

**Harry S. Truman Memorial Veteran's Hospital
Columbia, Missouri
Institutional Biosafety Committee Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2026, 2:00pm**

Members in Attendance		Members Absent
Aarattuthodi, Suja	Korte, Scott	Calcutt, Mick
Attebery, David	Lynch, Joseph	Casterline, Ben
Chandrasekhar, Anand	Ma, Wenjun	Griffiths, Anthony
Cui, Taixing	Picking, Bill	Heng, Xiao
Dickerson, Marie	Popejoy, Sid	Others in Attendance
Hynes, Steve	Rehard, David	Hamilton, Anna
Kalera, Karishma		Kennett, Michele
		Szewczyk, Michael

1. IBC Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm
2. Approval of 6/19/2025 VA Meeting Minutes

A. IBC members reviewed the meeting minutes. The IBC Chairman called for motions for approval. There were two motions for approval and a final request for a vote. All members voted for approval, with two abstentions.

3. Protocol reviews

A. New and Renewal Protocols Involving Recombinant and/or Synthetic Nucleic Acid Molecules, Requiring Full Committee Review

1. **Thakkar, Mahesh (19060)**
Cellular and Molecular basis of Sleep-Wakefulness
Guideline: Section III-D-4
Containment: BSL-1
Training: Up-to-date
Inspection: Passed
Status: Approved

Committee deliberations: There were two motions for approving the protocol, and a final request for a vote. After discussion, all members voted in favor of approval. 0 No. 0 Abstain

4. Protocol Amendments

PI (#)	Submitted	Title	Notes
Rector, Scott (14820)	9/3	AMENDMENT: Hepatic Metabolism	EHS Approved 9/4
Ibdah, Jamal (17580)	8/19	RENEWAL: Low Dose Thyroid Hormone, Mitochondrial Fatty Acid Oxidation, and	Chair & Cui Approved 9/18

		Treatment of Nonalcoholic Steatohepatitis (NASH)	
Rector, Scott (14820) x2	11/26	AMENDMENT: Hepatic Metabolism	Chair & EHS Approved 12/4
Rector, Scott (14820) x3	1/28	AMENDMENT: Hepatic Metabolism	BSO Approved 1/30

5. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm