



Neurogene Appoints Christy Shafer as Chief Commercial Officer and Christine Mikail, J.D., to Board of Directors

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Ms. Shafer, a proven commercial leader in rare neurological diseases, will lead Neurogene's commercial strategy and launch readiness for NGN-401 gene therapy for Rett syndrome

Ms. Mikail, President and CFO of Neurogene, adds strategic and operational leadership to the Board as Company advances key priorities

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Apr. 20, 2026-- Neurogene Inc. (Nasdaq: NGNE), a clinical-stage company founded to bring life-changing genetic medicines to patients and families affected by rare neurological diseases, today announced the appointment of Christy Shafer as Chief Commercial Officer and the appointment of Christine Mikail, J.D., to its Board of Directors. Ms. Shafer brings more than 20 years of industry experience building and leading high-performing commercial organizations and launching therapies for rare neurological diseases. Ms. Mikail brings to the Board deep expertise in strategic transactions, capital formation, and corporate development, with a track record of building and positioning companies for long-term value creation.

"With the addition of Christy Shafer to Neurogene's experienced executive team, we welcome a proven commercial leader with deep expertise in building organizations and executing rare neurological disease product launches to guide our commercial strategy and launch readiness for NGN-401, our gene therapy product for Rett syndrome," stated Rachel McMinn, Ph.D., Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Neurogene. "Christine Mikail has deep strategic, financial, transactional, and operational expertise, along with a rigorous understanding of Neurogene's business and long-term objectives. Her perspective and judgment will strengthen the Board as Neurogene continues to advance NGN-401 and prepares for its next phase of growth."

Since joining Neurogene, Ms. Mikail has played a central role in shaping the Company's long-term strategy, strengthening its financial foundation, and supporting advancement of its clinical and corporate objectives.

"I am honored to join Neurogene's Board of Directors at this important stage in the Company's evolution," said Ms. Mikail. "I look forward to contributing my experience and perspective to Neurogene's long-term strategy as a member of the Board."

Christy Shafer most recently served as Senior Vice President and General Manager, North America, of Avidity Biosciences, a late-stage biotech developing RNA therapeutics for rare neuromuscular diseases that was acquired by Novartis. She was responsible for building and leading Avidity's North America commercial organization in advance of its first U.S. product launches. Prior to Avidity, Ms. Shafer served as Chief Commercial Officer at Marinus Pharmaceuticals, where she built and led the commercial organization and launched Ztalmy®, the first approved therapy for seizures associated with CDKL5 deficiency disorder, which led to Marinus Pharmaceuticals' acquisition by Immedica Pharma. Previously, Ms. Shafer held leadership roles of increasing responsibility at Alexion Pharmaceuticals, where she supported multiple neurology launches, including Soliris® for generalized myasthenia gravis and neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder, as well as earlier commercial leadership positions at Pacira Pharmaceuticals and Sanofi Biosurgery (formerly Genzyme). She holds a Bachelor of Life Science degree in Cell and Molecular Biology and Genetics from the University of Maryland, College Park, and completed postbaccalaureate studies in immunology and pharmacology.

"Neurogene's differentiated approach to gene therapy represents a meaningful opportunity to transform outcomes for patients with devastating neurological diseases," said Ms. Shafer. "I am thrilled to join this team at this inflection point and look forward to partnering across the organization to help deliver the capabilities, strategy, and infrastructure needed to support a successful launch and commercialization of NGN-401, if approved."

About Neurogene

Neurogene (NASDAQ: NGNE) is a clinical-stage biotechnology company focused on developing life-changing genetic medicines for people and their families impacted by devastating neurological diseases. The Company is using a biology-first approach paired with optimized delivery to develop purpose-built genetic medicines, including programs powered by its novel and proprietary EXACT™ transgene regulation technology. Neurogene is advancing its lead gene therapy program, NGN-401, as a potential best-in-class, one-time treatment for Rett syndrome. For more information, visit neurogene.com or follow on [LinkedIn](#).

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