

**University of Idaho  
Institutional Biosafety Committee**

**Date:** Tuesday, November 11, 2025

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. PT

**Location:** IRIC 321 or Zoom from a computer: <https://uidaho.zoom.us/j/83063098454>  
Passcode: 268617 or phone: (646) 876-9923 Meeting ID: 830 6309 8454.

Voting: Paul Rowley (Chair), Amy Skibiel, Josie Boyer, Russell McClanahan, Dorah Mtui,  
Nathan Schiele, and Kasia Duellman

**Attendance:** Non-voting: Arch Harner (Non-voting)  
Administrative: Kiah Stewart and Himanshi Singh  
Quorum was met with 7 of 9 members present

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Meeting called to order at 1:01 p.m.

I. Old Business

A. Review of minutes from the previous meetings.

1. Discussion
2. Motion to approve.
  - a. Approved; A. Skibiel abstained.

B. Review protocol activity since the previous meeting.

II. New Business

A. Three Year Renewal of Previously Approved Protocols

1. IBC-25-024 (Schroeder) - *Teaching with microbes*

- a. Proposed at BSL-2; Renewal of IBC-22-027, expires 11/15/2025
- b. Discussion
  1. 5.3 List only the labs involving biohazardous materials with a sentence below detailing procedures and organisms. Include additional details regarding the source of diseased plants and what plants are infected with. Outline why this work is conducted at a biosafety level 2 and what testing is done to determine which cultures will be handled on the bench.
  2. 5.3.C. The bleach concentration must be updated to 10%. This section also lists that students will not use a biosafety cabinet, which is not congruent with section 5.3. Update accordingly.
  3. 5.3 Transportation details should be moved to section 5.4.
  4. 5.3.2. Clarify what "N/A" refers to or remove.
  5. 5.3.5. Include the species name for *Pseudomonas*.
  6. 8.1 Attach the correct template located under the Help icon in VERAS, section 5.a.
  7. 6.1 Complete Recombinant DNA information in the table.
  8. 5.3 Second paragraph Clarify why "most of the students" will be handling cultures.
- c. Motion for modifications required to secure approval pending correction to items 1-8 above.
  1. Unanimously approved.

III. Other Business

A. [NIH Modernizing and Strengthening Oversight of Biosafety](#)

Meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.