



Biosafety Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Remote Participation Only

Agenda

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, the meeting and public hearing will be conducted with remote opportunities for participation. Remote participation and access methods include:

ACCESS INFORMATION:

- A. This meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 3, 2023 at 7:00PM. Location: Remote Participation Only
- B. The Public may join the virtual meeting online: <https://watertown-ma.zoom.us/j/88536131731?pwd=bEU1d3JLa0JrU25ZTXpTdUpBUEI5UT09>
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- D. Public may comment through email: Amyers[@watertown-ma.gov](mailto:amyers@watertown-ma.gov)
- E. Please Visit the Biosafety Committee Website here: <https://www.watertown-ma.gov/398/Bio-Safety-Committee-Biotechnology>

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- 1. Call to Order
 - 2. Acceptance of Minutes
 - A. Approval of draft minutes of March 7, 2024
 - 3. Public Comment
 - 4. Permit applications for:
 - A. Empress Therapeutics – 99 Coolidge Avenue
 - 5. Additional Business
 - A. Discussion related to the reorganization of the WBSC
 - 6. Items that could not be anticipated before meeting
 - 7. Future Meetings
 - 8. Adjourn

BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

The Watertown BioSafety Committee has scheduled a REMOTE ZOOM meeting on
Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Brad Parsons, Chairman, Deborah McEwan, Tim Maguire, Ralph Mele, Mia Lieberman, Maureen Foley, Clerk

In attendance: Kathi Breen, Sibhon Branch, Tara Robidoux, Kencia Calice, Linda Scott, David Keane, Kathi Breen, Kristina Wright, Jordan BartleBaugh, Ingrid Rankin, Jack Sullivan, Getzabel Guevana, Eunice Park, Rhamy Zeid, Cameron Blair, Michael Kim, Roman Bogorad, Michael Albano, Maria DG,

CALL TO ORDER: Brad Parsons called the meeting to order 7:03 pm

Minutes

Minutes approvals for February 1, 2024
All in Favor (5,0)

Public Comment

Ms. Scott stated the February WBSC meeting was not picked up by WCB.

Reorganization of the WBSC

Mr. Parsons stated the committee should consider voting next meeting for a chair during the April meeting.

Amendments:

Souffle Therapeutics, Inc. – 85 Walnut Street #2N

Cameron Blair, Consultant gave a short presentation of the company's plans to add a vivarium. Dr. Bogorad, VP of lab operations gave a presentation of lab activities. Mr. Parsons questioned the dark room that turned out to microscopy room instead. Dr. Lieberman questioned the BSL2 lab work with the air being transferred via pressure changes in the ABLS1 vivarium. Dr. Bogorad explained the use of the vestibule and personnel PPE changes from one area to the other.

Mr. Parsons made a motion to recommend approval of the application to the Board of Health.

(Parsons, Mele) (5,0)

Roll Call

Mr. Parsons stated Souffle will appear in front of the BOH.

Alexsia Therapeutics – 500 Forge Road

Nexo Therapeutics – 500 Forge Road

The labs are moving from 65 Grove Street to 500 Forge Road. No vote.

Mr. Parsons stated Alesia and Nexa will not appear in front of the BOH.

Sonata Therapeutics – 99 Coolidge Avenue

The lab is moving from 65 Grove Street from 500 Arsenal Street to 99 Coolidge Avenue. No vote.

Mr. Parsons stated Sonata will not appear in front of the BOH.

Restructuring Renewals and Amendments

There was discussion based on the number of amendments with the annual renewals. The committee suggested providing a list to indicate specific requirements related to amendments and renewals. Mr. Mele suggested the upload should have Help Test for the file names. Asking Ms. Myers, Director of Health if it is possible to charge a fee for the renewal and an additional fee for the amendment?

Additional Business

Ms. Myers, Director of Health is researching the process to hire a consultant to conduct lab inspections.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be April 3, 2024

Adjourn

Adjourned at 8:37 PM

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