, Voyager has established a differentiated platform and pipeline with the potential to unlock life-changing treatments for neurological diseases; our focus now is on translating that potential into medicines for patients and I am excited to lead Voyager as we advance to this next stage."

Swartz joined Voyager in 2021 and has become a critical enterprise-wide strategic and operational leader, holding responsibility for a broad range of functions across the organization. In addition to her prior roles as Chief Business Officer and Chief Operating Officer, Swartz has led multiple functions within Voyager including clinical development, finance, legal, HR, portfolio strategy, and patient engagement. She has worked closely with Dr. Sandrock to shape and execute Voyager's strategy as the company has advanced its pipeline and evolved into a clinical-stage organization. Prior to joining Voyager, Swartz spent 26 years at Genzyme Corporation and Sanofi Genzyme, where she held leadership roles across commercial, development, business operations, strategy, and finance.

"I joined Voyager because I believe its scientists have developed an unparalleled gene therapy approach to overcome one of the most significant challenges in neurotherapeutics – crossing the blood-brain barrier, and I could not be prouder of our progress on this front," said Dr. Sandrock. "I am committed to seeing Voyager obtain acute safety data with our lead gene therapy product candidate, VY1706. I believe that milestone represents an important point in Voyager's evolution and an ideal time for Robin to assume leadership. She has been my partner in driving corporate strategy for the past five years and is an exceptional and widely respected leader within our organization. I look forward to continuing to support Robin and Voyager from the Board."

George Scangos, Ph.D., Chairman of the Nominating and Governance Committee for the Voyager Board of Directors, added, "On behalf of Voyager's Board, we are deeply grateful to Al for his leadership and for the transformation of Voyager. During the past five years, he has prioritized and advanced programs that have the potential to benefit millions of patients with neurodegenerative diseases. He has entered into partnerships to help move those programs forward and to provide funding for Voyager's internal programs. Importantly, he has shepherded Voyager's signature capsid platform into the clinical stage with human acute safety data expected in early 2027. We are fortunate that Voyager will continue to benefit from his experience and perspective as a member of the Board."

About Voyager Therapeutics

Voyager Therapeutics, Inc. (Nasdaq: VYGR) is a biotechnology company dedicated to leveraging the power of human genetics to modify the course of – and ultimately cure – neurological diseases. Our pipeline includes programs for Alzheimer's disease, Friedreich's ataxia, Parkinson's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and multiple other diseases of the central nervous system. Many of our programs are derived from our TRACER™ AAV capsid discovery platform, which we have used to generate novel capsids and identify associated receptors to potentially enable high brain penetration with genetic medicines following intravenous dosing. Some of our programs are wholly owned, and some are advancing with partners including Alexion, AstraZeneca Rare Disease; Novartis Pharma AG; and Neurocrine Biosciences, Inc. For more information, visit <http://www.voyagertherapeutics.com>.

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Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and other federal securities laws, including, without limitation, implied and express statements about Voyager's plans, beliefs and expectations regarding the planned CEO transition from Dr. Alfred Sandrock to Ms. Robin Swartz and Dr. Sandrock's continued service on the Voyager Board of Directors; the development of its product candidates and advancement of its preclinical and clinical development programs, including Voyager's advancement of the tau silencing gene therapy program in AD, VY1706, including the timing of clinical development milestones such as Voyager's intentions to initiate and enroll clinical trials, dosing of adults with early AD, and timing of expected initial acute safety data in early 2027 pending patient enrollment; the role of tau in the treatment of AD, including as a critical disease-modifying target; the therapeutic potential, safety, and pharmacological effect of Voyager's current and future product candidates and overall gene therapy approach and platform; and the mission, goals and value drivers for Voyager's business. The use of words such as "may," "will," "might," "would," "could," "should," "expect," "plan," "anticipate," "believe," "view," "potential," "intend," "seek," "predict," "estimate," "project," "target," or "continue" and other similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements,

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These risks and uncertainties are described in Voyager's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, as updated by its subsequent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. All information in the press release is as of the date of this press release, and any forward-looking statement speaks only as of the date on which it was made. Voyager undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise this information or any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

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