Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Institutional Biosafety Committee
Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: 05/29/2026 **Meeting Time:** 2:00 PM
Meeting Location: [redacted]

Note: The approved meeting minutes will be posted publicly per the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Office of Science Policy (OSP) requirement NOT-OD-25-082. All information on matters not covered by the NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant or Synthetic Nucleic Acid Molecules will be redacted as allowed in NOT-OD-25-082.

Call to Order:
The Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) met on 05/29/2026 [redacted].

The quorum required is 4. There were 4 voting members, and 0 non-voting members, present at the start of the meeting. Quorum was confirmed.

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 PM.

Meeting Attendance:

Meeting Chair: Mr. Lee Lehman, MS.

Voting Full Board Members:

Name	Scientific Status	Affiliation Status	Attended by Teleconference?
Harshkumar Bhakta, M.S.	Scientific, EHS	Affiliated	Yes
Jonda Halcomb, Ph.D.	Scientific, Community Member	Non-affiliated	Yes
Yessenia Morris, B.S.	Scientific, Community Member and Animal Expert	Non-affiliated	Yes
Lee Lehman, M.S.	Scientific, Plant Expert	Affiliated	Yes

Voting Alternate Members: None.

Non-voting Members in Attendance: None.

Members attending by teleconference were confirmed as able to actively participate.

Full Board Members Absent: Patrick Larkin, PhD, Boram Lim, PhD, Jeffrey Turner, PhD

IBC Staff: John Scarpa, PhD

Guests: Dr. Gregory Buck (TAMU-CC, Microbiology)

I. Conflict of Interest
Members are reminded to disclose any conflict of interest related to any of the items on the agenda. The Chair called for any disclosures of conflict of interest. No conflicts were declared.

II. Minutes
Minutes from the April 28, 2026, meeting were reviewed.

The Chair invited additional comments, questions, and/or concerns. Having none, the motion to approve the April 28, 2026, meeting minutes was made, seconded, and carried.

Vote Count	Vote Type	Comments
4	For	
0	Against	
0	Abstain	
0	Conflict of Interest	
0	Not present for Vote	

Minutes from the April 17, 2026, meeting were reviewed.

The Chair invited additional comments, questions, and/or concerns. Having none, the motion to approve the April 17, 2026, meeting minutes was made, seconded, and carried.

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III. Old Business
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IV. New Business

Chair:

A) Note that the meeting scheduled for 15 May was cancelled as quorum was not present.

Education: None.

EHS: BSC inspections will occur in the coming months. [redacted]

Other: None.

V. New Studies

None.

VI. Tabled Studies

None.

VII. De Novo Reviews

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IBC Number:	**TAMU-CC-IBC-2026-0098**
Protocol Title:	Transgenic Medaka Fish Husbandry_2026
Principal Investigator:	Seemann, Frauke, PhD
Primary Reviewers:	Jeffrey Turner, PhD and Yessenia Morris, BS
Conflict of Interest:	N/A
Lay Summary:	Transgenic fish models are unique tools for biomedical and toxicological research. The goal of this project is to maintain a broodstock of 90 transgenic col10:gfp/osx:mcherry, 60 Col10:gfp/Twist:dsred and 60 CtsK: gfp Japanese ricefish (Oryzias latipes). Offspring from this broodstock will be employed to assess developmental bone toxicity, primary bone cell culture, miRNA regulation of bone cell differentiation, and other projects as they are approved by IACUC.
Biohazardous Agents:	Fish (Transgenic)
NIH Guidelines:	III-E-3: Experiments involving transgenic/knockout animals requiring ABSL-1 containment.
Submission Type:	Holding Protocol (storage protocol for biohazards with NO experimental procedures)
Biosafety Level:	ABSL-1

This is a De Novo application. The protocol covers transgenic fish lines (regulated by NIH guidelines). Reviewers had no comments, concerns, or stipulations. All containment is appropriate. PPE is appropriate for handling fish. Committee had no further discussion.

The Chair invited additional comments, questions, and/or concerns. Having none, the motion to approve with a permit expiration date of three (3) years and an annual expiration date of one (1) year was made, seconded, and carried.

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0	Against	
0	Abstain	
0	Conflict of Interest	
0	Not present for Vote	

VIII. Annual Reviews
None.

IX. Amendments
None.

X. Reportable Events
None.

XI. Lab Inspections
None.

XII. Biological Safety (BSR) Review
None.

XIII. Miscellaneous
None.

XIV. Closing Comments
[redacted]

The meeting was adjourned at 2:24 PM.