

**COMS Annual Public Meeting on 11/7/2025
Minutes**

Location: ZOOM - Public Meeting

Time: 10AM - 1030AM

Harvard University Committee on Microbiological Safety (COMS)

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Documentation of Quorum

Total Voting Members on Committee Roster: 29

Total Needed for Quorum: 10

Total Present at Call to Order: 33

Members Arriving After Call to Order: 5

ATTENDEES PRESENT		
Committee Chair	Committee Vice Chair	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">S. Helaine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">M. Nibert	
Members		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Baptista (IBC member)D. Barbeau (IBC member)S. Bhalchandra (IBC member)T. Brennan-Krohn (IBC member)R. Colgrove (IBC Member)M. Dorf (IBC member)L. Gamer (IBC member)T. Kwan (Local Non-Affiliated Member)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">R. Lee (IBC member)M. Melisi (Biosafety Officer)S. Mohr (IBC member)B. Neugeboren (IBC member)M. Nilsen (IBC member)J. Park (IBC member)R. Polak (IBC member)R. Rasmussen (IBC member)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">A. Reid (Biosafety Officer)S. Santra (IBC member)J. Sixsmith (IBC member)M. Super (IBC member)D. Tipper (Local Non-Affiliated Member)T. Winters (IBC member)
Ex-Officios		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">B. CorningS. Elwell	<ul style="list-style-type: none">M. CorriganE. Macleod	<ul style="list-style-type: none">S. EstimeE. Kuszmar

I. Call to Order

The annual COMS Public Meeting was called to order at 10:00AM.

II. Introduction of Guests

The COMS Director introduced guests representing the Boston Public Health Commission, Harvard University and members of the public.

III. Overview of BL3 Research and Review Process

A presentation to the public was provided by the COMS Director and the Associate Director of Biosafety, EHS. The presentation covered the following topics: Overview of COMS, NIH Guidelines, Principal Investigator responsibilities, the role of the Biosafety Officer and BL3 research.

IV. Scheduled Business: Public Question and Answer Period

The Chair opened the meeting discussion to the public by asking if there were any questions from the public attendees. There were none. The Chair reminded attendees that they may submit written comments or questions within seven (7) days following the meeting. All written comments or questions may be sent to COMSPublicMeeting@hms.harvard.edu.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19am.