

University of Rhode Island IBC

MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2025

Zoom Meeting

The meeting was called to order on July 16, 2025 at 10:00 AM and a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members Present:

Jennifer Beninson	Attending Veterinarian
Ruitang Deng	Scientific
Megan Dyer	Biological Safety Officer
Connie Heird	Community Member
Marin Manuel	Scientific
Alan Rothman	Chair
Denise Williams	Community Member

Non-Voting Attendees, Staff and Guests Present:

Heather McClary	Staff
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Recording:

Heather McClary

ITEMS

1 Welcome and Opening Remarks

1.1 Zoom Meeting Link- <https://uri-edu.zoom.us/j/6869665304>

2 Next Meeting Date and General Announcements

2.1 Next meeting date 8/13/2025 at 10 AM via Zoom if needed

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

3.1 New requirement to post IBC minutes on URI website beginning 6/1/2025

ORI will review minutes template and June minutes to confirm that minutes meet the requirements (including BSLs)

3.2 April 16, 2025 minutes

Review Type: Full Committee Review
Action: Approved
Effective Date: July 16, 2025
Vote: Total = 7; For = 7; Opposed = 0; Abstained = 0;

3.3 June 18, 2025 minutes

Review Type: Full Committee Review
Action: Tabled without Action
Effective Date: July 16, 2025
Vote: Total = 7; For = 7; Opposed = 0; Abstained = 0;

4 Continuing Education

No items

5 New Studies

5.1 [2335633-1] Evaluation of antimicrobial activities of molecules from natural sources

PI: David Rowley, PhD
Reference Number: BI2526-001
Submission Type: New Project

Review Type: Full Committee Review
Action: Modifications Required
Effective Date: July 16, 2025
Project Status: Deferred - Modifications Required
Vote: Total = 7; For = 7; Opposed = 0; Abstained = 0;
Primary Reviewer: Megan Dyer
Secondary Reviewer: Marin Manuel

Discussion and Remarks:

BSL / ABSL / BSL-P: BSL-1 and BSL-2

NIH Guidelines Section: N/A

Continuing existing work of conducting bioassays to discover potential antibiotics and probiotics using bacteria including *E. coli*, *S. aureus*, *V. parahaemolyticus*, *Pseudomonas* spp., and *Actinobacter* spp.

Some trainings and SOPs need to be updated. PI must provide list of all agents and clarify which agents will be manipulated at BSL-1 and BSL-2. Reviewers request more information about the risks to humans from bacterial strains and natural compounds. It is unclear whether this is a new protocol or a 5-year renewal.

6 Revisions

No items

7 Renewals

No items

8 Amendments

No items

9 Other Submissions

No items

10 Adverse Events

No items

11 Other Business

No items

12 Office of Research Integrity Updates

12.1 Minor updates to Attachment II of the IBC Policy clarifying Expedited and Full Board review procedures

Review Type: Full Committee Review

Action: Approved

Effective Date: July 16, 2025

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12.2 New rule about Dangerous Gain of Function research

New rule regarding Dangerous Gain of Function (DGOF) research is in place; committee members are not aware of any research of this type being conducted at URI but request clarification about definition of DGOF research

13 New Protocols or Renewals Approved by Full Board or Expedited

No items

14 Amendments Approved by Full Board or Expedited

14.1 [1547931-7] Molecular Mechanisms of Aging and Neurodegeneration

PI: Jaime Ross, Ph.D.
Reference Number: BI1920-010
Submission Type: Amendment/Modification

Review Type: Full Committee Review
Action: Approved
Effective Date: July 7, 2025
Project Status: Active
Project Expiration: July 7, 2030

Discussion and Remarks:

BSL / ABSL / BSL-P: BSL-1 and BSL-2

NIH Guidelines Section(s): III-E and III-F

15 Administrative Approvals

No items

16 Terminations

No items

17 Adjourn

Review Type: Full Committee Review
Action: Approved
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Vote: Total = 7; For = 7; Opposed = 0; Abstained = 0;

The meeting adjourned on July 16, 2025 at 10:39 AM.