

University of Rhode Island IBC

MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2026

Zoom Meeting

The meeting was called to order on June 10, 2026 at 10:01 AM and a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members Present:

Alessandra Adami
Ruitang Deng
Megan Dyer
Robert Ireland
Heather McClary
John McLane
Louise Paquin
Alan Rothman

Non-Voting Attendees, Staff, and Guests Present:

Gwen Currier
Elizabeth Nadeau

Recording:

Gwen Currier

Voting Members Absent:

Jennifer Beninson
Joel Chandlee

ITEMS

1 Welcome and Opening Remarks

No items.

2 Next Meeting Date and General Announcements

2.1 July 8, 2026 @ 10am via Zoom

- 2.2 **IBC members must not review, participate in the discussion of, or vote upon any research protocol for which they have a conflict of interest (COI) other than to provide requested information.**

3 **Review of Previous Minutes**

Review Type: Full Committee Review
Action: Approved
Effective Date: June 10, 2026
Vote: Total = 7; For = 7; Opposed = 0; Abstained = 0;

Discussion and Remarks:

LP moved to approve minutes as written.

3.1 **April 8 2026 IBC Minutes**

No meeting in May 2026.

4 **Continuing Education**

No items.

5 **New Studies**

No items.

6 **Revisions**

No items.

7 **Renewals**

No items.

8 **Amendments**

8.1 **[2014087-4] Marine biofilm reduction with magnetic nanoparticles**

PI: Irene Andreu Blanco, PhD
Reference Number: BI2223-003
Sponsor: National Science Foundation
Submission Type: Amendment/Modification

Review Type: Full Committee Review
Action: Modifications Required
Effective Date: June 19, 2026

Project Status: Active
Project Expiration: June 10, 2028
Vote: Total = 6; For = 6; Opposed = 0; Abstained = 0;
Primary Reviewer: John McLane
Secondary Reviewer: Robert Ireland

Discussion and Remarks:

PI is proposing to add a new strain of *S. aureus* (MRSA). The committee wanted to make sure the new BSL2 safety level was addressed in the registration and to ensure personnel are getting proper training and guidance on using bacteria. A motion was made for the PI to add detail for training and safety for handling and containment of bacteria and nanoparticles.

JM moved to approve pending modification.

9 Other Submissions

No items.

10 Adverse Events

No items.

11 Other Business

No items.

12 Office of Research Integrity Updates

12.1 Minor changes to IBC policy

Review Type: Full Committee Review
Action: Approved
Effective Date: June 10, 2026
Vote: Total = 7; For = 7; Opposed = 0; Abstained = 0;

Discussion and Remarks:

Title changed to IBC Governance and Operating Policy to remove the word “policy” per University policy. Rules for who can be a principal investigator were also added. Clarification has been included for what biological materials entail (i.e. fixed materials, prions, etc.).

13 New Protocols or Renewals Approved by Expedited or Full Board Review

No items.

14 Amendments Approved by Expedited Review or Full Board Review

No items.

15 Administrative Approvals

15.1 **[2368715-6] Engineered Clostridium novyi-NonToxic for Therapeutic Applications**

PI: Kaitlin Dailey, PhD
Reference Number: BI2526-009
Submission Type: Amendment/Modification

Review Type: Administrative Review
Action: Approved
Effective Date: June 8, 2026
Project Status: Active
Project Expiration: December 15, 2030

16 **Terminations**

No items.

17 **Adjournment**

Review Type: Full Committee Review
Action: Approved
Effective Date: June 10, 2026
Vote: Total = 7; For = 7; Opposed = 0; Abstained = 0;

Discussion and Remarks:

LP moved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned on June 10, 2026 at 10:26 AM.