

**Rowan University
Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: February 6, 2026
Meeting Time: 11:34 AM – 12:07 PM
Meeting Location: Microsoft Teams
Chair: Dr. Kevin Currie

Voting Members:

Member	Role/Expertise	Present	Excused
Dr. K.C.	Chair	x	
Dr. L.P.	Scientist	x (joined 11:47 AM)	
Dr. B.W.	Scientist	x	
Dr. C.K.	Scientist	x	
Dr. M.F.	Plant Expert		x
Dr. E.M.	Animal Expert	x	
Mr. E.G.	Research Compliance Director	x	
Mr. T.B.	Biological Safety Officer	x	
Mr. S.G.	Non-affiliated	x	
Mr. R.H.	Non-affiliated	x	

Guests: Ms. Sanders (Notetaker)

Quorum: The committee has ten voting members, and nine members were present.

- I. Call to Order and Conflicts of Interest
The IBC Chair called the meeting to order at 11:34 AM.
- II. Review and approval of agenda
The February 6, 2026 agenda was approved unanimously.
- III. Review and approval of prior meeting minutes
Motion: Approve the January 16, 2026 meeting minutes as written.
Votes: 7 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain
- IV. Institutional Review Entity (IRE) - The Institutional Dual Use Research Contact (IDURC) did not receive any notifications about dual use concerns nor received any contact from researchers using select agents/toxins.

- V. Chairman's Report - Two additional scientist members will be joining the committee and the new Attending Veterinarian starts February 9th.
 - VI. Biological Safety Officer (BSO) / Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) Report
 - A. Report posted on Google Drive showing lab inspections and on-line trainings.
 - VII. Review of Prior Business
 - VIII. New Business
 - A. Chang Lab Biological Registration
 - a. **PI:** Howard Chang
 - b. **Project Title and #:** The role of superoxide dismutase SOD-1 in microbe-gut-brain interaction, #60
 - c. **NIH Sponsored:** Yes
 - d. **Summary:** The project focus is how gut microbes influence gut-brain communication. The lab seeks to determine whether a neuropeptide functions as a signaling molecule between the gut and the nervous system to modulate the SOD-1 dependent response. Then how SOD-1 and glutamatergic signaling regulate behavioral response to microbes.
 - e. **Risk Assessment:** Biosafety Level 2
 - f. **Personnel Training:** Required laboratory personnel training completed: General Laboratory, Biological Laboratory, r/sDNA, and Hazardous Biological.
 - g. **NIH Guidelines Sections for Research with Recombinant or Synthetic Nucleic Acid Molecules:** Section III-F-3,5,6
 - h. **Committee Deliberation and Motion:** Requires modifications with designated member review:
 - i. Description of procedures of worms with Pseudomonas.
 - ii. Description of safety disposal for sharps.
- Vote: 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained*
- IX. For the Good of the Committee 12:07 PM
- X. Meeting Adjournment: The IBC Chair moved to adjourn the meeting 12:07 PM.