INSTITUTIONAL BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
July 27, 2026 Minutes
ZOOM

I. CALL TO ORDER: 1:02 PM

II. ATTENDANCE:
AFFILIATED: DAVY GILES, JOSE BARBOSA, PAULA JO PETERS, JESSICA SANDERS
NON-AFFILIATED: BRAD WHITE, EVELYN MOBLEY
EX-OFFICIO: CHERYL MURPHY, LACY BOBO, BRANDON WILLIAMS

III. APPROVAL OF MAY 18, 2026 MINUTES:

MOTION: APPROVE AS WRITTEN

VOTE: IN FAVOR: 7
OPPOSED: 0
ABSTAINED: 2

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

A. Approvals (FCR):
   a. SPROTO202600000024 (New Registration, Jannatul Ferdoush, UPS and Gene Expression Regulation, Approved 5/26/2026)

B. Administrative Approvals:
   a. CR202600000006 (CR, David Giles, UTC 24-03: Antimicrobial effect of cobalt compounds, Approved 5/19/2026)
   b. SPROTO202500000013 (Closure, David Giles, UTC 23-11: PUFA Impacts on Aeromonas hydrophila, Closed 5/22/2026)
   c. SPROTO202500000027 (Closure, Jannatul Ferdoush, UTC 25-03: TAF7 Overexpression in Yeast, Closed 5/26/2026)
   d. SPROTO202500000028 (Closure, Jannatul Ferdoush, UTC 25-04: Protein Overexpression in Eukaryotes, Closed 5/26/2026)
   e. CR202600000007 (CR, David Giles, UTC 25-02: PUFA Impacts on Vibrio cholerae, Approved 5/27/2026)
   f. SPROTO202500000009 (Closure, Keenan Dungey, UTC 23-08: Biophysical properties of E. Coli, Closed 7/7/2026)
   g. SPROTO202500000014 (Closure, David Giles, UTC 23-12: Piscidin effects on Vibrio species, Closed 7/7/2026)

C. Inspections conducted:
   a. ECS 441 (Inspected 6/11/2026)

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Introductions – Evelyn Mobley and Brad White

B. IBC SOP #4 – Laboratory Inspections
DISCUSSION: "Director of Health and Safety" to be replaced with "Representative from the Office of Environmental Health and Safety." Regarding previous lab inspections, it was recommended that they be saved digitally, but at a minimum, the hard copy from the last lab

inspection should be in the lab notebook. The committee discussed the accessibility of the flowcharts in the document. The committee agreed on some wording changes and font size updates.

C. IBC SOP #5 – Escalation Procedures for Noncompliance
DISCUSSION: "Director of Health and Safety" to be replaced with "Representative from the Office of Environmental Health and Safety." Supervisor and Chair cc'd on notifications after no response from PI for recommendations/observations. Discussion tabled due to time constraints.

VI. NEXT MEETING: Due to scheduling conflicts with the Chair, the IBC will need to find a new standing meeting day/time.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: 2:00 PM