

University of Texas at El Paso  
Panel: IBC Panel  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
January 23, 2026

**Members Present:**

**Voting:**

Arriaga, Berenice (Voting)  
Das, Siddhartha (Chair) (Voting)  
Dupre, Jo Anne (Voting)  
Joseph, Elaine (Alternate Member)  
Moschak, Travis (Voting)  
Narayan, Mahesh (Voting)  
Vines, Charlotte (Voting)

**Not Voting :**

**Guests:**

Dean, Jacob  
Anaya, Veronica  
Gruszka, Dennis

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 A.M by S. Das, Chair.

**EARLY AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Confidentiality of Panel Proceedings**

The Chair reminded members of the panel and the guests of the confidentiality of the panel's proceedings.

**2. Introduction of New Panel Members**

New Panel Member Dr. Anthony Baird was introduced to the panel.

**4. Minutes**

The Minutes from the December 2025 meeting were discussed and approved.

Approved: 6, Against: 0, Abstain: 1

**5. New Protocols**

New Protocols: (for below-listed protocols, pending deliberation on a new protocol or a de novo triennial protocol renewal submission; for triennial renewal submissions, the review includes deliberation on a final report for the previous three-year approval period):

**A. Protocol ID: 25-12-149**

**Principal Investigator:** Ramos, Enrique

**Other Investigators:** Soto, Alondra; Yang, Barbara; Chaib, Eduardo; Delgadillo, Frida; Larragoity, Manuel; Noble Perez, Marcela

**Title:** Elucidating the role of the Melanoma Antigen Gene family in the progression of Hepatocellular Carcinoma

**Primary Reviewer(s):** Das, Siddhartha

**Secondary Reviewer(s):** Arriaga, Berenice; Piramadathottathil Venu, Shonima

**Review Cycle Type:** Full Review

A protocol involving Section III-D-3 and Section III-F-6 was discussed including the risks involved and additional questions were asked. A motion was made and seconded to send the protocol back with modifications followed by full committee review.

Approved: 7, Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

**B. Protocol ID: 25-12-148**

**Principal Investigator:** Ramos, Enrique

**Other Investigators:** Yang, Barbara; Delgadillo, Frida

**Title:** Epigenetic Regulation of Spatial Gene Expression and the Tumor Microenvironment in Breast Cancer Among Hispanic Population

**Primary Reviewer(s):** Dupre, Jo Anne

**Secondary Reviewer(s):** Arriaga, Berenice; Piramathottathil Venu, Shonima

**Review Cycle Type:** Full Review

A protocol involving Section III-D-3 and Section III-F-6 was discussed including the risks involved and additional questions were asked. A motion was made and seconded to send the protocol back with modifications followed by full committee review.

Approved: 7, Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

**C. Protocol ID: 25-12-150**

**Principal Investigator:** Ramos, Enrique

**Other Investigators:** Soto, Alondra; Yang, Barbara; Chaib, Eduardo; Delgadillo, Frida; Larragoity, Manuel; Noble Perez, Marcela

**Title:** Analyzing Estrogen-regulated Intergenic Noncoding RNAs in Breast Cancer

**Primary Reviewer(s):** Moschak, Travis

**Secondary Reviewer(s):** Arriaga, Berenice; Piramathottathil Venu, Shonima

**Review Cycle Type:** Full Review

A protocol involving Section III-D-3 and Section III-F-6 was discussed including the risks involved and additional questions were asked. A motion was made and seconded to send the protocol back with modifications followed by full committee review.

Approved: 7, Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

**D. Protocol ID: 25-11-135**

**Principal Investigator:** Xiao, Chuan

**Other Investigators:** Trujillo Melendez, Cecilia

**Title:** Non-pathogenic and Non-toxic Viral Protein Structural Studies

**Review Type:** FULLBOARD

**Primary Reviewer(s):** Narayan, Mahesh

**Secondary Reviewer(s):** Arriaga, Berenice; Piramathottathil Venu, Shonima

**Review Cycle Type:** Full Review

A protocol involving Section III-F-6 was discussed including the risks involved and additional questions were asked. A motion was made and seconded to send the protocol back with modifications followed by full committee review.

Approved: 7, Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

**E. Protocol ID: 25-11-134**

**Principal Investigator:** Eiring, Anna

**Other Investigators:** Henry, Mayra; Fernandez, Briandy; Olivas, Idaly; Darvishi Niafenderi, Saeedeh

**Title:** Disease progression and therapy resistance in myeloid leukemias

**Primary Reviewer(s):** Llano, Manuel

**Secondary Reviewer(s):** Leyva Aranzabal, Alma; Arriaga, Berenice; Piramathottathil Venu, Shonima

**Review Cycle Type:** Full Review

A protocol involving Section III-D-1 and Section III-F-6 was discussed including the risks involved and additional questions were asked. A motion was made and seconded to send the protocol back with modifications followed by full committee review.

Approved: 7, Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

**F. Protocol ID: 25-11-132**

**Principal Investigator:** Silva Grijo Farani, Priscila

**Other Investigators:** Almeida, Igor; Da Silva Ferreira, Marina; Torres, Angel

**Title:** Animal Model Studies for Chagas Disease Pathogenesis and Immunotherapeutic Development

**Primary Reviewer(s):** Das, Siddhartha

**Secondary Reviewer(s):** Arriaga, Berenice; Vines, Charlotte; Weich, Erin; Ibarra-Mejia, Gabriel; Dupre, Jo Anne; Llano, Manuel; Narayan, Mahesh; Piramathottathil Venu, Shonima; Moschak, Travis

**Review Cycle Type:** Full Review

A protocol involving Section III-D-1, Section III-D-2, Section III-D-3, Section III-D-4, and Section III-F-6 was discussed including the risks involved and additional questions were asked. A motion was made and seconded to send the protocol back with modifications followed by full committee review.

Approved: 7, Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

**6. Procedural Amendments**

None

**7. Discussion and Appropriate Action regarding the following matters**

**A.** Biosafety Officer announced a restructuring of Environmental Health & Safety related to safety inspections

**B.**

**8. Meeting Reminder**

**12. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:22am

**A list of the Protocols and Amendments approved since the last meeting and reports reviewed is attached below.**

**A. Protocol ID: 25-11-137**

**Principal Investigator:** Xiao, Chuan

**Title:** Dissecting the Molecular Regulatory Mechanism of Mammalian Circadian Core Components

**Type:** Protocol

**Review Cycle Type:** Designated Member Review

**Approved:** 01/02/2026

**Expiration Date:** 01/01/2029

**B. Protocol ID: 25-10-129**

**Principal Investigator:** Michael, Katja

**Title:** Synthesis and Evaluation of Lipid Nanoparticles and Alpha-Gel Immunogens for an Anti-Cancer Gene Therapy

**Review Cycle Type:** Designated Member Review

**Type:** Protocol

**Approved:** 01/08/2026

**Expiration Date:** 01/07/2029