

University of Richmond Institutional Biosafety Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: 30 January 2026

Time: 12:00 – 1:00

In attendance: Julie Pollock, Jennife O'Donnell, Amy Treonis, Lauren Turner, Michael Harwich, Jon Dattelbaum, David Jones, Faith Ludwig, David Jones, Christine Helms, Mike Miller, Linda Boland, Nicole Maurantonio

Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes from [21 November 2025](#) by consent agenda.

Minutes approved by consent

2. MUA Submissions

- a. [URIBC260101](#) – Course MUA from Amy Treonis and Laura Runyen-Janecky for BIOL 329

Amy gave a brief overview of her MUA for BIOL329 Microbiology, a course in which Biosafety Level II bacteria are used for lab instruction. There was an earlier MUA approved for BIOL229 Microbiology, but the course number was changed recently to BIOL329. Further, an additional instructor was added to the course (Laura Runyen-Janecky), and the MUA was updated to add the specific microorganisms being used in her section of the course.

A vote was taken. Christine Helms approved, and Jennifer O'Donnell seconded.

- b. [URIBC260102](#) – Research MUA from Linda Boland, Ion Channel Modulation in Mammalian Cells

Linda Boland gave a brief overview of her new project. The project will measure electrical signals from ion channels in CHO (Chinese hamster ovary) cells using a self-contained electrophysiology system called the QPatch Compact (Sophion Biosciences). Expert scientists will come to the lab in space to teach her how to experiment. She secured a grant to experiment. She won't be working with students right now. The work follows standard cell-culture biosafety practices in a BSL-2 certified room.

A vote was taken. Amy Treonis approved, and Lauren Turner seconded.

3. New Business

Julie inquired about a date for the next Biosafety inspection. Mike Miller reported they are still working on a date.

Dattelbaum asked if they heard from facilities about the backup plug from the work order.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.