

Kansas City University IBC

MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2026

SEP 413-A

The meeting was called to order on February 19, 2026 at 12:32 PM and a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members Present:

Douglas Bittel	Scientific
Bradley Creamer	Vice Chair
Terry Jensen	Biological Safety Officer
George Kolo	Clinical Science
Edina Kosa	Scientific, Animal Containment
Farida Mehrhoff	Alternate Member, Clinical Science
Isabelle Thiffault	Alternate Member, Non-Affiliated, Scientific
McKenzie Ross	Library Representative
Karen Wiederaenders	Non-Affiliated, Non-Scientific
Hao Zhu	Non-Affiliated, Scientific

Non-Voting Attendees, Staff and Guests Present:

Dalal Canyon	Research Compliance
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Recording:

Gwen Dodd	Staff
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ITEMS

1 Call to Order

██████████ called the meeting to order and quorum was present at 12:32 p.m. The committee members were asked to please speak up. Few of the committee member attended via Zoom.

2 Conflicts of Interest Disclosure

██████████ will recuse himself for committee discussion of his protocol renewal.

██████████ will recuse herself for committee discussion of Dr. Hillard's amended protocol.

3 Next Meeting Date and General Announcements

Action: Closed
Effective Date: January 21, 2026
Project Status: Closed - Project Complete
Project Expiration: January 21, 2026

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Discussion and Remarks:

The PI submitted the closure report and the study is closed as of 01/21/2026.

5.3 **[2250759-2] Impact of Sea Sponge Spicule Abrasion on Penetration of Topically Applied Drugs**

PI: Dennis Wolff
Submission Type: Closure/Final Report

Review Type: Administrative Review
Action: Closed
Effective Date: January 26, 2026
Project Status: Closed - Expired
Project Expiration: December 11, 2025

Discussion and Remarks:

The Principal Investigator did not submit renewal nor closure prior to expiration. The IBC Office administratively closed the study due to expiration on 01/26/2026.

5.4 **[2251745-2] Cadaveric Study: Surface Landmarks and External Morphometry of Gracilis Muscle Attachment Site Variations based on Gender and Weight (or height) on Long Bones for Improved Surgical Planning and Prosthetic Design.**

PI: Shireen Hafez, DVM, PhD, PGCertVetED, FHEA, PGDipVetEd
Submission Type: Closure/Final Report

Review Type: Administrative Review
Action: Closed
Effective Date: January 26, 2026
Project Status: Closed - Expired
Project Expiration: December 11, 2025

Discussion and Remarks:

The Principal Investigator did not submit renewal nor closure prior to expiration. The IBC Office administratively closed the study due to expiration on 01/26/2026.

5.5 **[2410898-1] Impact of Sea Sponge Spicule Abrasion on Penetration of Topically Applied Drugs**

PI: Dennis Wolff, PhD

Submission Type: Closure/Final Report

Review Type: Administrative Review

Action: Withdrawn

Effective Date: January 29, 2026

Project Status: Withdrawn

Discussion and Remarks:

The PI incorrectly submitted the package and the IBC Office administratively withdrew it on 01/29/2026.

5.6 [478594-22] Identification of a novel factor impacting erythropoiesis in Xpna (X-linked pre and neonatal anemia) mice

PI: Robert White, PhD

Submission Type: Other

Review Type: Administrative Review

Action: Withdrawn

Effective Date: February 4, 2026

Project Status: Active

Project Expiration: July 23, 2026

Discussion and Remarks:

The package was submitted mistakenly by the PI and the IBC Office withdrew it on 02/04/2026.

5.7 [1194016-51] scaRNAs regulate spliceosome fidelity, alternative splicing of mRNA and embryological development.

PI: Douglas Bittel, Ph.D.

[REDACTED] **[REDACTED]**

Submission Type: Other

Review Type: Administrative Review

Action: Acknowledged

Effective Date: February 13, 2026

Project Status: Active

Project Expiration: February 19, 2026

Discussion and Remarks:

The PI submitted a request to remove research personnel and the IBC Office acknowledged it on 02/13/2026. **[REDACTED]**

- **[REDACTED]**
- **[REDACTED]**
- **[REDACTED]**

6 Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

7 New Business

7.1 [1194016-50] scaRNAs regulate spliceosome fidelity, alternative splicing of mRNA and embryological development.

PI: Douglas Bittel, Ph.D.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Submission Type: Continuing Review/Progress Report

Review Type: Full Committee Review

Action: Approved

Effective Date: February 19, 2026

Project Status: Active

Project Expiration: February 18, 2027

Vote: Total = 7; For = 7; Opposed = 0; Abstained = 0;
Recused = 1 (Douglas Bittel)

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Discussion and Remarks:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] moved to approve the protocol renewal, [REDACTED] seconded, the motion was approved unanimously.

The renewal was approved under bio-safety level BSL-2 and exempt under Section III-F-8 of the NIH Guidelines.

7.2 [2185780-19] Cadaveric Anatomical Research Framework

PI: Robert Hillard, MD

Submission Type: Amendment/Modification

Review Type: Full Committee Review

Action: Approved

Effective Date: February 19, 2026

Project Status: Active

Project Expiration: May 21, 2026

Vote: Total = 7; For = 7; Opposed = 0; Abstained = 0;
Recused = 1 (Farida Mehrhoff)

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Discussion and Remarks:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] moved to approve the amended protocol, [REDACTED] seconded, the motion was approved unanimously.

The amendment was approved under bio-safety level BSL-1 because the cadavers are formalin embalmed.

7.3 [731270-53] Angiogenesis

PI: Eugene Konorev, MD, PhD
Submission Type: Continuing Review/Progress Report

Review Type: Full Committee Review
Action: Approved
Effective Date: February 19, 2026
Project Status: Active
Project Expiration: February 18, 2027
Vote: Total = 8; For = 8; Opposed = 0; Abstained = 0;

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Discussion and Remarks:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] moved to approve the protocol renewal, [REDACTED] seconded, the motion was approved unanimously.

The renewal was approved under bio-safety level BSL-2 and under Section III-D-3-a of the NIH Guidelines.

8 Other Business

8.1 Updated IBC CITI Training Policy

Review Type: Full Committee Review
Action: Acknowledged
Effective Date: February 19, 2026

Discussion and Remarks:

██████████ reported to the committee members that the IBC CITI training policy has been updated to reflect the newly mandated research security training. The policy was updated in the IRBnet system for the researchers. Also, the Conflict of Interest Form on disclosures was discussed due to its updates.

8.2 IBC Procedures

██████████ reported that she submitted a request to implement the "Smart IRBNet". If approved and implemented, it will help to reduce the administrative burden on researchers and the Research Compliance Office.

8.3 Change in the Institutional Official

██████████ reported to the committee members that ██████████ has been appointed as the new KCU Institutional Official in replacement of ██████████. ██████████ reported that she reported the different federal regulators and the change was acknowledged.

8.4 The Bio-safety Officer Report

██████████ had nothing to report.

9 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned on February 19, 2026 at 12:59 PM.