



Institutional Biosafety Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: January 20, 2026

TIME: 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Teams

1. Call to Order

The meeting for the Texas State University Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) - was called to order by the Chair at 10:00 AM. This meeting was open to the public.

MEETING ATTENDANCE:

Voting members present: 6

Voting members required for quorum: 5

Voting IBC Members Present:

☒ Dr. Hong -Gu Kang, IBC Chair

☒ Elsie Romano, BSO

☒ Dr. Rodney E. Rohde

☒ Dr. Sean Kerwin

☒ Dr. Matthew McAllister

☐ Dr. Romana Salcedo

☒ Brigid Lednicky, Community
Member

☐ Monty Gomez, Community
Member

Ex Officios:

☒ Monica Gonzales

☐ Sean Rubino

☐ Dr. Michael Blanda

Guests Present:

Principal Investigator (PI) Dr. Savanna Knight

No additional guests

2. New Business/Announcements

None

3. Conflict of Interest Disclosures

None

4. Approval of prior minutes

October 2025 minutes were approved

5. Protocol Reviews/Approval

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Protocol #	10148
Submission Type	Initial
PI Name	Savanna Knight
Department	Health & Human Performance
Section (s) of NIH Guidelines	N/A
Summary	This application pertains to blood lactate testing conducted as part of coursework within the Clinical Exercise Science program delivered by Texas State University faculty at Collin College through an Academic Alliance. Blood samples will be obtained via finger prick using an automatic lancet, similar to a commercial blood glucose test. A small volume of blood will be collected and analyzed using lactate test strips. The purpose of this activity is to teach students how to measure and interpret blood lactate levels before, during, and after exercise. It also aims to demonstrate how lactate levels change in response to varying exercise intensities and durations.
Characteristics of Agent(s) or Materials	human blood samples in a teaching laboratory setting. The procedures do not involve aerosol-generating activities, and blood samples will not be stored or centrifuged.
Risk Assessment	Given the low-risk nature of the activity—specifically the small volume of blood used and the absence of manipulations or procedures that could generate aerosols—the work may be conducted at a lower containment level (BSL-1) with appropriate precautions. As the lab is located in Allen, Texas—more than four hours from the main campus—oversight will require coordination with the PI and, as needed, Collin College Environmental Health and Safety.

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Training & Expertise of Research Personnel	Personnel have completed appropriate BSL-2 and bloodborne pathogen training
Actions Required	A laboratory inspection is scheduled for January 2026, to be conducted by the IBC Chair, Biosafety Officer, and an Environmental, Health, Safety, Risk, and Emergency Management representative. The committee noted that additional clarification is needed regarding the collection, storage, disinfection, and disposal of blood samples, as well as procedures for waste pickup at the off-site location as this is a newly established lab. These details will be addressed during the scheduled inspection. Texas State University will provide IBC oversight upon full execution of the contract amendment with Collin College, as Collin College does not have an Institutional Biosafety Committee.
Motion	Approved and seconded pending successful completion of lab inspection
6 Favor; 0 Against; 0 Abstain; 0 Recuse	

6. Administrative Activity Report

The report was presented for committee review. Since the previous meeting for the Texas State University IBC on 10/22/2025:

- 2 submissions were received by the Office of Research Integrity and Compliance for review by the IBC and processed by the Biosafety Program Staff and approved by the IBC Chair on behalf of the IBC.

These submissions could include any of the following: a simple amendment (room change, personnel, etc.), a renewal application that does not change risks describing non-recombinant or exempt recombinant studies, administrative actions (including terminations and extensions), and annual reviews. Committee members are encouraged to review these submissions (not requiring full committee review) in Kuali.

7. Inspection/Safety Program Updates

None

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8. Other Business/Public Comments:

None

9. Adjournment

The IBC meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM

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