

Institutional Biosafety Committee Meeting Minutes March 19, 2026

Members Present (9): Dr. John Bates, Dr. Yolanda Griffin, Dr. Josh Speed, Dr. David Thompson, Dr. Jamie White, Dr. Nathan Campbell, Dr. Laree Hiser, Dr. Stephen Stray, Sharon Greer

Members Absent (5): Dr. James Rowlett, Dr. Harry Pantazopoulos, Anthony Walters, Dana White, Dr. Brian Williams

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Welcome and meeting called to order by Dr. John Bates at 3:02pm. Meeting held in the Translational Research building large conference room TR-315.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes from January 15, 2026 meeting presented for a vote. Motion to approve made by Dr. Stephen Stray and seconded by Dr. David Thompson. All in favor.
3. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. **New Registration Updates:** Anthony Walters inspected the laboratories prior to amendment submission.
 1. IBC-00001088 (Claudio) submitted amendments for BSL2 work and space. Dr. Bates is reviewing the amendments and will get back with Dr. Claudio regarding approval.
 - B. **3-year Renewals:**
 1. IBC-00001068 (Kohtz) - submitted amendment of continuation work already in progress. Dr. Kohtz had some Cayuse issues during the review process. Designated committee members submitted reviews and comments sent back to Dr. Kohtz for final revision.
 - C. **Overdue Annual Continuing Reviews of Cayuse Protocols:**
 1. IBC-00001099 (Gibert) - left UMMC and still have personnel working in the lab. Dr. Garrett was overseeing the laboratory which is in the Cancer space. There is no protocol in place at this time. The most expediate way to get the lab under IBC compliance is to transfer ownership of Dr. Yann's protocol to Dr. Bates temporarily. The protocol will be updated with current personnel and an IBC inspection will be completed. Ownership of the lab will be transferred to a new faculty member starting July 1, 2026. Dr. Robinson will be updated on the status of the protocol.

2. CORE/Molecular and Genomics Core – Per Dr. Bates regarding the CORE lab protocol, it is suggested to transfer the lab to Dr. Robinson for an amendment to be completed in Cayuse.

D. Protocol Closeout List:

1. Ritesh Tandon – CMB – 2023 – the materials in this lab have been transferred to Dr. Stray. There are still viruses that will need to be transferred to external collaborators.
2. Eva Bengten – CMB – 11/2025 – still in the process of disposing of materials from other protocol. No communication as of 3/19/2026.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. New registrations - No new registrations since last month.

B. 3-Year Renewals:

1. IBC-00001075 (Keller) – Designated committee members reviewed protocol and submitted comments and awaiting Dr. Keller's response.

C. Overdue annual continuing reviews of Cayuse protocols:

1. IBC-00001152 (Badmus) – renewal submitted and is ready for approval. Motion to approve renewal made by Dr. Stay and seconded by Dr. Campbell. All in favor.

D. Protocol Closeout List:

1. IBC-00001077 (Davis) – No active research for this protocol. Dr. Davis has no need of samples and is waiting on a response from external collaborators on what to do with existing samples.

5. PROCEDURES: No updates to provide at this time.

6. IBC MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Dr. Brian Williams has agreed to be an IBC member and has been added to the distribution list. Dr. Bates will reach out to him to welcome him to the committee.

7. BIOSAFETY OFFICER REPORT: Anthony Walters is out at a conference. No update to provide at this time.

8. OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Members are reminded to submit NIH-style bio-sketches and CITI training certificates, preferably before the next IBC meeting scheduled for April 16, 2026. Dr. Stray motioned to table CITI Training discussion for Gretchen

Zmitrovich to review the IBC member renewal and Biosafety renewal for NIH requirements.

2. Dr. Jamie White suggested Cayuse training for new IBC members. Dr. Griffin will go over how to review and submit comments for an IBC registration.

9. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Stephen Stray and seconded by Dr. Yolanda Griffin. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.