



Minutes

**CW Institutional Biosafety Committee
Institutional Biosafety Committee
7/8/2025
1:00 pm
Zoom**

1 Statements of Confidentiality and Conflicts of Interest

Quorum and Meeting Access: The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm and noted that the meeting was open to the public. Quorum existed at the start of the meeting with 9 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
Kunal Gupta (Neurosurgery)	R/SNA Technology Expert
Anna Huppler (Pediatrics)	R/SNA Technology Expert
Eric Jensen (Research Office)	Animal Containment Expert
Angela Mathison (Surgery)	R/SNA Technology Expert
Qizhen Shi (Pediatrics)	R/SNA Technology Expert
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
Amy Goza (Children's Wisconsin (no MCW faculty appt))	HGT Expert

Tyce Kearn (Medicine)	HGT Expert
	R/SNA Technology Expert
Nikki Lytle (Surgery)	R/SNA Technology Expert
Rebecca Roush (Children's Wisconsin (no MCW faculty appt))	Alternate HGT Expert, Non-Voting
Cheryl Singer (Children's Wisconsin (no MCW faculty appt))	Alternate HGT Expert, Non-Voting
Laura Stephens (Non-MCW)	Non-Affiliated Member

3 Meeting Minutes Reviewed at this Meeting

6/10/2025 (Zoom)

Motion:	Minutes Approved
Yes Votes:	9
No Votes:	0
Abstained:	0
Recused:	0
Total Votes:	9

4 New Business

1. [NOT-OD-25-127](#) - Dangerous Gain-of-Function Research

The Chair provided the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) with an update regarding the Executive Order NOT-OD-25-127, which was released on June 18, 2025. Per this order, the National Institute of Health (NIH) required that institutions review all research to identify projects involving dangerous gain-of-function research and notify the NIH of any such project by June 30, 2025. The Chair, Biosafety Officer, and Research Safety Committees (RSC) Manager reviewed all work with biological materials performed at Versiti Blood Research Institute (BRI), Children's Wisconsin (CW), Froedtert (FH), and the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW). Principal Investigators (PIs) with work involving risk group (RG)2 microorganisms were contacted to attest whether they were performing any gain-of-function research. As of the July 8, 2025 IBC Meeting, there is no research in any of the institutions that IBC oversees that falls under this category. The Chair thanked the BSO and RSC Manager for their hard work and notified the IBC that he would bring any further developments before the Committee.

2. Administrative Report

There was no Administrative Report.

5 Application Reviews

6 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:07 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 1:00 pm in Zoom.