



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY- SAN ANTONIO

IBC Meeting Minutes

11-19-2025

Virtual-committee members only

Members: ATTENDANCE	
Chris Mares, PhD	Chair, Scientist
Davida Smyth, PhD	Vice-Chair, Scientist (arrived 3:22pm)
Donna Lehman, PhD	Scientist
Thornburn B Symons, PhD	Non-Scientist
George Perry, PhD	External Member
Jorge Medina, PhD	External Member
Bethany Strunk, PhD	Alternate External Member
Others:	
Rani Muthukrishnan, PhD	Director of Research Compliance
Mary Jo Bilicek, M.S.	Research Compliance Coordinator

MINUTES:

1. Attendee count

- 1.1 6 in attendance, quorum attained.
- 1.2 The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 3:01pm
- 1.3 The Chair established all members acknowledged and agreed to the Confidentiality Statement.
- 1.4 The Chair asked members to confirm no conflict of interest (COI).

2. New Business

Business containing work covered by *NIH Guidelines*

2.1 2025-07 Biochemical studies on recombinant iron transport proteins from different bacteria

The chair provided a brief overview. This protocol involved biochemical characterization of recomb proteins originated from brucella abortus. These proteins are associated with iron transport and will be characterized in E. coli. Requested lab space currently not designated as BSL2 therefore it will require inspection. Protocol indicated a small BSC has been ordered for that lab which has not arrived and will also require certification. The committee discussed if it is covered under NIH guidelines. It does qualify Per NIH section 1B: (ii) nucleic acid molecules that are chemically or by other means synthesized or amplified, including those that are chemically or otherwise modified but can base pair with naturally occurring nucleic acid molecules, i.e., synthetic nucleic acids.

The committee decided to table review until the next meeting.

Motion to table protocol 2025-07 until next meeting D. Smyth and seconded by D. Lehman

Approved 7, abstained 0, rejected 0

Business NOT containing work covered by *NIH Guidelines* discussed

3. Next Meeting:

December 17th

Will discuss spring schedule of meetings at that time.

Motion to adjourn meeting by D. Smyth and seconded by J. Medina

Approved 7, abstained 0, rejected 0

Meeting adjourned at 3:54pm