

# University of Rhode Island IBC

## MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2025

Zoom Meeting

The meeting was called to order on November 19, 2025 at 10:00 AM and a quorum was present.

### ATTENDANCE

#### **Voting Members Present:**

Jennifer Beninson  
Ruitang Deng  
Megan Dyer  
Heather McClary  
John McLane  
Louise Paquin  
Alan Rothman

#### **Non-Voting Attendees, Staff and Guests Present:**

Gwen Currier

#### **Recording:**

Heather McClary  
Gwen Currier

### ITEMS

- 1 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- 2 **Next Meeting Date and General Announcements**
  - 2.1 **Next meeting: Dec 10, 2025 via Zoom**
  - 2.2 **Welcome new community member**

- 2.3 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 October 15 2025 IBC Minutes

**Review Type:** Full Committee Review  
**Action:** Approved  
**Effective Date:** November 19, 2025  
**Vote:** Total = 6; For = 6; Opposed = 0; Abstained = 0;

**Discussion and Remarks:**

MD moved to approve minutes as written; JB was not present for the vote

### 4 Continuing Education

No items

### 5 New Studies

#### 5.1 [2366475-1] Evaluating the in vitro activity of Cefiderocol and combination therapy against metallo- $\beta$ -lactamase producing bacteria

**PI:** Thomas Lavoie, PharmD  
**Reference Number:** BI2526-011  
**Sponsor:** Shionogi  
**Submission Type:** New Project

**Review Type:** Full Committee Review  
**Action:** Tabled without Action  
**Effective Date:** November 19, 2025  
**Project Status:** Deferred - Modifications Required  
**Vote:** Total = 7; For = 6; Opposed = 0; Abstained = 1;  
**Primary Reviewer:** Heather McClary  
**Secondary Reviewer:** Ruitang Deng

**Discussion and Remarks:**

**BSL / ABSL / BSL-P:** BSL-2

**NIH Guidelines Section(s):** N/A

New protocol to test various combinations of antibiotics against antibiotic resistant bacteria

Several trainings need to be completed. Additional information is needed on the laboratory procedures proposed and the rationale for proposed engineering controls. This registration

document lacks significant detail with regard to protocols, experimental design, etc., making it difficult to assess potential biosafety risks. Working with BSL-2 antibiotic resistant bacteria on the benchtop is not acceptable and this work should be done in a biosafety cabinet. Provide the names of the bacteria to be studied. It is not clear whether the agents will be concentrated by the investigators from the cultures. Do any of the organisms to be studied in this project produce spores?

HM moved to table without action.

## 6 Revisions

No items

## 7 Renewals

No items

## 8 Amendments

### 8.1 [1522485-8] Molecular mechanisms of neuronal degeneration

**PI:** Claudia Fallini

**Reference Number:** BI1920-003

**Submission Type:** Amendment/Modification

**Review Type:** Full Committee Review

**Action:** Modifications Required

**Effective Date:** November 19, 2025

**Project Status:** Active

**Project Expiration:** December 16, 2029

**Vote:** Total = 7; For = 7; Opposed = 0; Abstained = 0;

**Primary Reviewer:** Alan Rothman

**Secondary Reviewer:** Megan Dyer

#### **Discussion and Remarks:**

**BSL / ABSL / BSL-P:** BSL-2

**NIH Guidelines Section(s):** III-D and III-E

Modification to add new human cell line and personnel.

Some trainings need to be updated / completed. PI needs to clarify acronyms and provide more information about lentiviral construct storage and testing.

AR moved to approve pending modifications.

## 9 Other Submissions

No items

## 10 Adverse Events

No items

**11 Other Business**

No items

**12 Office of Research Integrity Updates**

No items

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

**13.1 [2329434-2] Genetic engineering in marine symbiosis bacteria and microbiomes**

**PI:** Amanda Alker, PhD  
**Reference Number:** BI2425-007  
**Submission Type:** New Project  
  
**Review Type:** Full Committee Review  
**Action:** Modifications Required  
**Effective Date:** November 7, 2025  
**Project Status:** Deferred - Modifications Required

**13.2 [392166-18] Study effect of pH Low Insertion Peptides (pHLIPs) and their conjugates on cultured cells and tumors created by implanting of cancer cells in mice**

**PI:** Yana Reshetnyak, PhD  
**Reference Number:** BI12-10-009  
**Submission Type:** Amendment/Modification  
  
**Review Type:** Full Committee Review  
**Action:** Modifications Required  
**Effective Date:** October 28, 2025  
**Project Status:** Active  
**Project Expiration:** January 9, 2028

**13.3 [2352743-2] Comparing Anatomical and Physiological Adaptations of Marine Mammals**

**PI:** Sarah Kienle, PhD  
**Reference Number:** BI2526-006  
**Submission Type:** New Project  
  
**Review Type:** Full Committee Review  
**Action:** Approved  
**Effective Date:** October 19, 2025  
**Project Status:** Active  
**Project Expiration:** October 19, 2030

**13.4 [2352712-2] Evaluating the Behavior, Ecology, and Physiology of Canids**

**PI:** Sarah Kienle, PhD  
**Reference Number:** BI2526-005  
**Submission Type:** New Project

**Review Type:** Full Committee Review  
**Action:** Approved  
**Effective Date:** October 19, 2025  
**Project Status:** Active  
**Project Expiration:** October 19, 2030

**13.5 [2370179-2] Antibiotics Discovery from Marine Mollusk Symbionts**

**PI:** Bailey Miller, PhD  
**Reference Number:** BI2526-010  
**Submission Type:** New Project

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

**14 Amendments Approved by Expedited Review or Full Board Review**

**14.1 [2348879-2] Acoustofluidic-Driven Modular Organ-on-Chip System for Space Biology Research**

**PI:** Yang Lin, PhD  
**Reference Number:** BI2526-003  
**Submission Type:** Amendment/Modification

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

**15 Administrative Approvals**

No items

**16 Terminations**

No items

**17 Adjournment**

**Vote:** Total = 7; For = 7; Opposed = 0; Abstained = 0;

**Discussion and Remarks:**

HM moved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned on November 19, 2025 at 10:21 AM.