



IBC Meeting Minutes
Date: May 13, 2026
Location: Conf. Room 2101/2102

Voting Members Present (9):

Michael Henderson, Ph.D. (Chair)
Pamela Bartlett, B.S.
Scott Bechaz, ILAM, RLATg
Matthew Donahue, MBA
Angie Jason (non-voting)
Lauren Miedema, B.S., MPH
Sam Pinto, B.S. (Vice Chair)
Rachael Sheridan, Ph.D.
Jennifer Steiner, Ph.D.

Voting Members Excused (3):

Glen Alberts, B.S.
Craig Bickel, M.Div.
Nicholas Burton, Ph.D.

Christy Goss (guest)

Call to Order

Michael Henderson called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

Meeting Minutes – Minutes from the IBC meeting on 04/15/26 were approved unanimously.

Vote: (9 Total) 9 Approve 0 Disapprove 0 Abstain 0 Recuse

Protocol Reviews

A. Reference #26-0044 – Initial – Malik Patel, Ph.D.

“Roles and Regulation of the Mitochondrial Genome”

Primary Reviewer: Rachael Sheridan

The purpose of this protocol is to study many facets of mitochondrial biology, including maintenance of the mitochondrial genome, the role of mtDNA copy number in development and aging, cellular response to heteroplasmic (mutant) mtDNA, mtDNA epigenetics, and the signaling networks governing cross-talk between mitochondria and the nuclear genome. The members determined that the proposed study procedures, practices and the training and expertise of the personnel who will be conducting the study are appropriate, but the following clarifications must be provided.

1. General Information – The investigator was asked to modify the lay summary, simplify the description and include all locations of biohazardous waste storage.

2. Personnel – The investigator was asked to include any grad student or technicians working on this project.
3. Project Category – The investigator was asked to clarify where plasmids are obtained, list which genes, inserts or sequences are involved, uncheck box for “creation of transgenic animal”, attach and use Biohazardous waste handling policy.

Applicable section of the *NIH Guidelines* the research falls under: Section III-D-1.

Risk Group: 1

Containment Level: BSL1

Location Assessment: Level 4, Rm 4207W

Action: Modifications to secure approval.

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Meeting was adjourned at 10:48 am