

USDA
Panel: Full Committee Review
MINUTES OF MEETING
June 03, 2026

Members Present:

Voting:

Chad Austin (BSO)
Daniel Harris (SHEM)
Katie Knapek (Alternate ARU Veterinarian)
Dana Mitzel (Chair) (IBC Chair)
Vivian O'Donnell (APHIS Scientist)
Ediane Silva (ARS Scientist)
Steven Witte (ARS Scientist)
Jay Reppert (Community Member)

Quorum was met with 8 of 13 voting members present.

Not Voting:

Non-Voting Ex-Officios:

Minute Secretary: Rebecca Payne

Guests: Megan Trapp; Stephanie Knoettgen

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 A.M by D. Mitzel, Chair.

EARLY AGENDA ITEMS

1. Confidentiality of Panel Proceedings

The members of the panel and the persons employed by the panel are reminded that they shall maintain the confidentiality of the panel's proceedings unless such information is already made available to the public. The Parties shall maintain the confidentiality of the panel's hearings, deliberations and initial report, and all written submissions to, and communications with, the panel.

2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the May IBC meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve May 6, 2026, minutes as written was made by Steven Witte and seconded by Katie Knapek. It was voted on and approved (8 ayes, 0 noes).

3. Presentation of Protocols

Reed Johnson presented on protocol 26-05-127, Use of Embryonated Eggs for Virus Stock Production.

4. Protocol Review

Protocols For Review

1. Presentation, Discussion and Voting on a New protocol:

Protocol ID: 26-05-127

Principal Investigator: Krystle Hensley

Other Investigators: Reed Johnson; Mary Lenz

Title: Use of Embryonated Eggs for Virus Stock Production

Review Type: Full Committee Review

Proposed Containment Level: BSL-2

Protocol Summary: In this protocol the PI proposes to inoculate chicken eggs with Hazara virus for virus stock production.

After discussion, a motion to approve at BSL-2 pending resolution of stipulations was made by Katie Knapek and seconded by Dana Mitzel. It was voted on and approved (8 ayes, 0 noes). Discussion of risk focused on the use of chicken eggs for viral propagation. NIH Guidelines III-D-1-a.

Stipulations:

1. In Protocol Summary, in addition to yolk sac, consider including additional options for injection.
2. In Protocol Summary, add language that eggs will not be go beyond E-16 during the study.
3. In Protocol Summary, describe the procedure for handling an egg that hatches.
4. In Biological Agents and Materials section, Question 9, indicate the maximum quantity of eggs that would be inoculated at a time.
5. In Attachments section, add permits as they are obtained.
6. Obtain approval from BRM for the incubator model to be used.

5. Meeting Reminder

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month from 11:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 A.M.

(Signature) (Chair) (Date)

(Signature) (Manager) (Date)