

MINUTES OF THE
INSTITUTIONAL BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Southern Illinois University Carbondale

In-person at Woody Hall Conference Room 355

August 27, 2026

2:00pm-3:30pm

IBC Members Present

1. Derek Fisher (IBC Chair; gene drive modified organism expert)
2. Andrew Wood (BSO; plant containment expert)
3. Jennie Cook (Animal containment expert)
4. Ami Ruffing (Environmental health and lab safety expert)
5. Sarah Kroenlein (Research Compliance)
6. John Lenzini (Local non-affiliated member, environmental health expert)
7. Jacob Nordman (Human gene transfer expert; animal containment expert)
8. Jose Franco Da Cunha Leme Filho (Plant containment expert)
9. Sarah Patrick (Local non-affiliated member, public health expert)

Other Individuals in Attendance

10. Rachel Swetz, IACUC Coordinator, Office of Research Compliance (serving as minute taker)

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Fisher (Chairperson) called the meeting to order at 2:01PM with a quorum present. The IBC has 11 voting members, and 6 members are required to conduct business. The

committee welcomed Dr. Jennie Cook, the new Attending Veterinarian and Director of the Laboratory Animal Program.

APPROVAL OF JUNE MEETING MINUTES

Dr. Fisher opened the floor for discussion of the June 2026 meeting minutes. Dr. Patrick moved to approve the minutes. Dr. Nordman seconded the motion.

Total voting: 9 Approve: 9 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0

ACTIVITY REPORT

Dr. Fisher summarized the MUAs approved through committee delegation, IBO and Chair review since the last meeting.

REVIEW OF INCIDENTS

No items to report.

REVIEW OF MUAs, RENEWALS, AND AMENDMENTS

No Items to report.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED IBC POLICIES

- Policy 350 – Required Training

Dr. Fisher introduced the policy and opened the floor for discussion. The committee provided general comments about the training requirements. The sentence “all personnel listed on an IBC approved MUA” was revised to “all personnel working on an IBC approved MUA” throughout the policy.

Dr. Nordman moved to approve the policy with the revised language. Mr. Lenzini seconded the motion.

Total voting: 9 Approve: 9 Oppose: 0 Abstain: 0

- Policy 360 – Facility Inspection and Review

Dr. Fisher introduced the policy and opened the floor for discussion. The committee discussed the chain of command in events of laboratory noncompliance, as described in the policy.

Dr. Patrick moved to approve the policy. Mr. Lenzini seconded the motion.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Fisher asked the committee to keep an eye out for potential IBC members as some current members may be leaving after fiscal year 2027.

The IBC Chairperson moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:45PM. The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, at 2pm in Woody Hall conference room 355.