

Institutional Biosafety Committee Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2025
Minutes approved during IBC Meeting held on October 16, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT (10): Dr. James Rowlett (Chair), Dr. John Bates, Dr. Yolanda Griffin, Dr. Laree Hiser, Dr. Josh Speed, Dr. David Thompson, Anthony Walters, BSO, Gretchen Zmitrovich, Dr. Jamie White, Sharon Greer, PM

MEMBERS ABSENT (5) : Dr. David Vearrier, Dr. Jonathan Hosler, Dr. Stephen Stray, Dana White, Dr. Cory Toyota

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Welcome and meeting called to order by Dr. James Rowlett at 3:07pm.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2.1. IBC Minutes

Minutes from August 12, 2025 committee meeting were presented and approved.

Motion to approve with minor change	Dr. Laree Hiser
Seconded by	Dr. David Thompson
Unanimous vote to approve minutes with minor change	All members present at time of vote

3. Introduction of Incoming IBC Chair - Dr. John Bates introduced as the new IBC Chair of the IBC committee as Dr. James Rowlett steps down but will remain on the committee.

3.1 Dr. Jamie White introduced as a new IBC committee member who comes from the School of Dentistry.

4.0 OLD BUSINESS:

4.1 Dr. Laura Coats – follow up audit is waiting to be scheduled.

4.2 Dr. Barbara Gisabella – audit is awaiting to be scheduled.

4.3 Dr. Federico Gonzalez Fernandez – registration approved and audit is scheduled for 9/26/2025.

4.4 Dr. C. Gurumurthy – audit completed on 9/5/2025.

4.5 Dr. Ana Omoto – registration approved and audit will be scheduled after move to new location.

4.6 Dr. Brigitte Martin – Audit is waiting to be scheduled

5. Inspection and Cayuse Planning:

i. Clinical Trials – A new contract is needed

ii. Guyton I – Dr. Bates and Sharon Greer will compile a list and start scheduling audits.

6. IBC New Membership Update –

- i. Dr. Rowlett reached out to Dr. Brian Williams regarding interest in becoming an IBC member and waiting on a response.
- ii. Dr. Harry Pantazopoulos has agreed to becoming an IBC member and will attend next meeting

7. Public Facing internet Posting of IBC Minutes:

- i. Starting with the August 12, 2025 meeting minutes, per HHS policy, meeting minutes are publicly available.
- ii. Minutes are posted on the umc.edu website on the IBC subsite.

8.0 NEW BUSINESS:

8.1 Dr. Olufunto Badmus Registration – (Human Cardiomyocyte Cells) - Reviewers noted the registration need minor revision of procedures and project description clarification. Email will be sent to Dr. Badmus.

Motion to approve with minor revision	Dr. Josh Speed
Seconded by	Dr. David Thompson
Unanimous vote to approve with minor revision	All members present at time of vote

8.2 Dr. Samar Rezaq Registration – (Sex differences in Cardiometabolic and Renal Pathophysiology) - Reviewers noted the project description needs more detail and questions regarding transportation from the Biobank.

Motion to pend to next meeting due to major revisions	Anthony Walters
Seconded by	Dr. Laree Hiser
Unanimous vote to pend to next meeting due to major revisions	All members present at time of vote

8.3 Dr. George Souza Registration – (Brainstem control of the Cardiovascular and Respiratory Systems) – Reviewers noted the protocol was well written and only need clarification of biohazard procedure. Personnel and funding information will need to be clarified as well. This registration is considered to be a BSL-1 level instead of BSL-2 according to IBC guidelines.

Motion to approve with minor revision	Dr. Josh Speed
Seconded by	Dr. Laree Hiser
Unanimous vote to approve with minor revision	All members present at time of vote

9. Informed Consent – The subcommittee (Drs. Laree Hiser, Stephen Stray, Anthony Walters and Gretchen Zmitrovich) will work on training form and provide an update at the next IBC meeting.

10. Biosafety Cabinet Updates –Biosafety cabinets (BSCs) in the Guyton II building were not certified due to HVAC issues. During inspection by Allometrics, it was noted only three out of eight cabinets passed due to continuing adjustments needed to the HVAC systems by Physical Facilities. New alarms will need to be installed on the biosafety cabinets.

11. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn meeting made by Dr. Josh Speed and seconded by Dr. Jamie White. Meeting adjourned at 4:35pm.