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INSTITUTIONAL BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE

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MEETING MINUTES

DATE: August 27, 2026

TIME: 11:00 A.M.

PLACE: Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shahid Karim, Ph.D., Chair
Members – Kevin Macaluso, Ph.D.; Tom Ricks, DVM; Mac Alford, Ph.D.; Vijay Rangachari, Ph.D.; Fengwei Bai, Ph.D.

MEMBERS & EX-OFFICIO NOT PRESENT: NA

EX-OFFICIO PRESENT: Martha Sparrow; Lisa Wright, Ph.D.

PROCEEDINGS: Call to Order: 12:02 P.M.

Shahid Karim called the meeting to order at 11:01 A.M.

Protocols

a. 20260818 - *Unconventional TNF Release*: Per the Biological Safety Officer, the PI's lab is equipped to address safety aspects associated with the protocol; additional information is needed from the PI about the origin and disposal of the cell lines, the type of recombinant DNA to be used, and a complete list of the safety risks associated with the procedures. A motion was made and seconded, followed by a unanimous vote to request revisions and grant approval by a designated member review over email.

Business

- The bylaws were reviewed, and the committee agreed to continue to approve protocols for a maximum of 3 years; PIs will submit a renewal request, which may be reviewed administratively by the Office of Research Integrity staff and the IBC Chair.