

**University of Idaho
Institutional Biosafety Committee**

Date: Tuesday, July 15, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m. PST

Location: IRIC 321 or Zoom from a computer: <https://uidaho.zoom.us/j/85434738517>
Passcode: 762418 or phone: (646) 876-9923 Meeting ID: 854 3473 8517.

Voting: Nathan Schiele (Chair), Penny Borden, Russell McClanahan, Diana Mitchell (A. Skibieli Alternate), Steve Russell, and Scott Grieshaber (P. Rowley Alternate)

Attendance: Non-voting: Arch Harner (Non-voting) and Samir Shahat (Non-voting)

Administrative: Kiah Stewart

Quorum was met with 6 of 9 members present

Meeting called to order at 10:03 a.m.

I. Old Business

A. Review of minutes from the previous meetings.

1. Discussion
2. Motion to approve.
 1. Unanimously approved, no discussion.

B. Review protocol activity since the previous meeting.

II. New Business

A. New Protocols

1. IBC-25-002 (Swanson) - *Environmental Microbiome and Water Quality Studies*

- a. Proposed at BSL-1
- b. Discussion
 1. 5.3 Specify the source of the wastewater and sediment samples. Include where in the treatment process these samples are collected.
 2. 5.3 Specify the biomass being collected and how these samples are manipulated.
 3. 5.3 Clarify if you have controls for the indicator organisms and include the use of selective media.
 4. 8.1 Update the entry to Unknown to harm Animals.
- c. Motion for modifications required to secure approval pending correction to items 1-4 above.
 1. Unanimously approved.

B. Amendments to Approved Protocols

1. IBC-24-003 (Schroeder) - *Investigation of the biology of plant diseases in Idaho and the Pacific Northwest*

- a. Proposed at BSL-1, Modification to Request: Add *Rahnella aceris* and *Rahnella* spp. to biological agents list.
- b. Discussion
 1. 8.1 Complete the Biological Agents table for the *Rahnella* entries.
 2. Internal Comment: Program Manager will verify the permit for the new species.
- c. Motion for modifications required to secure approval pending correction to items 1 above.
 1. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:19 a.m.