

**UNTHSC IBC Meeting Minutes**  
**January 21, 2026**  
**12:03 pm – 1:05 pm**  
**Teams meeting**

**Members in Attendance**

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

**Members Absent**

Mike Chumley (Community member)  
Anne-Sophie Brocard (IBC vice Chair, UNTHSC member)

**Quorum – Present**

**Other individual in Attendance**

Misha Dunbar - Assoc Dir & Clinical Vet Laboratory Animal Medicine

**IBC Chair called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM**

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

**I. Minutes Approval:**

December meeting minutes were approved  
Yes: 6 No: 0 Abstained: 1 Total:7 Recusals: 0

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

NIH biosafety strengthening project Region 3 listening session schedule was shared with the members.

### III. Submissions for Convened Review – 1

1. **Protocol Number:** **IBC/p/JA/2026-1**  
Protocol Title: The role of WNK kinases in regulating neuronal glucose metabolism  
PI: Ankita Jayakumar, PhD  
Biosafety Level: BSL2  
NIH Category: None  
Committee recommendation: RMTSA  
Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstained: 0 Total:7 Recusals: 0

Modifications requested:

The following modifications are requested to secure approval:

- Please expand WNK and provide a summary of your project
- Clarify the usage of mouse derived tissue and blood in the proposed project.
- Please provide detailed information on how to transport the radio labelled cells?

2. **Protocol Number:** **IBC/rDNA/MS/2026-1**  
Protocol Title: Delineating impact of GDNF Family Receptor (GFR- $\alpha$ 1) on dopaminergic function  
PI: Michael F. Salvatore, PhD  
Biosafety Level: BSL1/ABSL1  
NIH Category: IID3  
Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstained: 0 Total:7 Recusals: 0

Modifications requested:

The following modifications are requested to secure approval:

- Please provide the biosafety training completion dates
- Please mark the human material usage column appropriately.
- EAD 634. Need the location of the animal room. Also, EAD 632 is mentioned later in the protocol. It needs to be included.
- Please explain the transport of AAV to DLAM facility.
- Please provide explanation on how to handle unattended operations.

3. **Protocol Number:** **IBC/p/AC/2026-1**  
Protocol Title: Isolation, culture, and characterization of ocular cells from control and POAG eyes of vervet monkeys (*Chlorocebus saraeaus*) from an isolated colony on St. Kitts Island  
PI: Abbot Clark, PhD  
Biosafety Level: BSL2  
NIH Category: None  
Committee recommendation: Approved  
Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstained: 0 Total:7 Recusals: 0

4. **Protocol Number:** **IBC/p/SO/2026-1**  
Protocol Title: The role of the adaptive immune system in brain health and disease  
PI: Sterling Ortega, PhD

Biosafety Level: BSL2  
 NIH Category: None  
 Committee recommendation: RMTSA  
 Vote: Yes: 7 No: 0 Abstained: 0 Total:7 Recusals: 0

Modifications requested:

The following modifications are requested to secure approval:

- Please clarify that whether use buffy coats or human unfixed blood for isolation of peripheral blood mononuclear cell suspension
- Please list all rooms for analysis (imaging, flow cytometry).
- Please update the training dates
- Recommended to add long pants, safety glasses, and appropriate controls.
- Recommend listing secondary container with appropriate labels during transport
- Please clarify the process of spill cleanup.

**IV. Response to Requires Modification to Secure Approval- None**

**V. Amendments approved Administratively: 1**

PI	Protocol approval date	Change	Protocol number
Mark Pulse	11/4/2025	Adding personnel	IBC/p/MP/2025-2

**Public comments: There were no public comments.**

**Adjournment: IBC chair moved to Adjourn the meeting at 1:05PM**

**IBC Chair**

**IBC Coordinator**

**Name:** Rance Berg, PhD

Maya Nair PhD, RBP (ABSA)

**Approved on 2/18/2026**