

BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

**The Watertown BioSafety Committee has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on
Thursday January 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm**

PRESENT: Heather McManus, Chair, Bradford M. Parsons Committee Member, Dr, Deborah McEwan Committee Member, Larry Ramdin, Director of Public Health, Maureen Foley, Staff

Consultant: Mia Tova Lieberman

In attendance Erin Dunn, Taylor Tulloch, Cari Sadowski, Charlie Cook, Karisa Hanson, Anant Verma, Brandy Wilinon, Rob Derosier

CALL TO ORDER: Heather McManus called the meeting to order 7:02 pm

Minutes

Minutes approvals for December 2, 2021

(Ramdin, Parsons)

Roll Call

Public Comment

No Public Comment

New Business

WBSC wants to shift the review process to the Health Department for Arranta and Explora. Both of the companies do a thorough review for compliance of all of their clients. The clients IBC minutes will be submitted to the Health Department for review. Arranta and Explora were thoroughly vetted and have been permitted as the same standards other permit labs.

(Ramdin, Parsons)

Roll Call

Permits:

FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies Texas LLC - 300 North Beacon Street 102

Eric Barr, Biogene Therapy gave a short presentation of the company's activities.

Mr. Ramdin questioned the section of the application of informing Health Department of chemical spills. Mr. Parsons questioned the contracts for pest control, hazardous waste disposal and bio waste disposal. The building can not support more than 5 liters of waste at a time. Dr. McEwan questioned the open position for hazardous safety. FUJI reassured the position will be filled.

A motion was made to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health as with conditions:

The EAP must be amended and the BioSafety position must be filled.

(Ramdin, McManus)

Roll Call (4,0)

Additional Business:

Dr. McManus wanted to summarize the work the WBSC has accomplished in the last year. Dr. McManus wanted to know the status of applications and completed permits. Dr. Lieberman plans on reaching out to companies that have not complied. WBSC wants to determine the gap where labs fall under WBSC review and all other labs would fall under another city agency.

Adjourn:

8:27 PM

Respectfully submitted: Larry Ramdin, Director of Public Health