

**University of Idaho
Institutional Biosafety Committee**

Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2026

Time: 10:00 a.m. PT

Location: IRIC 321 or Zoom from a computer: <https://uidaho.zoom.us/j/85917299316> Passcode: 755297 or phone: (646) 876-9923 Meeting ID: 859 1729 9316.

Voting: Paul Rowley (Chair), Amy Skibiel, Russell McClanahan, Dorah Mtui, Steve Russell, and Kasia Duellman

Attendance: Non-voting: Samir Shahat (Non-voting)

Administrative: Kiah Stewart

Quorum was met with 6 of 9 members present

Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m.

I. Old Business

A. Review of minutes from the previous meetings.

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

B. Review protocol activity since the previous meeting.

II. New Business

A. New Protocols

1. IBC-26-028 (Lynch) – Culturing soil bacteria for EMBER and DOE EPSCoR Projects in AgSci 128
 - a. Proposed at BSL-1
 - b. Discussion
 1. 5.3.C. Eye protection must be worn at all times. Remove the reference to the biosafety cabinet.
 2. 5.3 Provide additional information about experiments.
 3. 5.3.B.1. Describe what activities are incompatible or remove this statement. Remove “Additional PPE will be used as appropriate for procedures involving non-biological hazards or specialized equipment.”
 4. 5.3 Describe other biological materials, listed in 5.4.
 5. Comment: 5.5 Consider chemical disinfectants as a decontamination method.
 6. 5.3 Clarify use of Azotobacter chroococcum.
 - c. Motion for modifications required to secure approval pending correction to items 1-6 above.
 1. Unanimously approved.

B. Three Year Renewal of Previously Approved Protocols

1. IBC-26-029 (Grieshaber) - *Pathogenesis of Chlamydial Organisms*
 - a. Proposed at BSL-2; Renewal: IBC-22-030 Expires: 10/11/2026
 - b. Discussion
 1. 5.3 State that Coxiella is an attenuated strain and cannot revert to a wildtype. Provide additional details about procedures.
 2. 5.3.A. Select Percutaneous.
 3. 5.3.B.1. Include other organisms for using PPE, not only C. trachomatis.
 4. 5.4 Clarify that samples are nucleic acids.
 5. 8.1 Organisms listed in 5.3 should be added to the table.

6. 5.3 Describe work with *Chlamydia psittaci*.
 7. 5.1 Link the previous protocol.
 8. 7.1 Select CDC Select Agents & Toxins (including Excluded Strains and Permissible Amounts) and answer additional questions.
 9. 10.1 Select CDC / Select Agents.
 10. 8.1 Add *E. coli* K-12.
 11. 9.5 Select Yes and answer additional questions.
 - c. Motion to approve or table, for modifications required to secure approval pending correction to items 1-11 above with full committee review.
 1. Unanimously approved.
2. IBC-26-026 (Bernards) - *Characterization of biological resistant coatings 2026 Update*
- a. Proposed at BSL-2; Renewal: IBC-23-021 Expired: 07/23/2026
 - b. Discussion
 1. 6.3 Add BSL2.
 2. 9.1 Update *Ralstonia pickettii* to harms plants.
 3. 1.0 Recommend updating the study alias.
 4. 5.3.B.1 Update to wearing eye protection at all times.
 - c. Motion for modifications required to secure approval pending correction to items 1-4 above.
 1. Unanimously approved.
3. IBC-26-031 (Chen) - *Copy of Copy of Human Milk Research*
- a. Proposed at BSL-2; Renewal: IBC-23-025 Expires: 09/05/2026
 - b. Discussion
 1. 10.2 Link IRB 20-024.
 2. 5.1 Link the previous protocol.
 3. 6.1 Select Rec DNA.
 4. 9.1 Remove human samples and polysaccharide.
 5. 10.2 Select Collecting, receiving, or sharing data about humans.
 6. 11.1 Add in human sources.
 7. 5.3 Clarify how human samples will be handled.
 8. 5.3.C. Remove “fluid” in reference to human samples and include PPE for all human samples.
 9. 5.3 Include a description of all materials listed in 8.9.
 10. 8.9 Update the material source.
 11. Comment: Submit a new IACUC protocol for approval prior to any animal work at PInC.
 - c. Motion for modifications required to secure approval pending correction to items 1-10 above.
 1. Unanimously approved.
4. IBC-26-033 (Marx) - *Evolution and physiology of methylotrophs and other bacteria*
- a. Proposed at BSL-1; Renewal: IBC-23-022 Expires: 08/29/2026
 - b. Discussion
 1. 6.3 Select Optical Imaging Core.
 2. 9.7.E. Unselect E-1.
 3. 5.1 Link the previous protocol.
 4. 5.3 Describe organisms mentioned in 8.1. State if these materials are banked or actively being used.
 5. 4.2 Link the funding source.
 - c. Motion for modifications required to secure approval pending correction to items 1-5 above.
 1. Unanimously approved.
5. IBC-26-032 (Waits) - *Molecular genetic analyses of wildlife populations*
- a. Proposed at BSL-2; Renewal: IBC-23-023 Expires: 08/16/2026
 - b. Discussion
 1. 5.3 Describe precautions taken during sample collection.
 2. 5.4 Paper envelopes are not leakproof and pose a contamination hazard. Update to a leakproof containment method, such as plastic bags or tubes. Include how archived samples in paper envelopes are handled.

3. 5.3.B.1 Update to wearing eye protection at all times.
- c. Motion for modifications required to secure approval pending correction to items 1-3 above.
 1. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.