

Institutional Biosafety Committee

UNTHSC IBC Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2025

12:02 pm – 1:02 pm

Teams meeting

Members in Attendance

Rance Berg – IBC Chair
Anne-Sophie Brocard (IBC vice Chair, UNTHSC member)
Maya Nair -BSO, *IBC Coordinator*
Egeen Daniels -UNTHSC member
Jayoung Kim - UNTHSC member
Raghu Krishnamoorthy - UNTHSC member
Richard McKee- UNTHSC member
Christopher Parker (Community member)

Members Absent

Mike Chumley (Community member)

Quorum – Present

Other individual in Attendance

Tania Ghani (Assistant Vice President, Research Compliance)

IBC Chair called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM

The IBC Chair reminded all members present to identify any conflicts of interest as each registration is reviewed.

I. Minutes Approval:

June 18 IBC meeting minutes were approved
Yes: 5 No: 0 Abstained: 3 Total:8 Recusals:

June 27 meeting minutes were approved
Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstained: 1 Total:8 Recusals: 0

II. Discussions of prior business and updates to the committee:

IBC self-assessment (NIH/OSP) by Dr. Nair, BSO.

2025 IBC self-assessment using the NIH/OSP template was completed by Dr. Nair, BSO

IBC memo to Faculty Dr. Berg, IBC Chair

Dr. Berg, IBC Chair notified IBC members about the memo distributed to the faculty by UNT Health on the guidelines and reporting requirements on GOF, DURC and PEPP

Update on GOF report to NIH by Dr. Nair, BSO

Following the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) recommendation from the June 27, 2025 meeting, the UNT Health Grants Office reported to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) a project that may potentially meet the criteria for Gain-of-Function (GoF) research, as defined by current U.S. policy and the NIH Office of Science Policy.

Project Details:

- **Title:** Engineering Simian-Compatible HIV-1
- **Project Number:** 1R21AI179337-01A1

On July 1, 2025, the NIH informed the Grants Office that, after review of the NIH notice and project materials, the project does **not** meet the definition of Gain-of-Function research under applicable U.S. policy and NIH guidance.

The Principal Investigator (PI) was immediately notified of the NIH review outcome and has been authorized to proceed with the project as planned.

IBC Charter/ PI Guide, IRE Charter and New Lab door sign

IBC committee was asked to review the charters (**IBC Charter/ PI Guide, IRE Charter**) and new lab door signs.

III. Submissions for Convened Review – None

IV. Response to Requires Modification to Secure Approval- None

V. Amendments approved Administratively: None

Public comments: There were no public comments.

Adjournment: IBC chair moved to Adjourn the meeting at 1:02PM

IBS Chair

Name: Rance Berg, PhD

IBC Coordinator

Maya Nair, PhD, RBP (ABSA)

Approved on August 20, 2025

