

MINUTES OF THE  
INSTITUTIONAL BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Southern Illinois University Carbondale  
In-person at Woody Hall Conference Room 355  
May 21, 2026  
2:00pm-3:30pm

**IBC Members Present**

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

**Other Individuals in Attendance**

8. 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 2:02PM with a quorum present. The IBC has 11 voting members, and 6 members are required to conduct business.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES**

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

Total voting: 6    Approve: 6    Oppose: 0    Abstain: 1

### **ACTIVITY REPORT**

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

### **REVIEW OF INCIDENTS**

None to report.

### **DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED IBC POLICIES**

- Policy 500 – Reporting Incidents and Violations

Dr. Fisher introduced the policy and opened the floor for discussion. The committee agreed to define “incident” more clearly by including IBC regulated materials in its definition.

Dr. Nordman moved to approve the policy with the recommended edits. Dr. Leme seconded the motion.

Total voting: 7    Approve: 7    Oppose: 0    Abstain: 0

- Policy 510 – Investigations of Noncompliance

Dr. Fisher introduced the policy and opened the floor for discussion. The term “medical waste” was revised to match EPA regulations and minor adjustments were made to the whistleblower language. The committee provided general comments about the reporting process.

Dr. Nordman moved to approve the policy with the recommended edits. Dr. Davie seconded the motion.

Total voting: 7    Approve: 7    Oppose: 0    Abstain: 0

- IBC Reporting Mechanism

Dr. Fisher introduced the new online reporting tool for IBC related concerns. The link will be posted on the Office of Research Compliance (ORC) website. An accompanying poster with information on how to report will be generated to post in relevant areas.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Fisher recommended that a policy be created for laboratory inspections. Dr. Fisher also stated that he inspected the laboratory for MUA #25-003 and has no concerns.

The IBC Chairperson moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:27PM. The next meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2026, at 2pm in Woody Hall conference room 355.