

**Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Institutional Biosafety Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date: 12/12/2025 **Meeting Time:** 10:00 AM
Meeting Location: [REDACTED]

Call to Order:

The Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) met on 12/12/2025
[REDACTED]

The quorum required is 4. There were 7 voting members and 1 non-voting member present at the start of the meeting. Quorum was confirmed.

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM.

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.

Meeting Attendance:

Meeting Chair: Patrick Larkin, Ph.D.

Voting Full Board Members:

Name	Scientific Status	Affiliation Status	Attended by Teleconference?
Patrick Larkin, Ph.D. (Chair)	Scientific, rDNA expert	Affiliated	No
Boram Lim, Ph.D.	Scientific, Kinesiology	Affiliated	Yes
Jeffrey Turner, Ph.D. (Vice Chair)	Scientific, rDNA Expert and Animal Expert	Affiliated	Yes
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:

Name	Scientific Status	Affiliation Status	Attended by Teleconference?
Mary Mantle, R.EEG T, REP T. CMEG	Scientific, Community Member	Non-affiliated	Yes

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

Full Board Members Absent: None.

IBC Staff: John Scarpa, PhD

Guests: None.

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 November 21, 2025, meeting were reviewed.

The Chair invited additional comments, questions, and/or concerns. Hearing no further discussion, the motion to approve the November 21, 2025, meeting minutes was made, seconded, and carried.

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

III. Old Business

None.

IV. New Business

Chair: No items.

Education: No items.

EHS: No items.

Other:

A) Membership changes:

- i) Dr. Filep departed on December 11, 2025.
- ii) Dr. Lim has changed from alternate for Dr. Filep to a full member on December 11, 2025.
- iii) Dr. Filep was the VC. Chair asked if any member wanted to be considered for VC. No member responded. Dr. Turner had been asked previously and accepted. Dr. Turner will be appointed VC.

V. New Studies

None.

VI. Tabled Studies

None.

VII. De Novo Reviews

None.

VIII. Annual Reviews

None.

IX. Amendments

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X. Reportable Events

None.

XI. Lab Inspections

None.

XII. Chair Review

[REDACTED]

XIII. Miscellaneous

None.

XIV. Closing Comments

[REDACTED]

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 AM.