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To Our Shareholders:

Fiscal 2016 was a significant year for Pro-Dex, highlighted by our return to profitability driven by sales growth of over 50%. This marks the first profitable year for the company since fiscal 2011.

We will continue to focus on our core Medical Device business in fiscal 2017, driven by our \$18M backlog. We are pleased to have recently signed a two-year contract worth \$24M in sales with one of our large medical device customers. Our hand-held, battery powered devices include proprietary sealing solutions and are autoclavable for extended use in various surgical applications. An additional major development project is scheduled to be completed this fiscal year leading to the launch of another new product into manufacturing. Our company is excited about our recently patented technologies relating to adaptive torque-limiting which controls both the speed and cessation of driving medical screws. We appreciate the benefits this technology provides our customers and end users, as well as the very positive reception these products have experienced in the marketplace. We are investing in appropriate levels of research to expand our technology advantages.

Pro-Dex will also continue to look for smart investments to supplement our core business. While we will not lose sight of our core business, we remain attentive to opportunities to increase shareholder value.

We enjoy a lean and collaborative environment, led by an active and cohesive management team. The organizational chemistry here is the best in my experience with the company, which we believe provides a solid foundation for further growth and success.

I appreciate any comments or question that you might have. You can reach the Board or myself at (949) 769-3200 or email us at [investor.relations@pro-dex.com](mailto:investor.relations@pro-dex.com).

Sincerely,

/s/ Rick Van Kirk

Rick Van Kirk

President & Chief Executive Officer

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**PRO-DEX, INC.**

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2361 McGaw Avenue  
Irvine, California 92614

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

**TO BE HELD November 29, 2016**

To the Shareholders of Pro-Dex, Inc.:

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders (“Annual Meeting”) of Pro-Dex, Inc. (“Pro-Dex”, the “Company”, “we”, “us” or “our”) will be held at our headquarters, 2361 McGaw Avenue, Irvine, California, on November 29, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time, for the following purposes:

1. To elect five persons to serve as our directors for a term of one year each. The nominees for election to our Board of Directors are named in the attached Proxy Statement, which is part of this Notice.
2. To ratify the appointment of Moss Adams, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.
3. To ratify and approve the 2016 Equity Incentive Plan.
4. To hold an advisory vote to approve the compensation of our Named Executive Officers.
5. To hold an advisory vote to approve the increase in compensation of our independent directors.
6. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

Only shareholders of record at the close of business on October 3, 2016, are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and at any adjournments or postponements of the Annual Meeting.

All shareholders are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting in person. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, your vote is important. In an effort to facilitate the voting process, we are pleased to avail ourselves of Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, rules that allow proxy materials to be furnished to shareholders on the Internet. You can vote by proxy over the Internet by following the instructions provided in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials that was mailed to you on or about October 17, 2016, or, if you request printed copies of the proxy materials by mail, you can also vote by mail or by telephone. Your promptness in voting by proxy will assist in its expeditious and orderly processing and will assure that you are represented at the Annual Meeting. If you vote by proxy, you may nevertheless attend the Annual Meeting and vote your shares in person.

**TO ENSURE YOUR REPRESENTATION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, YOU ARE URGED TO READ THIS PROXY STATEMENT AND SUBMIT YOUR PROXY OR VOTING INSTRUCTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BY FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS IN THE NOTICE OF INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS, WHICH WAS MAILED TO YOU ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 17, 2016, OR, IF YOU REQUEST PRINTED COPIES OF THE PROXY MATERIALS BY MAIL, YOU CAN ALSO VOTE BY MAIL OR BY TELEPHONE.**

**OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS: A VOTE “FOR” EACH OF THE FIVE DIRECTOR NOMINEES NAMED IN THE PROXY STATEMENT; AND A VOTE “FOR” EACH OF PROPOSALS 2 THROUGH 5.**

By Order of the Board of Directors,

PRO-DEX, INC.

/s/ Alisha K. Charlton  
Corporate Secretary

2361 McGaw Avenue  
Irvine, California 92614

**ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

**TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 29, 2016**

**PROXY STATEMENT**

**SOLICITATION OF PROXIES**

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of Pro-Dex, Inc. (“Pro-Dex”, the “Company”, “we”, “us” or “our”) has made these materials available to you on the Internet, or, upon your request, has delivered printed versions of these materials to you by mail, in connection with the Board’s solicitation of proxies for use at our Annual Meeting of Shareholders (“Annual Meeting”) to be held at Pro-Dex’s headquarters, 2361 McGaw Avenue, Irvine, California, on Tuesday, November 29, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. Pacific Standard Time, and at any and all adjournments or postponements thereof. Shareholders are requested to promptly vote by proxy over the Internet by following the instructions provided in the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials, which was mailed to you on or about October 17, 2016. If you request printed copies of the proxy materials by mail, you can also vote by mail or by telephone. All shares represented by each properly submitted and unrevoked proxy received on the Internet or by telephone prior to 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Monday, November 28, 2016, or by proxy card prior to or at the Annual Meeting, will be voted in the manner specified therein, and if no direction is indicated (except in the case of broker non-votes), “for” each of the five director nominees named under Proposal No. 1; and “for” each of Proposal Nos. 2 through 5.

Any shareholder has the power to revoke his or her proxy at any time before it is voted. A proxy may be revoked by delivering a written notice of revocation to our Secretary prior to or at the Annual Meeting, by voting again on the Internet or by telephone (only your latest Internet or telephone proxy submitted prior to 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Monday, November 28, 2016, will be counted), by submitting prior to or at the Annual Meeting a later dated proxy card executed by the person executing the prior proxy, or by attendance at the Annual Meeting and voting in person by the person submitting the prior proxy.

Any shareholder who owns shares in street name and would like to vote in person at the Annual Meeting should inform his or her broker of such plans and request a legal proxy from the broker. Such shareholders will need to bring the legal proxy with them to the Annual Meeting and valid picture identification, such as a driver's license or passport, in addition to documentation indicating share ownership. Such shareholders who do not receive the legal proxy in time should bring with them to the Annual Meeting their most recent brokerage account statement showing that they owned Pro-Dex stock as of the record date. Upon submission of proper identification and ownership documentation, we will be able to admit the shareholder to the Annual Meeting; however, such shareholder will not be able to vote his or her shares at the Annual Meeting without a legal proxy. Shareholders are advised that if they own shares in street name and request a legal proxy, any previously executed proxy will be revoked, and such shareholder's vote will not be counted unless he or she appears at the Annual Meeting and votes in person.

Our Board does not presently intend to bring any business before the Annual Meeting other than the proposals referred to in this proxy statement and specified in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting. So far as is known to our Board, no other matters are to be brought before the Annual Meeting. However, if any other matters are presented properly for action at the Annual Meeting or at any adjournments or postponements thereof, it is intended that the proxies will be voted with respect thereto by the proxy holders in accordance with the instructions and at the discretion of our Board or a properly authorized committee thereof.

**This proxy statement, the accompanying shareholder letter, the accompanying proxy card and our Annual Report on Form 10-K are being made available to our shareholders on the Internet at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) through the notice and access process on or about October 17, 2016. We will bear the cost**

of soliciting proxies pursuant to this proxy statement. The solicitation will be made through the Internet and expenses will include reimbursement paid to brokerage firms and others for their expenses in forwarding solicitation material regarding the Annual Meeting to beneficial owners of our common stock, no par value per share (“Common Stock”). Further solicitation of proxies may be made by mail upon request, and by telephone or oral communications with some shareholders. Our regular employees, who will not receive additional compensation for the solicitation, or a compensated proxy solicitation firm, will make such further solicitations.

## **OUTSTANDING SHARES AND VOTING RIGHTS**

Only holders of record of the 4,063,837 shares of our Common Stock outstanding at the close of business on October 3, 2016, are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. Under Colorado law, our Articles of Incorporation and our Bylaws, the holders of a majority of the total shares entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, as of the record date, represented in person or by proxy, will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting. If a quorum is not present, the Annual Meeting may be postponed or adjourned to allow additional time for obtaining additional proxies or votes. At any subsequent reconvening of the Annual Meeting, all proxies will be voted in the same manner as the proxies would have been voted at the original convening of the Annual Meeting, except for any proxies that have been effectively revoked or withdrawn prior to the reconvening of the Annual Meeting. Shares of our Common Stock represented in person or by proxy (regardless of whether the proxy has authority to vote on all matters), as well as abstentions and broker non-votes, will be counted for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the Annual Meeting.

An “abstention” is the voluntary act of not voting by a shareholder who is represented in person or by proxy at a meeting and entitled to vote. “Broker non-votes” are shares of voting stock held in record name by brokers and nominees concerning which: (i) the broker or nominee does not have discretionary voting power under applicable rules or the instruments under which it serves in such capacity and instructions have not been received from the beneficial owners or persons entitled to vote; or (ii) the record holder has indicated on the proxy or has executed a proxy and otherwise notified us that it does not have authority to vote such shares on that matter.

For Proposal No. 1 (the election of directors), assuming that a quorum is present, the five nominees for director receiving the highest number of affirmative votes will be elected; votes withheld and broker non-votes have no practical effect.

For each of Proposal No. 2 (to ratify the appointment of Moss Adams, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017), Proposal No. 3 (to approve the 2016 Equity Incentive Plan), Proposal No. 4 (advisory vote to approve the compensation of our Named Executive Officers) and Proposal No. 5 (advisory vote to approve the increase in compensation of our independent directors), assuming that a quorum is present, the matter will be approved if the votes cast in favor of the matter exceed the votes cast opposing the matter. In such matters, abstentions and broker non-votes will not be included in the vote totals and, therefore, will have no

effect on the vote.

Each shareholder will be entitled to one vote, in person or by proxy, for each share of Common Stock held of record on the record date. Votes cast at the Annual Meeting will be tabulated by the person or persons appointed by us to act as inspectors of election for the Annual Meeting.

### **Recommendations of our Board**

Our Board recommends that our shareholders vote “for” each of the five director nominees named under Proposal No. 1; and “for” each of Proposal Nos. 2 through 5.

**THE PROPOSALS TO BE VOTED UPON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ARE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL IN THIS PROXY STATEMENT. YOU ARE STRONGLY URGED TO READ AND CONSIDER CAREFULLY THIS PROXY STATEMENT IN ITS ENTIRETY.**

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**SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT**

The following table sets forth information concerning the beneficial ownership of the Company’s Common Stock as of October 3, 2016 by:

- each member of the Board;

- each of the Company’s Named Executive Officers listed in the “Summary Compensation Table” included in the “Executive Compensation” section of this proxy statement;

- all of the Company’s directors and Named Executive Officers as a group; and

- each person or entity known to the Company that beneficially owns more than five percent of the Company’s Common Stock.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC. Unless otherwise indicated below, the address of each beneficial owner is c/o Pro-Dex, Inc., 2361 McGaw Avenue, Irvine, California, 92614. Unless otherwise indicated below, the Company believes that each of the persons listed in the table (subject to applicable community property laws) has the sole power to vote and to dispose of the shares listed opposite the shareholder’s name.

The percentages of Common Stock beneficially owned are based on 4,063,837 shares of Common Stock outstanding at October 3, 2016.

<b>Name and Address of Beneficial Owner</b>	<b>Number of Shares of Common Stock Beneficially Owned</b>	<b>Percent of Common Stock Beneficially Owned<sup>(1)</sup></b>
Nicholas J. Swenson, AO Partners I, L.P.; and AO Partners, LLC <sup>(2)</sup> 5000 West 36 <sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 130 Minneapolis, MN 55416	1,133,472	17.9%
Raymond E. Cabillot; Farnam Street Partners, L.P.; Farnam Street Capital, Inc.; and Peter O. Haeg <sup>(3)</sup> 3033 Excelsior Blvd., Suite 320 Minneapolis, MN 55416	1,665,923	13.9%

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Richard L. Van Kirk <sup>(4)</sup>	00,226	1.7%
David C. Hovda <sup>(4)</sup>	15,000	*
William J. Farrell III	6,200	*
Alisha K. Charlton	1,579	*
All Directors, Director Nominees and Named Executive Officers as a group (6 persons) <sup>(4)</sup>	1,790,400	43.5%

\*Indicates less than 1 percent of the outstanding shares of common stock.

Applicable percentage ownership is based on 4,063,837 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of October 3, 2016. Any securities not outstanding but subject to options exercisable as of October 3, 2016, or exercisable within (1) 60 days after such date, are deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage of outstanding Common Stock beneficially owned by the person holding such options, but are not deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage of Common Stock beneficially owned by any other person.

AO Partners, LLC is the General Partner of AO Partners I, L.P. Mr. Swenson is the Managing Member of AO Partners, LLC, and, in such capacity, has the power to direct the affairs of AO Partners, LLC, including the voting and disposition of shares of our Common Stock held by AO Partners I, L.P. As such, AO Partners I, L.P., AO (2) Partners, LLC and Mr. Swenson may be deemed to share voting and dispositive power with regard to the 1,037,984 shares of our Common Stock held by AO Partners I, L.P. The remaining 95,488 shares are owned by Nicholas J. Swenson directly.

Farnam Street Partners, L.P., Farnam Street Capital, Inc., Raymond E. Cabillot, and Peter O. Haeg claim shared (3)voting power and shared dispositive power of 565,923 shares of our Common Stock held by Farnam Street Partners, L.P.

Includes shares of Common Stock issuable upon the exercise of options that were exercisable as of October 3, 2016, (4)or exercisable within 60 days after October 3, 2016, as follows: Mr. Van Kirk, 53,334 shares; Mr. Hovda, 7,500 shares; and all directors, director nominees and Named Executive Officers as a group, 60,834 shares.

## **Proposal No. 1**

### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

#### **Current Board Structure and Director Terms**

Our Board is currently composed of five members. All directors or their successor nominees stand for election each year.

Certain information with respect to each of the nominees who will be presented at the Annual Meeting by our Board for election as a director is set forth below. Although it is anticipated that each nominee will be available to serve as a director, should a nominee become unavailable to serve, proxies will be voted for such other person as may be designated by our Board.

Unless the authority to vote for directors has been withheld in the proxy, the person named in the accompanying proxy intends to vote at the Annual Meeting for the election of each of the nominees presented below. In the election of directors, assuming a quorum is present, the five nominees for director receiving the highest number of votes cast at the Annual Meeting will be elected as our directors.

### **DIRECTORS**

Set forth below is certain information with respect to our directors.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Position With Company</u>	<u>Audit</u>	<u>Compensation</u>	<u>Nominating and Governance</u>
Raymond E. Cabillot	53	Director	X	X	C
William J. Farrell III	43	Director		X	X
David C. Hovda	54	Director	C		X
Richard L. Van Kirk	56	Director, Chief Executive Officer, and President			
Nicholas J. Swenson	48	Director, Chairman of the Board	X	C	X

(X) Member of the Committee

(C) Chairman of the Committee

Messrs. Cabillot, Farrell, Hovda and Swenson currently each qualify as an “independent director” as such term is defined in Rule 5605(a)(2) of the Nasdaq Listing Rules and we expect that each will continue to qualify as an “independent director” if elected.

Our Board is of the opinion that the election to our Board of the director nominees identified herein, each of whom has consented to serve if elected, would be in our shareholders’ best interests.

**OUR BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE “FOR” THE ELECTION OF THE  
NOMINEES NAMED BELOW.**

Raymond E. Cabillot (53), current director and nominee, has, from January 1998 until the present, served as Chief Executive Officer and a director of Farnam Street Capital, Inc., the General Partner of Farnam Street Partners L.P., a private investment partnership located in Minneapolis, MN. He was a Senior Research Analyst at Piper Jaffray, Inc. from 1990 to 1998. Prior to that, he worked for Prudential Capital Corporation from 1987 to 1990 as an Associate Investment Manager and as an Investment Manager. Mr. Cabillot serves as a director of several private companies. He was a director of O.I. Corporation, a Nasdaq listed company (OICO), from 2006 to 2010. He served as Chairman of the Board of O.I. Corporation from 2007 through 2010 and during 2010 served as Co-Chairman of the Board of O.I. Corporation. Mr. Cabillot has a B.A. degree with a double major in Economics and Chemistry from Saint Olaf College and an M.B.A. from the University of Minnesota. Mr. Cabillot has been a director of ours since January 2013.

Mr. Cabillot brings the following experience, qualifications, attributes and skills to our Board:

· More than 25 years of experience as a financial analyst and investment manager;

· Four years of prior public company board experience, including three years as Chairman and one year as Co-Chairman; and

· Independent of our management.

William J. Farrell III (43), current director and nominee, is co-founder and Chief Operating Officer, since January 2013, of FreshRealm, LLC, a developer of new technologies to streamline fresh food distribution. In addition, from January 2011 until the present, he has served as Chief Executive Officer of Viszy Inc., a start-up company developing software and services for the consumer market. Mr. Farrell is also Chief Executive Officer of Bō biam, LLC, a company that turns youth art into apparel and other products, which it merchandises through its retail store and wholesale channels. From April 1998 to January 2011, Mr. Farrell held various senior management roles at Medtronic, Inc. (NYSE: MDT), a multi-national medical technology company. His engineering career began with eight years in production support, process development and operations. He then worked 10 years in product development for Medtronic, during which time he led management teams in program, product and process development. At the end of his tenure with Medtronic, he was Senior Director of Product Development and led corporate-wide initiatives to improve design, reliability and manufacturability practices. Mr. Farrell has a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Minnesota (1996). Mr. Farrell has been a director of ours since January 2013.

Mr. Farrell brings the following experience, qualifications, attributes and skills to our Board:

- Current senior-level management, operating and board experience;

- More than 12 years of experience in engineering and management roles in the medical device industry, our primary target market; and

- Independent of our management.

David C. Hovda (54), current director and nominee, has served as President, Chief Executive Officer and a member of the Board of Directors of Simplify Medical, Inc., a privately held medical device company that has developed a cervical artificial disc replacement optimized for MRI imaging, since 2013. Prior to his tenure with Simplify Medical, he was President, Chief Executive Officer and a member of the Board of Directors of SpinalMotion, Inc., a privately held medical device company that designed, developed and marketed artificial discs for use in the spine, from 2004 to 2013. Prior to joining Spinal Motion, he held leadership positions with Arthrocare, Inc. (Nasdaq: ARTC), a developer and manufacturer of surgical devices, instruments, and implants focused on enhancing surgical techniques and patient outcomes, serving as the Vice President/General Manager of its Spine Division from 1999 to 2004, and as the Managing Director of its ENT Division from 1997 to 1999. From 1992 to 1997, Mr. Hovda served in financial analysis and product management positions with Medtronic, Inc. (NYSE: MDT), a multi-national medical technology company, which culminated in his service as the European Business Manager of its Upper Airway Venture from 1995 to 1997. He holds more than 40 patents related to radio frequency

ablation technology, specific clinical applications, and artificial disc replacement designs and implantation methods. Mr. Hovda served for five years with the United States Navy, achieving the rank of Lieutenant. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Northwestern University and an M.B.A. from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. Mr. Hovda has been a director of ours since January 2013.

Mr. Hovda brings the following experience, qualifications, attributes and skills to our Board:

Current senior-level management, operating and board experience based on more than 20 years of participation in the medical device industry, our primary target market, twelve years of which are specifically with medical devices to treat disorders of the spine, a sector within the medical device industry that we believe represents potential for future revenue growth;

Core management and leadership skills gained through experience overseeing and managing operations at the manager and chief executive officer levels, including experience in medical device intellectual property, product development, clinical testing and marketing;

Experience in financial analysis, including operational restructuring, acquisition opportunities, raising capital, budgeting and forecasting, and market entry feasibility; and

Independent of our management.

Richard L. Van Kirk (56), has served as our Chief Executive Officer and President since January 2015 in addition to his position as Chief Operating Officer which he has held since April, 2013. Mr. Van Kirk joined the Company as Director of Manufacturing in 2006, and was subsequently promoted to Vice President of Operations in 2007. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Van Kirk served as Manufacturing Manager and Manager of Product Development for the ChargeSource division of Comarco, Inc., a provider of power and charging functionality for popular electronic devices and wireless accessories, and as General Manager at Dynacast, a leader in precision die casting. Mr. Van Kirk holds a BA in Business Administration from California State University, Fullerton and an MBA from Claremont Graduate School. Mr. Van Kirk has been a director of ours since January 2015.

Mr. Van Kirk brings the following experience, qualifications, attributes and skills to our Board:

Current senior-level management experience as our Chief Executive Officer; and

Over 15 years of senior-level management in the areas of manufacturing, operations, supply chain, distribution and logistics including nearly 10 years of experience in our operations management.

Nicholas J. Swenson (48), current director and nominee, is an executive, investor and research analyst. He has served as the managing partner of AO Partners, LLC since January 2012. He has also served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Air T, Inc. (AIRT), a Nasdaq listed company, since October 2013, as Chairman of the Board since August 2013 and as a member of the Board of Directors since August 2012. Mr. Swenson serves as a director of several private companies as well. Also, since March 2009, Mr. Swenson has been the Portfolio Manager of Groveland Capital, LLC. Prior to forming Groveland Capital, Mr. Swenson was a Portfolio Manager and Partner at Whitebox Advisors, LLC, a multi-strategy hedge fund, from 2001 to 2009. From 1999 to 2001 he was a research analyst at Varde Partners, LLC, a partnership that specializes in distressed debt investing. He was an Associate in Corporate Finance at Piper Jaffray, Inc. from 1996 to 1999. Mr. Swenson has a B.A. degree in History from Middlebury College (1991) and an M.B.A. from the University of Chicago (1996). Mr. Swenson has been a director of ours since January 2013.

Mr. Swenson brings the following experience, qualifications, attributes and skills to our Board:

·20 years of experience as a financial analyst and investment manager;

· Public company senior-level management, operating and board experience; and

·Independent of our management

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## **BUSINESS EXPERIENCE OF KEY MANAGEMENT**

Set forth below is information concerning our other non-director key management personnel.

Alisha Charlton (47) was appointed our Chief Financial Officer in January 2015. She joined the Company in January 2014 as Senior Director of Finance. Prior to joining the Company, Ms. Charlton held various accounting positions at Comarco, Inc. from October 2000 to January 2014 culminating in her appointment as Chief Accounting Officer in April 2011. Prior to her 13 year tenure at Comarco, Ms. Charlton held various accounting and finance positions with CKE Restaurants, Inc. from February 1995 to October 2000. Ms. Charlton began her career in July 1991 with KPMG Peat Marwick (now KPMG LLP) and was formerly a certified public accountant. Ms. Charlton holds a B.A. in Business Economics from the University of California, Santa Barbara and a CPA license (inactive) from the California State Board of Accountancy.

## **BOARD MEETINGS AND RELATED MATTERS**

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, our Board held four meetings and acted four times by unanimous written consent. The independent members did not have any executive sessions during the meetings held during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. The “independent directors” consist of all non-employee, “independent directors” (as defined in Rule 5605(a)(2) of the Nasdaq Listing Rules). No director attended less than 75% of the aggregate of all meetings of our Board and all meetings of committees of our Board upon which he served.

### **Audit Committee**

Our Board has an Audit Committee that consists of three Board members, Messrs. Hovda (Chairman), Cabillot and Swenson. The Audit Committee is comprised entirely of non-employee, “independent directors” (as defined in Rule 5605(a)(2) of the Nasdaq Listing Rules) and operates under a written charter adopted by our Board. The duties of the Audit Committee include meeting with our independent registered public accounting firm to review the scope of the annual audit and to review our quarterly and annual financial statements before the statements are released to our shareholders. The Audit Committee also evaluates the independent public accounting firm’s performance and appoints or replaces the independent public accounting firm subject, if applicable, to the consideration of shareholder ratification for the ensuing fiscal year. A copy of the Audit Committee’s current charter may be found at <http://www.pro-dex.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Audit-Committee-Charter-Final-06.16-1.pdf>. The Audit Committee and Board have confirmed that the Audit Committee does and will continue to include at least three independent directors and has confirmed that Messrs. Hovda, Cabillot and Swenson each meet applicable SEC regulations for designation as an “Audit Committee Financial Expert” based upon their respective experience noted elsewhere in this proxy statement. The Audit Committee held six meetings during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016

and acted once by unanimous written consent.

### **Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee**

Our Board has a Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee (“Nominating Committee”) that consists of four Board members, Messrs. Cabillot (Chairman), Farrell, Hovda and Swenson. The Nominating Committee is comprised entirely of non-employee, “independent directors” (as defined in Rule 5605(a)(2) of the Nasdaq Listing Rules) and operates under a written charter adopted by our Board, a copy of which may be found at [http://www.pro-dex.com/media/23113/prodex\\_gov\\_committee\\_charter.pdf](http://www.pro-dex.com/media/23113/prodex_gov_committee_charter.pdf). In such capacity, the Nominating Committee identifies and reviews the qualifications of candidate nominees to our Board. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the Nominating Committee held two meetings during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

The Nominating Committee works with our Board to determine the appropriate characteristics, skills and experiences for our Board as a whole and its individual members with the objective of having a Board with diverse experience. The Nominating Committee believes that it is desirable that directors possess an understanding of our business environment and have the requisite ethical standards, knowledge, skills, expertise and diversity of experience such that our Board’s ability to manage and direct our affairs and business is enhanced. Additional considerations may include an individual’s capacity to enhance the ability of committees of our Board to fulfill their duties and/or satisfy any independence requirements imposed by law, regulation or listing requirements. The Nominating Committee may receive candidate nomination suggestions from current Board members, our executive officers, our shareholders or other sources, which may be either unsolicited or in response to requests from our Board for such candidates. The Nominating Committee may also, from time to time, engage firms that specialize in identifying director candidates. Once a person has been identified by the Nominating Committee as a potential candidate, the Nominating Committee may collect and review publicly available information regarding the person to

assess whether the person should be considered further. If the Nominating Committee determines that the candidate warrants further consideration, a member of the Nominating Committee may contact the person. Generally, if the person expresses a willingness to be considered and to serve on our Board, the Nominating Committee may request information from the candidate, review the person's accomplishments and qualifications and may conduct one or more interviews with the candidate. The Nominating Committee may consider all such information in light of information regarding any other candidates that it might be evaluating for nomination to our Board. The Nominating Committee or other Board members may also contact one or more references provided by the candidate or may contact other members of the business community or other persons that may have greater first-hand knowledge of the candidate's qualifications and accomplishments. With the candidate's consent, the Nominating Committee may also engage an outside firm to conduct background checks on the candidate as part of the evaluation process. The Nominating Committee's evaluation process does not vary based on the source of the recommendation.

Shareholder nominations for director should be sent to our Secretary and should include the candidate's name and qualifications and a statement from the candidate that he or she consents to being named in the proxy statement and will serve as a director if elected. In order for any such candidate to be considered for nomination and, if nominated, to be included in the proxy statement, such recommendation must satisfy the requirements discussed later in this proxy statement under the heading "Proposals of Shareholders."

In compiling the list of our Board nominees appearing in this proxy statement, nominee referrals as well as nominee recommendations were received from existing directors and members of management—both solicited and unsolicited. No paid consultants were engaged by us, our Board or any of our Board's committees for the purposes of identifying qualified, interested Board candidates.

### **Compensation Committee**

Our Board has a Compensation Committee that consists of three Board members, Messrs. Swenson (Chairman), Cabillot and Farrell. The Compensation Committee is comprised entirely of non-employee, "independent directors" (as defined in Rule 5605(a)(2) of the Nasdaq Listing Rules) and operates under a written charter adopted by our Board. A copy of the Compensation Committee's current charter may be found at [http://www.pro-dex.com/media/23092/compensation\\_committee\\_charter.pdf](http://www.pro-dex.com/media/23092/compensation_committee_charter.pdf). The Compensation Committee establishes compensation policies applicable to our executive officers and directors. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, the full Board carried out the duties typically ascribed to the Compensation Committee. As such, the Compensation Committee held no separate meetings during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. The committee did act once by unanimous written consent during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016.

From time to time, various members of management and other employees, as well as outside advisors or consultants, may be invited by the Compensation Committee to make presentations, provide financial or other background information or advice, or otherwise participate in Compensation Committee meetings or executive sessions of the

Board. Among other things, the charter of the Compensation Committee grants the Compensation Committee authority to obtain, at our expense, advice and assistance from internal and external legal, accounting or other advisors and consultants and other external resources that the Compensation Committee considers necessary or appropriate in the performance of its duties. In particular, the Compensation Committee has the sole authority to retain compensation consultants to assist in its evaluation of executive and director compensation, including the authority to approve the consultant's reasonable fees and other retention terms.

### **Investment Committee**

The Investment Committee was formed in April 2013 and is currently comprised of one management director, Mr. Van Kirk, and two non-management directors, Mr. Cabillot and Mr. Swenson, who chairs the committee. The purpose of the Investment Committee is to administer and invest surplus capital from time to time, in such amounts as approved by the board, in authorized investments. The investment committee acted twice by unanimous written consent during fiscal 2016.

### **FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS**

There are no family relationships among our executive officers and directors.

## **BOARD LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE**

Our Board has separated the roles of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Swenson, an independent director, serves as Chairman of our Board and presides at all Board and shareholder meetings. Mr. Van Kirk, our Chief Executive Officer, serves as our primary spokesperson and supervises our business, subject to the direction of our Board. The independent Board members annually assess Mr. Van Kirk's performance as Chief Executive Officer. We believe that an independent Chairman of the Board is better able to provide oversight and guidance to management, especially in relation to the Board's essential role in risk management oversight, and to ensure the efficient use and accountability of resources. Furthermore, this separation provides for focused engagement between these two roles in their respective areas of responsibility, while still providing for collaborative participation. The separation of the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer roles, together with our other comprehensive corporate governance practices, are designed to establish and preserve management accountability, provide a structure that allows the Board to set objectives and monitor performance, and enhance shareholder value.

## **BOARD'S ROLE IN RISK OVERSIGHT**

Our Board has an active role, as a whole and also at the committee level, in overseeing management of our risks. Our Board regularly reviews information regarding our credit, liquidity and operations, as well as the risks associated with each. The Compensation Committee is responsible for overseeing the management of risks relating to our executive compensation plans and arrangements. The Audit Committee oversees management of financial risks. The Nominating Committee manages risks associated with the independence of our Board and potential conflicts of interest. While each committee is responsible for evaluating certain risks and overseeing the management of such risks, the entire Board is regularly informed through committee and management reports about such risks and their mitigation. Our Board believes the division of risk management responsibilities described above is an effective approach for evaluating and addressing the risks we face and that the structure allows our Board to exercise effective oversight of the actions of management.

## **COMPENSATION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Compensation Committee Procedures**

The Compensation Committee makes its most significant determinations with respect to annual compensation, bonus awards, and new financial and other corporate performance objectives for executive compensation purposes, at one or more meetings held during the fiscal year for which the targets and compensation levels are applicable. At various meetings throughout the year, the Compensation Committee also considers matters related to individual compensation, such as compensation for new executive hires, as well as high-level strategic issues, such as the

efficacy of, and any risks relating to, our compensation strategies, policies and practices, potential modifications to those strategies, policies and practices, and new trends, plans or approaches to compensation.

Generally, the Compensation Committee's process consists of two related elements: (i) the determination of compensation levels and (ii) the establishment of financial and other corporate performance objectives in connection with our Annual Incentive Plan. Our Annual Incentive Plan provides for payment of cash bonuses to participants following the completion of a fiscal year subject to the attainment of certain performance goals. For executive officers other than our CEO, the Compensation Committee solicits and considers evaluations and recommendations submitted to the Compensation Committee by our CEO. In the case of our CEO, the evaluation of his performance is conducted by the Compensation Committee, which determines any adjustments to his compensation. Our CEO may not participate in, or be present during, any deliberations or determinations of the Compensation Committee regarding his compensation. For all executive officers and directors, as part of its deliberations, the Compensation Committee may review and consider, as appropriate, materials such as financial reports and projections, operational data, tax and accounting information, tally sheets that set forth the total compensation that may become payable to executive officers in various hypothetical scenarios, our stock performance data, and analyses of historical executive compensation levels and our current compensation levels. Periodically, the Compensation Committee reviews all of our incentive compensation plans in order to evaluate the level of risk that such plans may encourage and, along with management's report concerning such matters and their mitigation, to ensure that each plan is properly monitored and evaluated. The specific determinations of the Compensation Committee with respect to executive compensation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 are described herein.

## Compensation Committee Philosophy

Our compensation philosophy is predicated upon the following concepts:

We pay competitively. We are committed to providing a pay program that helps attract and retain highly qualified people in the industry. To ensure that pay is competitive, we compare our pay practices with those of other leading companies of similar size and location(s) and set our pay parameters based on this review.

We pay for sustained performance. Executive officers are rewarded based upon corporate performance and individual performance. Corporate performance is evaluated by the Compensation Committee by reviewing the extent to which strategic and business plan goals are met, including such factors as revenues, operating profit and cash flow.

We strive for fairness in the administration of pay and to achieve a balance of the compensation paid to a particular individual as compared to the compensation paid to both our executives and executives at comparable companies.

We believe that employees should understand the performance evaluation and pay administration process.

The Compensation Committee believes that it is important that our executives be compensated in a manner that closely links compensation with performance and yet does not incent excessive risk-taking. To that end, the Compensation Committee has developed a comprehensive and balanced compensation plan that includes a base salary; annual and multi-year cash incentives based upon our Annual Incentive Plan; and, a package of benefits similar in scope and nature to those offered to all our other employees. The Compensation Committee believes that equity-based incentives are an integral component of a competitive compensation plan. Accordingly, in September 2016, our Board approved the 2016 Equity Incentive Plan, included herein as Appendix A, and for which the Board is seeking shareholder approval in Proposal No. 3. Additionally, in September 2014 our Board approved the 2014 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP") which was approved by our shareholders in December 2014.

The Compensation Committee believes that there are no risks related to our compensation plans that would result in a material adverse impact on us. This conclusion is based upon management's risk analysis and the Compensation Committee's belief that the following mitigating factors also serve to reduce such risks:

Incentives are capped at a maximum amount regardless of the degree to which objectives may be exceeded.

Payments are based upon audited year end results.

·Multiple objectives are used as performance targets.

·Computations are reviewed at regular intervals during the year and are subject to multiple levels of review at the management, committee, and full Board level.

·All incentives are based upon pre-established objective criteria as approved by our Board.

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## Compensation of Executive Officers

The following table sets forth certain compensation information for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015, for our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer who were the only executive officers whose compensation exceeded \$100,000 during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 (collectively, the “Named Executive Officers”).

### Summary Compensation Table

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary	All Other Compensation <sup>(3)</sup>	Total
		(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Richard L. Van Kirk <sup>(1)</sup>	2016	\$205,000	\$ 36,609	\$241,609
Director, CEO, President and COO	2015	\$191,539	\$ 19,802	\$211,341
Alisha K. Charlton <sup>(2)</sup>	2016	\$165,000	\$ 5,299	\$170,299
Chief Financial Officer	2015	\$158,673	\$ 3,225	\$161,898

<sup>(1)</sup> Mr. Van Kirk was appointed our Chief Executive Officer, President and Director on January 12, 2015, in addition to continuing his position as COO.

<sup>(2)</sup> Ms. Charlton joined Pro-Dex on January 29, 2014 and was appointed our Chief Financial Officer on January 12, 2015.

<sup>(3)</sup> The amounts reported above under the heading “All Other Compensation” consist of the following:

Name and Principal Position	Year	All Other Compensation (\$)			Separation Payments (\$)	Total (\$)
		Insurance Premiums (\$)	401K Matching Contributions (\$)	AIP & Other Awards (\$)		
Richard L. Van Kirk	2016	\$ 18,066	\$ 2,633	\$15,910	—	\$36,609
Director, CEO, President and COO	2015	\$ 17,887	\$ 1,915		—	\$19,802
Alisha K. Charlton	2016	\$ 3,515	\$ 1,666	\$118	—	\$5,299
Chief Financial Officer	2015	\$ 1,524	\$ 1,701		—	\$3,225

## Employment Agreements with Named Executive Officers

### **Employment Arrangement with Richard L. Van Kirk**

On January 12, 2015, Mr. Van Kirk began service as our Chief Executive Officer, President and Director, in addition to continuing to serve as our Chief Operating Officer, a position he has held since April 23, 2013. In connection with his 2013 appointment as Chief Operating Officer, Mr. Van Kirk entered into an at-will employment arrangement (the “April 2013 Employment Arrangement”), which incorporates certain terms of Mr. Van Kirk’s prior at-will employment arrangement dated January 6, 2006. Pursuant to the April 2013 Employment Arrangement, Mr. Van Kirk’s compensation consists of the following which are pursuant to the April 2013 Employment arrangement (except for the base compensation which amount was increased upon his appointment as Chief Executive Officer):

· A base salary at an annualized rate of \$205,000.

· Participation in our Annual Incentive Plan and our prior Long Term Incentive Plan, the latter of which was terminated by our Board on June 26, 2014.

· Mr. Van Kirk was permitted to participate in any program of stock options or other equity grants that we provided key employees from time to time. Such grants were made under the terms and provisions of the Second Amended and Restated 2004 Stock Option Plan, which was terminated by our Board on June 26, 2014. Mr. Van Kirk is permitted to participate in the ESPP on the same terms as other employees, which was approved by our Board in September, 2014 and our shareholders in December, 2014.

· Health, dental, disability and life insurance, qualified retirement plans, and optional employee benefits on the same terms as other employees.

**Employment Arrangement with Alisha K. Charlton**

On January 12, 2015, Ms. Charlton began service as our Chief Financial Officer. In connection with that appointment, Ms. Charlton continued her at-will employment arrangement. Ms. Charlton’s compensation consists of the following which are pursuant to her at-will employment upon her hire date of January 29, 2014 (except for the base compensation which amount was increased upon her appointment as Chief Financial Officer):

A base salary at an annualized rate of \$165,000, such amount was increased to \$177,500 effective September 11, 2016.

Ms. Charlton is permitted to participate in the ESPP on the same terms as other employees, which was approved by our Board in September, 2014 and by our shareholders in December, 2014.

Health, dental, disability and life insurance, qualified retirement plans, and optional employee benefits on the same terms as other employees.

**Annual Incentive Awards**

There were no AIP awards accrued in fiscal years 2016 or 2015. Mr. Van Kirk’s 2016 AIP award consisted of a cash distribution in the amount of \$11,925 accrued for in a previous fiscal year.

**Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year End**

The following table sets forth information about outstanding equity awards held by our Named Executive Officers as of June 30, 2016.

Name	Option Awards Number of Securities Underlying		
	Unexercised Options Exercisable	Unexercised Options Not Exercisable	Option Expiration

	(#)	(#)	Price	Date
			(\$)	
Richard L. Van Kirk	3,334	—	\$ 4.38	05/18/2017
	20,000	—	\$ 1.97	10/07/2020
	25,000	—	\$ 1.80	09/12/2021
	5,000	—	\$ 1.73	09/11/2022

## Compensation of Directors

### 2013 Directors' Compensation Plan

In May 2, 2013, our Board created the 2013 Directors' Compensation Plan that provides for the following:

- Fees of \$200 for participation in Board or Committee meetings, to a maximum of \$2,000 per fiscal year; and

An annual retainer of \$23,000 for the Audit Committee Chair (which may be modified in compensating any future Audit Committee Chair).

The 2013 Directors' Compensation Plan has no provision for (a) retainers other than that described above, or (b) grants of options, restricted stock or other forms of equity compensation.

The following table details the cash retainers and fees, as well as equity compensation in the form of stock awards, earned by our non-employee directors during fiscal 2016:

Name	Fees Paid in Cash <sup>(1)</sup> (\$)	Option Awards (\$)	Total (\$)
David C. Hovda	\$25,000	\$ —	\$25,000
William J. Farrell III	\$3,800	\$ —	\$3,800
Nicholas J. Swenson	\$5,000	\$ —	\$5,000
Raymond E. Cabillot	\$5,000	\$ —	\$5,000

(1) The cash amount reported in this column represents amounts earned during fiscal 2016. All amounts were paid in the current fiscal year except for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter accrual, which was paid in fiscal 2017.



Effective May 1, 2016 the Board acted by unanimous written consent to increase each non-employee director's compensation to \$18,000 annually, paid quarterly in arrears and to maintain the audit committee chairman's compensation at \$25,000 annually, paid quarterly in arrears. Accordingly, we are asking our shareholders to vote to approve, on a nonbinding, advisory basis, the compensation of each on our non-employee directors in Proposal No. 5.

## EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION

The following table provides information as of June 30, 2016 with respect to shares of Common Stock that may be issued under the Company's equity compensation plans.

<b>Plan Category</b>	<b>Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of Outstanding Options Warrants and Rights</b>	<b>Weighted-Average Exercise Price of Outstanding Options, Warrants and Rights</b>	<b>Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (excluding securities reflected in the first column)</b>
Equity compensation plans approved by Stockholders:			
Second Amended and Restated 2004 Stock Option Plan <sup>(1)</sup>	83,334	\$ 1.93	—
Amended and Restated 2004 Directors' Stock Option Plan <sup>(2)</sup>	7,500	\$ 2.14	—

<sup>(1)</sup> The Second Amended and Restated 2004 Stock Option Plan was terminated by our Board on June 26, 2014 and, as a result, no further options may be granted under such plan.

<sup>(2)</sup> The Amended and Restated 2004 Directors' Stock Option Plan was terminated by our Board on June 26, 2014 and by our shareholders on December 3, 2014 and as a result, no further options may be granted under this plan.

### Options and Restricted Stock Generally

Our Board, as the administrator of each of the plans listed above, has the discretion to accelerate the vesting of any outstanding options held by the employees and directors in the event of an acquisition of us by a merger or asset sale in which the outstanding options under each such plan are not to be assumed by the successor corporation or

substituted with options to purchase shares of such corporation.

In the event of a change of control (as such term is defined in the stock option plans listed in the table above, which definition includes, among other items, (a) conditions under which a person or group becomes a beneficial owner of 50% or more of the voting power of our outstanding stock, or (b) a change in the composition of our Board occurring within a one-year period of 60% or more), the Board has the discretion to accelerate the vesting of any outstanding options or shares of restricted stock held by employees. Vesting of outstanding options held by members of our Board would be automatically accelerated as a result of a change of control.

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Audit Committee reports to and acts on behalf of our Board in providing oversight to our financial management, independent registered public accounting firm, and financial reporting procedures. Our management is responsible for preparing our financial statements and the independent registered public accounting firm is responsible for auditing those statements. In this context, the Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements contained in our 2016 Annual Report on Form 10-K with management and Moss Adams, LLP, the independent registered public accounting firm engaged to audit such financial statements.

The Audit Committee has discussed with Moss Adams, LLP the matters required to be discussed by Auditing Standard No. 16 (“Communications with Audit Committees”). The Audit Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from Moss Adams, LLP required by applicable requirements of the Public Company

Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent registered public accounting firm's communications with the audit committee concerning independence and has discussed with Moss Adams, LLP its independence. In concluding that Moss Adams, LLP is independent, the Audit Committee considered, among other factors, whether the non-audit services provided by Moss Adams, LLP were compatible with maintaining its independence.

In reliance on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to our Board that the audited financial statements be included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, and be filed with the SEC.

The Audit Committee has appointed Moss Adams, LLP to serve as our independent auditors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

David C. Hovda Raymond E. Cabillot Nicholas J. Swenson

#### **CODE OF BUSINESS CONDUCT AND ETHICS**

Our code of business conduct and ethics, as approved by our Board, can be obtained from [http://www.pro-dex.com/media/23086/prodex\\_code\\_of\\_conduct.pdf](http://www.pro-dex.com/media/23086/prodex_code_of_conduct.pdf).

We intend to satisfy the disclosure requirement under Item 5.05 of Form 8-K relating to amendments to or waivers from provisions of the code that relate to one of more of the items set forth in Item 406(b) of Regulation S-K and its successor regulation, by describing on our Internet website, within four business days following the date of a waiver or a substantive amendment, the date of the waiver or amendment, the nature of the amendment or waiver, and the name of the person to whom the waiver was granted. There have been no waivers of the ethics policy granted during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 and through the date of this proxy statement, nor have there been any requests for such waivers during that period.

Information on our Internet site is not, and shall not be deemed to be, a part of this proxy statement or incorporated into any other filings we make with the SEC.

## **SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE**

Under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), our directors and officers and any person who owns more than ten percent of our Common Stock are required to report their initial ownership of our Common Stock and any subsequent changes in that ownership to the SEC and the Nasdaq Capital Market. Officers, directors and greater than 10% shareholders are required by SEC regulations to furnish us with copies of all forms they file in accordance with Section 16(a). To our knowledge, based solely on our review of the copies of such reports furnished to us or filed with the SEC and written representations that no other reports were required, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, all Section 16(a) reports required to be filed by our officers directors and greater than 10% shareholders were properly and timely filed, with the exception of one late report for each of Mr. Swenson and Farnam Street Partners. In each case the reports were related to stock purchases under Rule 10b5-1 purchase programs.

## **POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR APPROVAL OF RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Our Board has the responsibility to review and discuss with management and approve, and has adopted written policies and procedures relating to approval or ratification of, interested transactions with related parties. During this process, the material facts as to the related party’s interest in a transaction are disclosed to all Board members or an applicable committee. Under the policies and procedures, the Board is to review each interested transaction with a related party that requires approval and either approve or disapprove of the entry into the interested transaction. An “interested transaction” is any transaction in which we are a participant and any related party has or will have a direct or indirect interest. Transactions that are in the ordinary course of business and would not require either disclosure pursuant to Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act or approval of the Board or an independent committee of the Board pursuant to applicable Nasdaq rules would not be deemed interested transactions. No director may participate in any approval of an interested transaction with respect to which he or she

is a related party. Our Board intends to approve only those related party transactions that are in the best interests of the Company and our shareholders.

Since July 1, 2015, the beginning of our fiscal year 2016, there has not been a transaction or series of related transactions to which we were or are a party, or in which any director, executive officer, holder of more than 5% of any class of our voting securities, or any member of the immediate family of any of the foregoing persons, had or will have a direct or indirect material interest.

### **Certain Relationships and Related Transactions**

We have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our directors and executive officers. The indemnification agreements and our certificate of incorporation and bylaws require us to indemnify our directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by Colorado law.

### **Director Independence**

Our corporate governance guidelines provide that a majority of the Board and all members of the Audit, Compensation and Nominating Committees of the Board will be independent. On an annual basis, each director and executive officer is obligated to complete a Director and Officer Questionnaire that requires disclosure of any transactions with us in which a director or executive officer, or any member of his or her immediate family, have a direct or indirect material interest. Following completion of these questionnaires, the Board, with the assistance of the Nominating Committee, makes an annual determination as to the independence of each director using the current standards for “independence” established by the SEC and Nasdaq, additional criteria set forth in our corporate governance guidelines and consideration of any other material relationship a director may have with us.

The Board has determined that all of its directors are independent under these standards, except for Mr. Van Kirk, our Chief Executive Officer and President, who was appointed to our Board on January 12, 2015.

### **COMMUNICATIONS WITH DIRECTORS**

Our Board has established a process to receive communications from shareholders. Shareholders and other interested parties may contact any member (or all members) of our Board, or the independent directors as a group, any Board

committee or any Chair of any such committee by mail or electronically. To communicate with our Board, any individual directors or any group or committee of directors, correspondence should be addressed to our Board or any such individual directors or group or committee of directors by either name or title. All such correspondence should be sent "c/o Corporate Secretary" at 2361 McGaw Avenue, Irvine, California 92614. To communicate with any of our directors electronically, a shareholder should send an email to our Secretary: [alisha.charlton@pro-dex.com](mailto:alisha.charlton@pro-dex.com).

All communications received as set forth in the preceding paragraph will be opened by the Company's Secretary for the sole purpose of determining whether the contents represent a message to one or more of the directors. Any contents that are not in the nature of advertising, promotions of a product or service or patently offensive material will be forwarded promptly to the addressee. In the case of communications to the Board or any group or committee of directors, the Company's Secretary will make sufficient copies (or forward such information in the case of e-mail) of the contents to send to each director who is a member of the group or committee to which the envelope or e-mail is addressed.

It is our policy that our directors are invited and encouraged to attend all of our annual meetings of shareholders. All of our directors were in attendance at the 2015 Annual Meeting.

## **Proposal No. 2**

### **RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

The Audit Committee has appointed the firm of Moss Adams, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, and requests our shareholders to ratify this appointment. In the event that our shareholders do not ratify the selection of Moss Adams, LLP as our independent public accountants, our Board will consider the selection of another independent public accounting firm. Even if the appointment is ratified, the Audit Committee in its discretion may direct the appointment of a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if it determines that such a change would be in our best interest and the best interest of our shareholders.

A representative of Moss Adams, LLP is expected to be present at the Annual Meeting. He or she will have the opportunity to make a statement if such representative desires to do so and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

## ACCOUNTING FEES

The Audit Committee's policy is to pre-approve all auditing services and permitted non-audit services (including the fees and terms thereof) to be performed for us by our independent registered public accounting firm, subject to the de minimis exceptions for non-audit services described in Section 10A(i)(1)(B) of the Exchange Act, which are approved by the Audit Committee prior to the completion of the audit. The Audit Committee considers whether the performance of any service by our independent registered public accounting firm is compatible with maintaining such firm's independence.

The following table sets forth the aggregate fees billed to us for during the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015 by our independent registered public accounting firm, Moss Adam, LLP, all of which were preapproved by the Audit Committee.

	Years Ended June	
	2016	2015
Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 191,000	\$ 146,580
Audit-Related Fees <sup>(2)</sup>	—	5,950
Tax Fees <sup>(3)</sup>	10,900	15,050
Total	\$ 201,900	\$ 167,580

*Audit Fees* consist of fees billed for professional services rendered for the audit of our consolidated annual financial statements and review of the interim consolidated financial statements included in quarterly reports and services that are normally provided in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements.

<sup>(2)</sup> *Audit-Related Fees* consist of fees billed for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of our consolidated financial statements and are not reported under "Audit Fees."

<sup>(3)</sup> *Tax Fees* consist of fees billed for professional services rendered for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning. These services include assistance regarding federal state and local tax compliance, planning and advice.

## Required Vote and Board Recommendation

Although shareholder ratification is not required for the appointment of Moss Adams, LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, our Board has directed that this appointment be submitted to our shareholders for ratification at the Annual Meeting. Assuming a quorum is present at the Annual Meeting, this proposal will be ratified and approved if the votes cast in favor of this proposal exceed the votes cast opposing this proposal.

**OUR BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT OUR SHAREHOLDERS VOTE “FOR” THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF MOSS ADAMS, LLP TO SERVE AS OUR INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017.**

**Proposal No. 3**

**RATIFICATION AND APPROVAL OF 2016 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

**General**

As described above under the heading “Equity Compensation Plan Information,” the Company’s most recent stock option plans, were both terminated in 2014 with the provision that any outstanding awards under either plan remain outstanding in accordance with their respective terms. Effective as of September 29, 2016, the Company’s Board of Directors approved the Company’s 2016 Equity Incentive Plan (the “2016 Plan”), subject to shareholder ratification and approval of the 2016 Equity Incentive Plan. The Board of Directors believes the

adoption of the 2016 Plan is appropriate in order to grant additional equity incentives in the future and to ensure that the Company continues to meet its retention and hiring needs and maintain alignment with the Company's shareholders' interests.

The purpose of the 2016 Plan is to promote the interests of the Company and its shareholders by providing incentives to motivate selected employees, directors and consultants of the Company to achieve long-term corporate objectives and to enable stock-based incentive awards to qualify as performance-based compensation for purposes of the tax deduction limitations under Section 162(m) of the Code. In order to more closely align the interests of the awardees of incentive stock awards, the Board of Directors believes it is necessary to adopt and approve the Plan in order to accomplish the purposes of the Plan and enable the Company to attract, hire, retain and motivate the skilled employees the Company needs to be successful, especially in the competitive labor markets in which the Company competes. If the shareholders do not approve the Plan, the Plan will not be adopted and no awards will be granted under the Plan.

### **Shares Subject to the 2016 Plan**

To date, no awards of common stock have been issued under the 2016 Plan, and 1,500,000 shares are available for issuance under the 2016 Plan. The 2016 Plan provides for the grant of ISOs, Nonstatutory Stock Options ("NSOs"), Stock Appreciation Rights ("SARs"), Restricted Shares, Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs"), Performance Awards, and other stock-based awards. Any shares of common stock that are subject to an award but are not used because the terms and conditions of the award are not met, or any shares that are used by participants to pay all or part of the purchase price of any option, may again be used for awards under the 2016 Plan.

As soon as practicable following shareholder approval of this proposal, the Company intends to register on Form S-8 under the Securities Act of 1933 the issuance of the Company's securities under the 2016 Equity Incentive Plan. A copy of the 2016 Equity Incentive Plan is attached as *Appendix A* to this proxy statement and is described below.

### **Administration**

The compensation committee of the Board of Directors will administer the 2016 Plan. All awards are approved by the compensation committee. With respect to the participation of individuals whose transactions in the Company's equity securities are subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act, the Plan must be administered in compliance with the requirements, if any, of Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act. Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the compensation committee determines the persons to whom awards are to be granted, the number of shares to be covered by each award, whether an option is to be an ISO or a NSO, the terms of vesting and exercisability of each option or other

award, including the effect thereon of an optionee's termination of service, the type of consideration to be paid to the Company upon exercise of an option, the duration of each award, and all other terms and conditions of the awards, subject to the policy that neither the Board of Directors nor the compensation committee may reprice stock options.

### **Eligibility**

Generally, all employees, directors and consultants of the Company or of any present or future parent or subsidiary corporations of the Company are eligible to participate in the Plan. Any person eligible under the Plan may be granted a NSO. However, only employees may be granted ISOs.

### **Terms and conditions of awards**

Each award granted under the Plan will be evidenced by a written agreement between the Company and the participant specifying the number of shares subject to the award and the other terms and conditions of the award, consistent with the requirements of the Plan. The purchase price per share subject to an option (or the exercise price per share in the case of a SAR) must equal at least the fair market value of a share of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. The purchase price of any ISO granted to a person who at the time of grant owns stock possessing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or any parent or subsidiary corporation of the Company, referred to as a 10% Stockholder, must be at least 110% of the fair

market value of a share of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. The term of any award under the Plan may not be for more than ten years or five years in the case of ISOs awarded to any 10% Stockholder. To the extent that the aggregate fair market value of shares of the Company's common stock subject to options designated as ISOs that become exercisable for the first time by a participant during any calendar year exceeds \$100,000, such excess options shall be treated as NSOs.

Generally, an option's purchase price may be paid in cash, by check, or in cash equivalent, or if permitted by the compensation committee, by tender of shares of the Company's common stock owned by the optionee having a fair market value not less than the exercise price, or by any lawful method approved by the board or by any combination of these. The compensation committee may nevertheless restrict the forms of payment permitted in connection with any option grant.

The compensation committee will specify when options granted under the Plan will become exercisable and vested. Shares subject to options generally vest and become exercisable in installments, subject to the optionee's continued employment or service or achievement of specified milestones. Unless otherwise provided in the grant documents, options and SARs will be granted with a minimum vesting period of at least one year.

Awards of Restricted Shares consist of a specified number of shares of common stock subject to such terms, conditions and transfer restrictions based on performance standards, periods of service, retention by the participant of a specified number of shares of common stock or other criteria. Awards of RSUs give participants a right to receive shares of common stock in the future subject to such terms, conditions and restrictions as established by the compensation committee. RSUs will be settled for common stock, cash or a combination of both as soon as practicable after the compensation committee has determined that the terms and conditions of the RSU has been satisfied (or at a later date if the distribution has been deferred).

Performance Awards consist of the right to receive a payment contingent on the extent to which predetermined performance targets have been met during an award period, which shall be two or more fiscal or calendar years. In the compensation committee's discretion, newly hired or eligible participants may be allowed to receive Performance Awards after an award period has commenced. Payments of earned Performance Awards will be made in cash, common stock, or a combination of cash and common stock, in the discretion of the compensation committee.

Other stock-based awards such as stock purchase rights (with or without loans to participants by the Company), awards of common stock, or awards valued in whole or in part by reference to common stock or dividends on common stock may be granted either alone or in addition to other awards under the Plan. If specified by the compensation committee in the award agreement, the recipient of a stock-based award may be entitled to receive, currently or on a deferred basis, interest, dividends or dividend equivalents with respect to the common stock or other securities covered by the award.

## **Federal Income Tax Consequences**

The following summary is intended only as a general guide as to the United States federal income tax consequences under current law of participation in the Plan and does not attempt to describe all possible federal or other tax consequences of such participation or tax consequences based on particular circumstances.

**ISOs.** The grant of an ISO under the Plan will not result in any federal income tax consequences to the optionee or the Company. An optionee recognizes no federal taxable income upon exercising an ISO (subject to the alternative minimum tax rules discussed below), and the Company receives no deduction at the time of exercise. In the event of a disposition of stock acquired upon exercise of an ISO, the tax consequences depend upon how long the optionee has held the shares of common stock. If the optionee does not dispose of the shares within two years after the ISO was granted, nor within one year after the ISO was exercised, the optionee will recognize a long-term capital gain (or loss) equal to the difference between the sale price of the shares and the purchase price. The Company is not entitled to any deduction under these circumstances.

If the optionee fails to satisfy either of the foregoing holding periods, he or she must recognize ordinary income in the year of the disposition (referred to as a “disqualifying disposition”). The amount of such ordinary

income generally is the lesser of (i) the difference between the amount realized on the disposition and the purchase price or (ii) the difference between the fair market value of the stock on the exercise date and the purchase price. Any gain in excess of the amount taxed as ordinary income will be treated as a long or short-term capital gain, depending on whether the stock was held for more than one year. In the year of the disqualifying disposition, the Company is entitled to a deduction equal to the amount of ordinary income recognized by the optionee, subject to possible limitations imposed by Section 162(m) of the Code and so long as the optionee's total compensation is deemed reasonable in amount.

The "spread" under an ISO-i.e., the difference between the fair market value of the shares at the time of exercise and the purchase price-is classified as an item of adjustment in the year of exercise for purposes of the alternative minimum tax. If an optionee's alternative minimum tax liability exceeds such optionee's regular income tax liability, the optionee will owe the larger amount of taxes. In order to avoid the application of alternative minimum tax with respect to ISOs, the optionee must sell the shares within the same calendar year in which the ISOs are exercised. However, such a sale of shares within the same year of exercise will constitute a disqualifying disposition, as described above.

In the event an ISO is amended, such option may be considered deferred compensation and subject to the rules of Section 409A of the Code. An option subject to Section 409A of the Code that fails to comply with the rules of Section 409A can result in the acceleration of income recognition, a 20% additional tax obligation, plus penalties and interest. In addition, the amendment of an ISO may convert the option from an ISO to a NSO.

**NSOs.** The grant of a NSO under the Plan will not result in any federal income tax consequences to the optionee or the Company. Upon exercise of a NSO, the optionee is subject to income taxes at the rate applicable to ordinary compensation income on the difference between the option purchase price and the fair market value of the shares on the date of exercise. This income is subject to withholding for federal income and employment tax purposes. The Company is entitled to an income tax deduction in the amount of the income recognized by the optionee, subject to possible limitations imposed by Section 162(m) of the Code and so long as the Company withholds the appropriate taxes with respect to such income (if required) and the optionee's total compensation is deemed reasonable in amount. Any gain or loss on the optionee's subsequent disposition of the shares of common stock will receive long or short-term capital gain or loss treatment, depending on whether the shares are held for more than one year following exercise. The Company will not receive a tax deduction for any such gain.

In the event a NSO is amended, such option may be considered deferred compensation and subject to the rules of Section 409A of the Code, which provide rules regarding the timing of payment of deferred compensation. An option subject to Section 409A of the Code that fails to comply with the rules of Section 409A may result in the acceleration of income recognition, a 20% additional tax obligation, plus penalties and interest.

**Restricted Shares.** The grant of Restricted Shares will subject the recipient to ordinary compensation income on the difference between the amount paid (if any) for such stock and the fair market value of the shares on the date that the restrictions lapse. This income is subject to withholding for federal income and employment tax purposes. The Company is entitled to an income tax deduction in the amount of the ordinary income recognized by the recipient, subject to possible limitations imposed by Section 162(m) of the Code and so long as the Company withholds the appropriate taxes with respect to such income (if required) and the recipient's total compensation is deemed reasonable in amount. Any gain or loss on the recipient's subsequent disposition of the shares will receive long or short-term capital gain or loss treatment depending on how long the stock has been held since the restrictions lapsed. The Company will not receive a tax deduction for any such gain.

Recipients of Restricted Shares may make an election under Section 83(b) of the Code (a "Section 83(b) Election") to recognize as ordinary compensation income in the year that such Restricted Shares are granted, the amount equal to the spread between the amount paid for such stock and the fair market value on the date of the issuance of the stock. If such an election is made, the recipient recognizes no further amounts of compensation income upon the lapse of any restrictions and any gain or loss on subsequent disposition will be long or short-term capital gain to the recipient. A Section 83(b) Election must be made within 30 days from the time the Restricted Shares are issued.

**SARs.** Recipients of SARs generally should not recognize income until a SAR is exercised (assuming there is no ceiling on the value of the right). Upon exercise, the recipient will normally recognize taxable ordinary income for federal income tax purposes equal to the amount of cash and fair market value of the shares, if any,

received upon such exercise. Recipients who are employees generally will be subject to withholding for federal income and employment tax purposes with respect to income recognized upon exercise of a SAR. Recipients will recognize gain upon the disposition of any shares received on exercise of a SAR equal to the excess of (i) the amount realized on such disposition over (ii) the ordinary income recognized with respect to such shares under the principles set forth above. That gain will be taxable as long or short-term capital gain depending on whether the shares were held for more than one year. The Company will be entitled to a tax deduction to the extent and in the year that ordinary income is recognized by the recipient, subject to possible limitations imposed by Section 162(m) of the Code and so long as the Company withholds the appropriate taxes with respect to such income (if required) and the recipient's total compensation is deemed reasonable in amount.

In the event a SAR is amended, such SAR may be considered deferred compensation and subject to the rules of Section 409A of the Code, which provide rules regarding the timing of payment of deferred compensation. A SAR subject to Section 409A of the Code that fails to comply with the rules of Section 409A may result in the acceleration of income recognition, a 20% additional tax obligation, plus penalties and interest.

**RSUs.** Recipients of RSUs generally should not recognize income until such units are converted into cash or shares of stock. Upon conversion, the recipient will normally recognize taxable ordinary income for federal income tax purposes equal to the amount of cash and fair market value of the shares, if any, received upon such conversion. Recipients who are employees generally will be subject to withholding for federal income tax purposes upon conversion of the RSUs and withholding for employment tax purposes when the RSUs vest. Participants will recognize gain upon the disposition of any shares received upon conversion of the RSUs equal to the excess of (i) the amount realized on such disposition over (ii) the ordinary income recognized with respect to such shares under the principles set forth above. That gain will be taxable as long or short-term capital gain depending on whether the shares were held for more than one year. The Company will be entitled to a tax deduction to the extent and in the year that ordinary income is recognized by the recipient, subject to possible limitations imposed by Section 162(m) of the Code and so long as the Company withholds the appropriate taxes with respect to such income (if required) and the recipient's total compensation is deemed reasonable in amount.

RSUs also can be considered nonqualified deferred compensation and subject to the Section 409A of the Code. A grant of RSUs that does not meet the requirements of Section 409A of the Code will result in the acceleration of income recognition, a 20% additional tax obligation, plus penalties and interest.

**Performance Awards.** Recipients of Performance Awards generally should not recognize income until such awards are paid in cash or shares of stock. Upon payment, the recipient will normally recognize taxable ordinary income for federal income tax purposes equal to the amount of cash and fair market value of the shares, if any, received in such payment. Recipients who are employees generally will be subject to withholding for federal income and employment tax purposes with respect to income recognized upon the payment of Performance Awards. Participants will recognize gain upon the disposition of any shares received upon the payment of Performance Awards equal to the excess of (i) the amount realized on such disposition over (ii) the ordinary income recognized with respect to such shares under

the principles set forth above. That gain will be taxable as long or short-term capital gain depending on whether the shares were held for more than one year. The Company will be entitled to a tax deduction to the extent and in the year that ordinary income is recognized by the recipient, subject to possible limitations imposed by Section 162(m) of the Code and so long as the Company withholds the appropriate taxes with respect to such income (if required) and the recipient's total compensation is deemed reasonable in amount.

***Other stock-based awards.*** Recipients of unrestricted stock will recognize ordinary income equal to the difference between the amount paid for such unrestricted stock and the fair market value of the unrestricted stock on the grant date. This income is subject to withholding for federal income and employment tax purposes. Any gain or loss on the recipient's subsequent disposition of the shares receives long or short-term capital gain or loss treatment depending on how long the stock has been held since the date such unrestricted stock was granted. The Company will be entitled to a tax deduction to the extent and in the year that ordinary income is recognized by the recipient, subject to possible limitations imposed by Section 162(m) of the Code and so long as the Company withholds the appropriate taxes with respect to such income (if required) and the recipient's total compensation is deemed reasonable in amount.

***Dividends and dividend equivalents.*** Recipients of awards that earn dividends or dividend equivalents recognize ordinary income on any dividend payments received with respect to unvested and/or unexercised shares subject to such awards, which income is subject to withholding for federal income and employment tax purposes.

**New Plan Benefits**