



## Minutes

**BRI Institutional Biosafety Committee  
Institutional Biosafety Committee  
10/14/2025  
1:00 pm  
Zoom**

### 1 **Statements of Confidentiality and Conflicts of Interest**

**Quorum and Meeting Access:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm and noted that the meeting was open to the public. Quorum existed at the start of the meeting with 12 voting members present. A quorum was maintained for the entire meeting.

**Confidentiality:** The Chair reminded the committee that while the meeting is open to the public, the information discussed during the meeting should be treated as confidential.

**Conflict of Interest:** The Chair asked the committee if any members needed to declare a conflict of interest with respect to any matter on the agenda. The Chair notified committee members that if they had a conflict of interest, they must leave the room during the final discussion and voting on that IBC submission.

### 2 **Attendees**

#### **Committee Members Present**

Lewis Bowen III (Finance and Administration)	Biological Safety Officer
Lezi E (Cell Biology, Neurobiology and Anatomy)	R/SNA Technology Expert
Benjamin Gantner (Medicine)	Chair
Anna Huppler (Pediatrics)	R/SNA Technology Expert
Eric Jensen (Research Office)	Animal Containment Expert
Tyce Kearl (Medicine)	R/SNA Technology Expert
	HGT Expert
Nikki Lytle (Surgery)	R/SNA Technology Expert
Angela Mathison (Surgery)	R/SNA Technology Expert
Sandy Montes-Gruber (Non-MCW)	Non-Affiliated Member
Qizhen Shi (Pediatrics)	R/SNA Technology Expert
Laura Stephens (Non-MCW)	Non-Affiliated Member
Matthew Surdel (Medicine)	R/SNA Technology Expert

#### **Committee Members Absent**

Kenneth Allen (Research Office)

Alternate Animal Containment  
Expert, Non-Voting

James Case (Non-MCW)

Non-Affiliated Member

Kunal Gupta (Neurosurgery)

R/SNA Technology Expert

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### 3 Meeting Minutes Reviewed at this Meeting

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9/9/2025 (Zoom)

<b>Motion:</b>	Minutes Approved
<b>Yes Votes:</b>	12
<b>No Votes:</b>	0
<b>Abstained:</b>	0
<b>Recused:</b>	0
<b>Total Votes:</b>	12

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### 4 New Business

#### 1. IBC CE: NIH Biosafety Modernization Initiative

The Biological Safety Officer (BSO) notified the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) that the National Institute of Health (NIH) has launched an initiative to modernize and strengthen biosafety policy in order to keep pace with science and technology advances. As part of this effort, the framework of the NIH Guidelines may be revamped to become risk-based rather than technique-based; in some cases, the scope of the Guidelines may be expanded while at the same time reducing oversight for recombinant experiments which are now considered low-risk. The BSO explained that this effort is expected to unfold over the next year and that the research community, biosafety professionals and the public are encouraged to participate in regional listening sessions and submit comments through an online portal. The Committee was encouraged to contact the Biosafety Office with questions.

#### 2. Administrative Report

The Chair asked the Committee Members to review the Administrative Report and then invited discussion. No concerns were raised.

#### 3. Exempt Rodent Report

The Exempt Rodent Report was provided to the Committee members.

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### 5 Application Reviews

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### 6 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:23 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 11, 2025 at 1:00 pm in Zoom.