

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

Meeting Date: 02/20/2026 **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 02/20/2026
[REDACTED]

The quorum required is 4. There were 4 voting members and no non-voting members present at the start of the meeting. Quorum was confirmed.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM.

Meeting Attendance:

Meeting Chair: Jeffry Turner, Ph.D.

Voting Full Board Members:

Name	Scientific Status	Affiliation Status	Attended by Teleconference?
Jeffrey Turner, Ph.D. (acting 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
Lee Lehman, M.S.	Scientific, Plant Expert	Affiliated	No

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, Yessenia Morris, BS

IBC Staff: John Scarpa, PhD

Guests: Nasrin Hooshmand, PhD (Environmental Science) from TAMU-CC

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 January 23, 2026, meeting were reviewed.

The Chair invited additional comments, questions, and/or concerns. Hearing none, the motion to approve the January 23, 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	

III. Old Business

[REDACTED]

IV. New Business

Chair: None.

Education: None.

EHS: None.

V. New Studies

None.

VI. Tabled Studies

None.

VII. De Novo Reviews

None.

VIII. Annual Reviews

None.

IX. Amendments

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

X. Reportable Events

No update.

XI. Lab Inspections

None.

XII. Chair Review

Study Number:

[REDACTED]

TAMU-CC-IBC-2023-0030

[REDACTED]

Study Number:

Study Title:

Principal Investigator:

TAMU-CC-IBC-2023-0019

Storage Protocol - Tidal Hall

Ioana Pavel, PhD

Outcome:	Approved
Initial Approval:	09/11/2023
Expiration Date:	08/24/2026
Full Renewal Date:	08/24/2026
Biosafety Level:	BSL-2
NIH Guidelines:	III-F: Use of recombinant or synthetic nucleic acid molecules for detection (e.g. probes), III-E, III-F: Expression of recombinant or synthetic nucleic acid molecules in cultured cells
Agents Used:	Bacteria and human cell lines
Approval Date	02/10/2026



XIII. Miscellaneous

None.

XIV. Closing Comments



The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 PM.