

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. \_\_\_)

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**ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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- No fee required.
  - Fee paid previously with preliminary materials.
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ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.  
1850 GATEWAY DRIVE, SUITE 175  
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# Your **Vote** Counts!

**ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

2023 Annual Meeting  
Vote by October 9, 2023  
11:59 PM ET



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

You have the right to vote on proposals being presented at the Annual Meeting. **This is an important notice regarding the availability of proxy material for the stockholder meeting to be held on October 10, 2023.**

### Get informed before you vote

View the Notice and Proxy Statement and Form 10-K online OR you can receive a free paper or email copy of the material(s) by requesting prior to September 26, 2023. If you would like to request a copy of the material(s) for this and/or future stockholder meetings, you may (1) visit [www.ProxyVote.com](http://www.ProxyVote.com), (2) call 1-800-579-1639 or (3) send an email to [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com). If sending an email, please include your control number (indicated below) in the subject line. Unless requested, you will not otherwise receive a paper or email copy.



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#### Vote Virtually at the Meeting\*

October 10, 2023  
10:00 AM PDT

Virtually at:  
[www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/ACRX2023](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/ACRX2023)

\*Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance.

## THIS IS NOT A VOTABLE BALLOT

This is an overview of the proposals being presented at the upcoming stockholder meeting. Please follow the instructions on the reverse side to vote these important matters.

Voting Items	Board Recommends
1. Election of Directors <b>Nominees:</b> 01) Marina Bozilenko 02) Howard B. Rosen 03) Mark Wan	✔ For
2. To ratify the appointment of WithumSmith+Brown, PC as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2023.	✔ For
3. To approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers.	✔ For
4. To approve our Amended and Restated 2020 Equity Incentive Plan.	✔ For
<b>NOTE:</b> Such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.	

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