University of Richmond Institutional Biosafety Committee Meeting Agenda

23 October 2026

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 PM

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

Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes from 11 September 2026 by consent agenda.
   The minutes were approved by consent.

2. Review of MUA submissions:

   a. Research MUA: 261001 – Parish, C. Helping Senior Dogs Find Comfort in Motion

      The chair gave a quick summary of the proposed MUA on behalf of Carol Parish. Carol and her student researchers will be working with a local veterinarian who is conducting a clinical trial on the effects of electroacupuncture in healthy geriatric dogs.

      A motion was made to approve the MUA as a BSL-1, pending submission of additional information regarding the handling and disposal of clinical samples collected from the dogs. The motion was seconded, and was approved by a unanimous vote.

3. Discussion: Draft NIH Biosafety Policy for Research Involving Biohazards

   The group reviewed the draft of the new NIH Biosafety Policy. The chair feels that the committee is already aligned with the new recommendations. The new guidelines can be reviewed here.

4. Discussion: 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 next year.

   Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.