

BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

The Watertown BioSafety Committee has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on
Thursday May 5, 2022 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT: David Meagher Chair, Dr, Deborah McEwan, Brad Parsons, Tim McGuire, Mia Lieberman, Maureen Foley, Staff

In attendance: Sibhon Branch, Meghana Kulkarni, Rene Roberts, Nick Moses, Nicole Billings, Melvyn Cho, Emily Corse, Margarite Butler, Krista Goodman, Corey Martin,

CALL TO ORDER: David Meagher called the meeting to order 7:02 pm

Minutes

Minutes approvals for April 14, 2022

(McEwan, Parsons)

Roll Call

Public Comment

No Public Comment

Appointments and designation to WBSC

Introduction of the new community member of the WBSC, Timothy Maguire.

Permits:

DayZero Diagnostics, Inc. – 200 Dexter Avenue #161

Nick Moses, Nicole Billings and Rene Roberts gave a short presentation of the company's activities.

Dr. Maguire questioned the screening of the blood and donor products received at the lab. Dr. Lieberman questioned if there were direct clinical samples. Brad Parsons questioned DayZero about select agents. Mr. Martin stated there is no recombinant work being conducted in the BSL 2 space. DayZero is keeping their lab space in Boston and will train employees and also provide couriers to transport materials between labs. Dr. McEwan stated this lab is sharing space with another, what is the decontamination process?

A motion was made to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health without conditions:

(Parsons, Lieberman)

Roll Call (5,0)

Larkspur Biosciences, Inc. – 480 Arsenal Way #125

Emily Corse, Krista Goodman, and Melvyn Chow gave a short presentation of the company's activities.

Dr. McEwan stated the lab must have their contract in place with Veolia prior to starting work. Dr. McEwan questioned the screening plan with mouse tissue. Dr. Maguire questioned *Escherichia coli* (K-12 derived strains only) use providers CEOs.

A motion was made to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health without conditions:

(McEwan, Parsons)

Roll Call (5,0)

BAKX Therapeutics, Inc. – 200 Dexter Avenue #140

Meghana Kulkarni and Margarite Butler gave a short presentation of the company's activities

Bakx Therapeutics is appearing in front of the WBSC to potentially be approved for adding Lentivirus to the lab's protocols and materials. The lab is moving within the same building but that does not require additional approvals. Dr. Maguire questioned if this will be BSL2+.

A motion was made to recommend approval of the amendment to the application:

(McEwan, Parsons)

Roll Call (5,0)

Administrative, Permitting and Registration Processes

Maureen Foley, Health Department Staff gave a short presentation of the application and fee process and the input of the application to the Health Department software.

Future Meetings

June 2, 2022 at 7:00pm

Adjourn

7:49 PM

(Parsons, Lieberman)