

Minutes
Institutional Biosafety Committee
Microsoft Teams
April 28, 2026
3:00 pm – 4:21 pm

Member	Attendance	Member	Attendance	Member	Attendance
Malgorzata Simm	P	Jesson Martin	A	Elmer Newness	P
Kameyo Johnson	P	Jessica Slade	P	Eric Werth	P
Stormie Adkins	P	Raymond Cole	A		

Absent: A; Present: P

Meeting Notes: Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC)

- **Approval of Minutes**
 - Minutes from the April 16, 2026, meetings were reviewed and approved
 - Dr. Jordan motioned to approve; Dr. Werth seconded. Minutes approved by vote.
- **Publication procedure for IBC Minutes**
 - The Minutes Redaction Policy was reviewed by the committee.
 - Dr. Newness joined the meeting at 3:17 pm and confirmed he had access to the proposed policy posted in TEAMS. He stated he had no points of discussion.
 - VOTE RESULTS: 5 votes to approve the Minutes Redaction Policy.
 - Action: Chair will post the policy in Teams as part of standard operating procedures.
- **Publication platform for the IBC meeting Minutes**
 - Canvas and the University website were the two options for publication of IBC meeting minutes. The committee voted on each option.
 - VOTE RESULTS: 5 votes for the publication of IBC meeting minutes on the university’s website.
 - **Action**: The committee chair will contact the IT department to determine the steps to make the redacted minutes available for public viewing, in line with NIH guidelines.

- **UP-KYCOM_Lazenka2026_IBC5 – REVISION**
 - Discussion of the disposal of the chemical in question. Per OSHA and the university's hazardous waste disposal company, this chemical is hazardous and should never be disposed of down the drain.
 - VOTE RESULTS: 5 votes to request the 2-mercaptoethanol waste disposal plan.
 - **Action:** Letter will be sent to the PI.
- **UP-CAS_Wang2026_IBC9**
 - Concerns of containment and disposal of human blood used for experiments.
 - Dr. Simm explained the OSHA standards for laboratory experimentation with human blood. Dr. Wang's lab must be inspected by the IBC to review OSHA compliance.
 - Kay Johnson joined the meeting at 3:48 pm
 - VOTE RESULTS: 5 votes for additional information; 1 member recused: The PI will provide a protocol for decontamination of blood-contaminated items prior to disposal. The PI will schedule on-site visit for the review of OSHA compliance to use human blood for experimentation.
 - **Action:** The IBC chair will send a letter to the PI requesting information regarding laboratory compliance and decontamination protocols.
- **UP-CAS_Meade2026_IBC11**
 - Discussion about the application.
 - VOTE RESULTS: 6 Votes to approve
 - **Action:** A letter of approval will be sent to the PI.
- **UP-CAS_Meade2026_IBC12**
 - Discussion about the application.
 - VOTE RESULTS: 6 Votes to approve.
 - **Action:** A letter of approval will be sent to the PI.
- **UP-CAS_Meade2026_IBC13**
 - Discussion about the application.
 - VOTE RESULTS: 5 Votes to approve. Ms. S. Adkins left the meeting at 4:11 pm.
 - **Action:** A letter of approval will be sent to the PI.

- **UP-CAS_Meade2026_IBC14**
 - Discussion about the application.
 - VOTE RESULTS: 5 Votes to approve.
 - **Action:** A letter of approval will be sent to the PI.
- **Is the review of all applications necessary**
 - Expedited review for applications that don't meet the review criteria for the IBC.
 - Result of discussion: all researchers should complete an application. The committee will review applications and decide whether the research work meets the criteria for biosafety concerns.
- **Applications for which the IBC requests were not addressed.**
 - UP-KYCOM_Han2026_IBC6 – no resubmission
 - UP-KYCOM-Bukhari_IBC10 – no resubmission
 - UP-CAS_Prater2026-IBC4 - application withdrawn
- **Discussion of the chain of command**
 - After applications or requests for additional information are ignored, the Chair will send a letter to the dean of the corresponding school requesting an actionable procedure.
- **Motion to adjourn by Dr. Eric Werth, seconded by Dr. Jessica Jordan, at 4:21**