

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A

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AERPIO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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Your **Vote** Counts!

AERPIO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

2021 Annual Meeting of Stockholders
To be Held Online on July 22, 2021
Vote by July 21, 2021
11:59 PM ET



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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting to be Held on July 22, 2021.

You invested in AERPIO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. and it's time to vote!

You have the right to vote on proposals being presented at the Annual Meeting.

Get informed before you vote

View the Notice, Proxy Statement and 2020 Annual Report online at www.ProxyVote.com OR you can receive a free paper or email copy of the material(s) by requesting prior to July 8, 2021. 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 (toll-free from the U.S., U.S. territories and Canada) 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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July 22, 2021
10:30 AM EDT

Virtually at:
www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/ARPO2021

* 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 annual meeting of stockholders. Please follow the instructions on the reverse side to vote on these important matters.

Voting Items	Board Recommends
1. To elect two Class I directors to hold office until the 2024 annual meeting of stockholders: Nominees: 01) Caley Castelein, M.D. 02) Cheryl Cohen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For
2. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For
NOTE: Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.	

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