

University of Richmond Institutional Biosafety Committee Meeting Agenda

Date: 21 November 2025

TIME: 12:00 – 1:00 PM

In attendance: Julie Pollock, Christine Helms, Michael Hardwich, David Jones, Amy Treonis, Mike Miller, Faith Ludwig, Lauren Turner, David Jones, Mike Miller, Nicole Maurantonio, Jon Dattelbaum, Jennifer O'Donnell, Faith Ludwig, Omar Quintero

Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes from 24 October 2025 by consent agenda.

Approved as submitted.

2. Welcome to potential and new non-affiliate members

The committee is in search of two new members. The chair welcomed any potential and new non-affiliate members – Mike Harwich had officially accepted. Mike is currently employed at a consumer healthcare company in Richmond. Lauren Turner introduced herself to the committee, at which time she accepted the position. Lauren is the Advanced Molecular Detection Lead Scientist at DCLS in Richmond, VA.

The chair gave an overview of the committee and explained the structure of the meeting, with a quick overview.

3. Nanotechnology recommendations – Mike Miller and Amy Treonis

Amy reported that the committee did their individual research and studied how it was done at other universities. She reported that three PIs have ongoing work with nanomaterials. None of the work is connected to biohazards. Materials that are connected are the only ones that will require MUAs. It was agreed upon to add the question about nanomaterials to the annual survey.

4. IBC Charter Updates – Julie Pollock, Chair

The chair shared the edits she made to the charter for the group to discuss. The biggest change is capturing what we do. They discussed last year that they do not need a designated safety officer. Mike Miller and Faith can handle it, or the chair or other individuals appointed by the committee. (no 5)

Amy made a motion to accept the changes that the chair had made to the committee charter, and Christine seconded it.

- a. Current Charter can be found [here](#)
- b. Suggested updates for discussion can be found [here](#) (may be updated more before the meeting)

There was no new business. The meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM.