

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

**Meeting Date:** April 10, 2026  
**Meeting Time:** 11:04 AM – 12:32 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	
Dr. B.W.	Scientist	x	
Dr. C.K.	Scientist	X (joined 11:12 AM)	
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 nine members were present.

- I. Call to Order and Conflicts of Interest  
The IBC Chair called the meeting to order at 11:04 AM.
- II. Review and approval of agenda  
The April 10, 2026 agenda was approved unanimously.
- III. Review and approval of prior meeting minutes  
Motion: Approve the March 6, 2026 meeting minutes as written.  
Votes: 8 For, 0 Against, 0 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. Reminder to identify conflict of interest
  - VI. Biological Safety Officer (BSO) / Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) Report
    - A. Report posted on Google Drive indicating labs inspected for hazardous waste.
  - VII. Review of Prior Business
    - A. Weiser Lab - Amendment approval March 6, 2026
    - B. Vernengo Lab - Approved April 2, 2026
    - C. Shylo Lab - Non-animal projects approved April 2, 2026
  - VIII. New Business
    - A. Chandler Lab Amendment to Biological Registration
      - a. **PI:** Daniel Chandler
      - b. **Project Title and #:** Stress-induced locus coeruleus dysfunction as a mediator of opioid abuse, #50
      - c. **NIH Sponsored:** Yes
      - d. **Summary:** Amendment to add viral vectors
      - e. **Risk Assessment:** Biosafety Level 2
      - f. **Personnel Training:** Required laboratory personnel training: General Laboratory, Biological Laboratory, r/sDNA, and Hazardous Biological
      - g. **NIH Guidelines Sections for Research with Recombinant or Synthetic Nucleic Acid Molecules:** Section III-D-1,4,4-a,4-b, E-3
      - h. **Committee Deliberation and Motion:** Requires modifications with administrative review:
        - i. Clarification on how viral vectors are transported between laboratory and storage spaces, including containment and spill mitigation procedures.
        - ii. Description of vector use in Project Summary
        - iii. Include plasmid maps for new viral vectors
        - iv. Add room location for biosafety cabinet
        - v. Clarify bleach contact time for surface decontamination
        - vi. Confirm replication deficient status for all viral vectors
- Vote: 9 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained*
- IX. For the Good of the Committee 12:30 PM
- X. Meeting Adjournment: The IBC Chair moved to adjourn the meeting 12:32 PM.