IBC Meeting Minutes

Virtual- Microsoft Teams
14 Sep 2026, 3:00-4:00pm

Members Present:

1. Michael Trakselis (Chair)
2. Jason Pitts (Vice Chair)
3. Wyndi Klement (IBC Member/BSO)
4. Joe Taube (IBC Member)
5. Elisabeth Vichaya (IBC Member)
6. Bernd Zechmann (IBC Member)
7. Cory Dungan (IBC Member)
8. Deborah Holland (IBC Member)
9. Steve Ash (Community Member)
10. Brandi Brigman (Community Member)
11. Margaret Galvez (IBC Member -Alt)
12. Olga Makhlynets (IBC Member -Alt)
13. Michelle Nemec Facilities- ex-oficio (Alternate)

Meeting called to order by IBC Chair, Michael Trakselis, at 3:01pm

1. **Review and Approval of Previous Minutes:** Emailed and Uploaded to SciShield. Motion to approve minutes. May 14, 2026 Minutes were voted on and approved by IBC.

   Conflict of Interest: The Chair requests that voting members report any conflict of interest regarding this protocol

2. **Welcome New IBC Members**

   a.

IBC Member	Designation	Department
Michael Trakselis	**Chair**	**Chemistry/Biochemistry**
Jason Pitts	**Vice Chair**	**Biology**
Wyndi Klement	**IBC Member/BSO**	**Environmental Health &Safety**
Joe Taube	**IBC Member**	**Biology**
Elisabeth Vichaya	**IBC Member**	**Psychology /Neuroscience**
Bernd Zechmann	**IBC Member**	**Associate Dir. Core Facilities**
Cory Dungan	**IBC Member**	**Health &Human Performance**
Jacques Nguyen	**IBC Member**	**Psychology /Neuroscience**
Deborah Holland	**IBC Member**	**Research Compliance**
Steve Ash	**Community Member**	**Texas A&MEngineering Extension Service**
Brandi Brigman	**Community Member**	**Stanford University**
Margaret Galvez	**IBC Member (Alt) New Member**	**Baylor School of Nursing-Dallas**
Olga Makhlynets	**IBC Member (Alt) New Member**	**Chemistry/Biochemistry**

Member	Ex-oficio Members (Non-Voting)	Department
Chris Becker	**Facilities- ex-oficio**	**OVPR**
Michelle Nemec	**Facilities- ex-oficio (Alternate)**	**Director Molecular Biosciences Center**
Karen Humphrey	**Senior Director EHS- ex-oficio**	**Environmental Health &Safety**
Traci Nichols	**IBC Admin**	**Environmental Health &Safety**

3. **Administratively Approved Protocols/Modification Submissions:** None

4. **New Protocol Submissions:** None

5. **Other Business:**

   a. Update on Biosafety Policy for Research Involving Biohazards *Will replace the current NIH Guidelines in the coming months.*

   NIH Releases Draft Biosafety Policy for Research Involving Biohazards for Public Comment

   NIH has issued a request for public comments on its ***Draft Biosafety Policy for Research Involving Biohazards (Biosafety Policy).***

   NIH invites stakeholders to provide feedback on the Draft Biosafety Policy as well as the associated Draft Incident Reporting Template, and Draft Meeting Minutes Template. Comments must be submitted though the online portal found at: https://osp.od.nih.gov/comment-form-draft-nih-biosafety-policy-for-research-involving-biohazards and will be accepted until **October 19, 2026**.

   Major Changes:

   - policy expands to encompass **all physical biological hazards** and not just rDNA
   - now directly regulates **wild-type biological agents, genetically modified organisms (GMOs), toxins, prions, and infectious microorganisms.**
   - reduces administrative tracking for historically safe, low-risk technologies including **Risk Group 1 agents, specific transgenic organisms, and basic expression plasmids**.
   - focus will be more on high-risk vectors
   - elevates IBC to more in line with IRB and IACUC committees
   - strict 24-hour reporting protocols for serious lab exposure or containment failures
   - institutions are required to adopt standardized **Meeting Minutes Templates** to ensure consistent, publicly reviewable records of biosafety decisions.

b. IBC Meeting Schedule for 2026-2027, second Monday of the month, 3:00 pm with IBC protocols submitted 2 weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.

IBC Submission Deadline	Scheduled Baylor IBC Meeting
31-Aug-2026	14-Sep-2026
28-Sep-2026	12-Oct-2026
26-Oct-2026	9-Nov-2026
30-Nov-2026	14-Dec-2026

Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm