Kansas City University IBC

MEETING MINUTES

March 26, 2026

SEP 413-A

The meeting was called to order on March 26, 2026 at 12:30 PM and a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members Present:

Abdulbaki Agbas	Chair
Douglas Bittel	Scientific
Melissa Cobb	Alternate Member, Scientific, Animal Containment
Nataliya Kibiryeva	Alternate Member, Scientific
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

Recording:

Gwen Dodd	Staff

ITEMS

1 **Call to Order**

Dr. Agbas called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and quorum was present. Few of the committee members attended via Zoom.

2 **Conflicts of Interest Disclosure**

There were no conflicts of interest disclosed by any committee member.

3 **Next Meeting Date and General Announcements**

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3.1 **Next IBC Committee Meeting is scheduled on April 23, 2026 at 12:30 p.m. SEP 413-A**

4 Minutes Review

4.1 Review of February 19, 2026 IBC meeting Minutes

Review Type:	Full Committee Review
Action:	Approved
Effective Date:	March 26, 2026
Vote:	Total = 7; For = 7; Opposed = 0; Abstained = 0;

Discussion and Remarks:

[redacted] moved to approve February 19, 2026 meeting minutes, [redacted] seconded, the minutes were approved unanimously.

5 IBC Action Since Last Meeting

5.1 [2185780-18] Cadaveric Anatomical Research Framework

PI:	Robert Hillard, MD
Submission Type:	Other

Review Type:	Administrative Review
Action:	Approved
Effective Date:	March 4, 2026
Project Status:	Active
Project Expiration:	May 21, 2026

[redacted]

Discussion and Remarks:

The addition of personnel was administratively reviewed and approved [redacted]

[redacted]

5.2 [754478-66] Neurodegenerative Disorders and Aging

PI:	Abdulbaki AGBAS, M.Sc.,Ph.D.
Submission Type:	Other

Review Type:	Administrative Review
Action:	Approved
Effective Date:	February 17, 2026

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Project Status: Active
Project Expiration: June 25, 2026

Discussion and Remarks:
The addition of personnel was administratively reviewed and approved

5.3 **[2359652-4] Cadaveric Anatomical Research Framework**
PI: Sara Sloan, DC
Submission Type: Other

Review Type: Administrative Review
Action: Approved
Effective Date: February 18, 2026
Project Status: Active
Project Expiration: September 24, 2026

Discussion and Remarks:
The addition of personnel was administratively reviewed and approved

5.4 **[2359675-3] Cadaveric Anatomical Research Framework**
PI: Sara Sloan, DC
Submission Type: Other

Review Type: Administrative Review
Action: Approved
Effective Date: February 18, 2026
Project Status: Active
Project Expiration: September 24, 2026

Discussion and Remarks:

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The addition of personnel was administratively reviewed and approved [redacted]

[redacted]

5.5 **[2250759-3] 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: February 23, 2026
Project Status: Closed - Expired
Project Expiration: December 11, 2025

[redacted]

Discussion and Remarks:

The PI submitted the closure report and the study is permanently closed as of 02/23/2026.

5.6 **[2316522-6] Assessing The Benefits of Laparoscopic Devices in Gross Anatomy Learning**

PI: Melissa Zolnierz, PhD
Submission Type: Closure/Final Report

Review Type: Administrative Review
Action: Closed
Effective Date: February 17, 2026
Project Status: Closed - Project Complete
Project Expiration: February 17, 2026

[redacted]

Discussion and Remarks:

The PI submitted the closure report and the study is permanently closed as of 02/17/2026.

5.7 **[754478-67] Neurodegenerative Disorders and Aging**

PI: Abdulbaki AGBAS, M.Sc.,Ph.D.
Submission Type: Other

Review Type: Administrative Review
Action: Acknowledged

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Effective Date: February 22, 2026
Project Status: Active
Project Expiration: June 25, 2026

Discussion and Remarks:

The PI submitted updated research activity application for one of the research personnel and the IBC Office acknowledged it on 02/22/2026.

5.8 **[1194016-52] 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: March 3, 2026
Project Status: Active
Project Expiration: February 18, 2027

Discussion and Remarks:

The PI submitted his updated CITi training completion reports withe expiration dates after completing the Conflict of Interest and the research security basic training courses. The IBC Office acknowledged the submission on 03/03/2026.

6 **Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

7 **New Business**

7.1 **[2053161-9] PXR expression and activation in human breast cancers**

PI: Bradley Creamer, PhD
Submission Type: Continuing Review/Progress Report

Review Type: Full Committee Review
Action: Approved
Effective Date: March 26, 2026
Project Status: Active
Project Expiration: March 25, 2027
Vote: Total = 7; For = 7; Opposed = 0; Abstained = 0;
[redacted] [redacted]
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Discussion and Remarks:

[redacted]

[redacted] moved to approve the project renewal, [redacted] seconded, the motion was approved unanimously.

The renewal was approved under bio-safety level BSL-2 and exempt under Section III-F-5 & Section III-F-8 of the NIH Guidelines.

8 Other Business

8.1 Updated KCU IBC SOPs

Review Type:	Full Committee Review
Action:	Approved
Effective Date:	March 26, 2026
Vote:	Total = 7; For = 7; Opposed = 0; Abstained = 0;

Discussion and Remarks:

[redacted] related to the committee the updates in the IBC Standard Operating Procedures. The changes were mainly for the position change to Vice Provost of Research and IO to [redacted] is no longer the IO and no longer with the university.

[redacted] moved to acknowledge the updated IBC SOPs, [redacted] seconded, the motion was approved unanimously.

8.2 The Bio-safety Officer Report

[redacted] was not present and had no report.

9 Adjourn

[redacted] adjourned the meeting at 12:42 p.m.

The meeting adjourned on March 26, 2026 at 12:42 PM.

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