



Minutes

**CW Institutional Biosafety Committee
Institutional Biosafety Committee
2/10/2026
1:00 pm
Zoom**

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

Quorum and Meeting Access: The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and noted that the meeting was open to the public. Quorum existed at the start of the meeting with 11 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 (Campus Operations)	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
Tyce Kearl (Medicine)	HGT Expert
	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
Matthew Surdel (Medicine)	R/SNA Technology Expert

Committee Members Absent

Kenneth Allen (Research Office)	Alternate Animal Containment Expert, Non-Voting
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James Case (Non-MCW)	Non-Affiliated Member
Amy Goza (Children's Wisconsin (no MCW faculty appt))	HGT 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

1/13/2026 (Zoom)

Motion:	Minutes Approved
Yes Votes:	11
No Votes:	0
Abstained:	0
Recused:	0
Total Votes:	11

4 New Business

1. BSL2+ PPE Requirements

The Chair and the Biological Safety Officer informed the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) that tissue culture spaces are shared between multiple labs in the new Center for Cancer Discovery (CCD) building. A lab performing work requiring biological safety level (BSL)2+ containment (such as with oncogenic lentiviral vectors) could be working in a biosafety cabinet (BSC) right next to a lab performing standard BSL2 tissue culture. The concern with this arrangement is that staff only working with BSL2 agents do not have or use respirators. The Biosafety Office evaluated the situation and recommended that work with BSL2+ agents in the CCD can be done without respirators as long as that work is confined to BSCs. All other personal protective equipment (i.e. double gloves, dedicated lab coat (either a cuffed lab coat or a standard lab coat with sleeve protectors for added skin protection), and surgical mask or face shield) would still be required, and PIs would need to submit an amendment to their IBC application to reflect this change. The Chair made a motion to remove the respirator requirement for BSL2+ work in the CCD. The motion was seconded, and the Committee voted to approve this change for the CCD location.

2. Administrative Report

There was no Administrative Report.

5 Application Reviews

6 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:18 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 1:00 pm in Zoom.