Akebia Therapeutics, Inc.
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A

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AKEBIA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the

Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on June 06, 2019

AKEBIA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

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245 FIRST STREET

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142

Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting

For holders as of: April 12, 2019

Date: June 06, 2019 **Time:** 10:00 AM EDT

Location: The offices of
Akebia Therapeutics, Inc.
245 First Street
Cambridge, MA 02142

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above named company.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at *www.proxyvote.com* or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

Before You Vote

How to Access the Proxy Materials

Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:

1. Notice & Proxy Statement 2. Annual Report

How to View Online:

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow (located on the following page) and visit: *www.proxyvote.com.*

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Vote In Person: Many stockholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

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Vote By Mail: You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

Voting items

The Board of Directors recommends you vote

FOR each director nominee:

1. Election of Class II Directors

Nominees

01 John P. Butler 02 Michael T. Heffernan 03 Jodie P. Morrison

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR proposals 2. and 3.

2. Ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as the company s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019.

3. Approval of the Amended and Restated 2014 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

NOTE: The shares represented by this proxy when properly executed will be voted in the manner directed herein by the undersigned stockholder(s). If no direction is made, this proxy will be voted FOR the election of each director nominee in proposal 1, FOR proposal 2 and FOR proposal 3. If any other matters properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof, the person(s) named in this proxy will vote in their discretion in accordance with applicable law or rule.