

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

Meeting Date: March 6, 2026
Meeting Time: 11:06 AM – 12:17 PM
Meeting Location: Microsoft Teams
Chair: Dr. Kevin Currie

Voting Members:

| Member | Role/Expertise | Present | Excused |
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| Dr. K.C. | Chair | x | |
| Dr. L.P. | Scientist | x | |
| Dr. B.W. | Scientist | x | |
| Dr. C.K. | Scientist | x | |
| Dr. M.F. | Plant Expert | | x |
| Dr. N.F. | Animal Expert | x | |
| Dr. M.A. | Scientist | x | |
| Dr. J.L. | Scientist | 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. S.S. (Notetaker)

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

- I. Call to Order and Conflicts of Interest
The IBC Chair called the meeting to order at 11:06 AM.
- II. Review and approval of agenda
The March 6, 2026 agenda was approved unanimously.
- III. Review and approval of prior meeting minutes
Motion: Approve the February 6, 2026 meeting minutes as written.
Votes: 7 For, 0 Against, 3 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
 - A. Welcome new IBC members
 - B. Reminder to identify conflict of interest
- VI. Biological Safety Officer (BSO) / Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) Report
 - A. Report posted on Google Drive showing lab inspections and on-line trainings.
 - B. One lab disposed exempt agents
- VII. Review of Prior Business
 - A. Chang Lab - Approved February 9, 2026
- VIII. New Business
 - A. Pearce Lab Biological Registration
 - a. **PI:** Margaret Pearce
 - b. **Project Title and #:** Cell-to-cell transfer of pathogenic protein aggregates in *Drosophila* and cell culture models of neurodegenerative disease, #91
 - c. **NIH Sponsored: Yes**
 - d. **Summary:** The Pearce lab investigates molecular mechanisms underlying age-related disorders characterized by protein misfolding, with a primary focus on neurodegenerative diseases. The majority of the work in Pearce lab monitors aggregate spread in adult *Drosophila* brains by imaging (e.g., confocal microscopy) or biochemical (e.g., Western blotting) methods.
 - 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-1,2,3,4,8
 - h. **Committee Deliberation and Motion:** Requires modifications with on-line committee review for one week:
 - i. Complete pathogen registration form for prion-like protein usage.
 - ii. Include plasmid/vectors and S2 cells in Bio Materials.
 - iii. Indicate Yes for shipping and complete training.
 - iv. Clarify standard molecular cloning techniques.
 - v. Identify room activity.
 - vi. Clarify generation of transgenic flies.
 - vii. Clarify the shipment of plasmid to an injection company

Vote: 10 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

- IX. For the Good of the Committee 12:03 PM
- X. Meeting Adjournment: The IBC Chair moved to adjourn the meeting 12:17 PM.