University of Richmond Institutional Biosafety Committee Meeting Minutes

11 September 2026

12:00 – 1:00 PM

In attendance: Michael Hardwich, Jonathan Dattelbaum, Julie Pollock, Jennifer O'Donnell, Mike Miller, David Jones, Eugene Wu, John Peters, Lauren Turner, Faith Ludwig, Pat Coleman, Christine Helms

The chair welcomed two new committee members: Eugene Wu and John Peters.

Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes from 03 April 2026 by consent agenda.
   Minutes approved by consent.

2. Minutes Review:

   a. All minutes should be posted on a public-facing institutional website immediately after approval, and once all appropriate and allowable redactions have been made.

   b. Schedule of Review:

2026-2027 Minute Review Calendar – IBC

Submission Deadline	IBC Meeting	Reviewer of minutes*
Friday, September 4	Friday, September 11	Christine Helms
Friday, October 16	Friday, October 23	Jennifer O'Donnell
Friday, November 27	Friday, December 4	John Peters
Friday, January 22	Friday, January 29	Eugene Wu
Friday, February 26	Friday, March 5	Jonathan Dattelbaum
Friday, April 2	Friday, April 9	Julie Pollock

3. Review of MUA submissions:

   a. Research MUA: URIBC260501 Peters, J - Mechanistic insight into AMPA receptor trafficking during long-term potentiation, Molecular mechanism of astrocyte regulation of synapses.

   John Peters gave an overview of his research. His lab is starting to do mammalian cell culture. The primary purpose of his research is to get a better understanding

of the localization and function of some synaptic proteins.

A motion was made to approve the MUA pending minor changes, then final review by the IBC chair. The motion was seconded, and a vote was taken.

b. Research MUA: URIBC260502 Pollock, J - Identification of potential antibiotics against BSL1 bacteria

Julie Pollock described her research MUA and then exited for a breakout room. A motion was made to approve the MUA; the motion was seconded, and a vote was taken.

c. Research MUA: URIBC260601 Oza, H - Keeping it Bottled Up: What influences household drinking water choices between tap and bottled water.

Julia reported that Dr. Oza, who is in Health Studies, is working on a project that is looking at bottled and tap water from different sources to see what bacteria grow in it.

A vote was taken. A motion was made to approve the MUA, seconded, and a vote was taken.

d. Course MUA: URIBC260901 Peters, J – BIOL 351 Synaptic Biology with Lab

John reported that this work was like the MUA in point a above but without recombinant work. They will be using CAD cells to look at how cats help differentiate when you deprive them of serum.

A motion was made to approve the MUA. The motion was seconded, and a vote was taken.

e. Course MUA: URIBC260902 Wu, E – BIOL 324 Molecular Virology with Lab

Eugene walked the group through his research project. He teaches BIOL 324 Molecular Virology with Lab, and in the lab, they will work with an infectious virus. It is an amoeba virus.

Eugene exited to the breakout room for the group to discuss. A motion was made to approve with requested changes. The motion was seconded, and a vote was taken.

f. Research MUA: URIBC260903 Wu, E - Oligomerization state of CD46 on the surface of cells

Eugene Wu described this research to the committee. This research involves HeLa cells and therefore also falls under bloodborne pathogen regulations.

A motion was made that a lab exposure control plan be put in place and suggested that a subcommittee comprised of Julie and Christine, both look it over. If there are any concerns, the MUA will be brought back to the group for further discussion. Otherwise, it can be approved by the subcommittee.

The motion was seconded, and a vote was taken.

4. Volunteers to be co-chair for Spring 2027 to transition to chair next AY.

The chair asked for volunteers to co-chair with her in the Spring of 2027, so that somebody can take over as chair of IBC moving forward.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.