



Minutes

Date Wednesday, 24/09/2025

Time 1pm

To Standing Committee

At Virtual, MS Teams

Subject AWERB Standing Committee

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In attendance: Maggie Gentry, Kate Tansley, Selina Ballantyne, Holly Bloy, Amy Warner, Amelia Phillips, Colin Windle, Rue Jones-Green, Ian Harvey, Sage Ford (observer), Oliwia Kicek (observer)

Scientists in attendance for 1a) Dr Amy Warner, **1b)** N/A & **1c)** Dr Frances Connor

Apologies: Dominic Corkill, Becca Westwood, Zoe Thomas

Minutes: Fiona Cooper

1. Project Licences

(a) New licence: Nicola Goodwin

The committee discussed the following:

- Further explanation regarding the long-term plan for the project in the Aims section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of some examples of work the animals will be used for in the Benefits section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further explanation regarding how the researcher has reached the number of animals required and why the number of animals is needed in the Reduction section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- Further detail regarding the types of models that will be generated under this licence in the Refinement section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of some case studies for the type of work the animals will be used for in the Action Plan of the Project Plan.
- Further information regarding the types of client's animals will be produced for and how the researcher will ensure the quality of the work produced in the Action Plan of the Project Plan.

The committee reviewed the application and agreed changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

(b) Amendment: Dr Davide Schiavone

The committee discussed the following:

- Further explanation regarding where animals are sourced from and why in the Project Harms section of the Non-Technical Summary.
- The inclusion of the reduction mentioned during the AWERB presentation in the Reduction section of the Non-Technical Summary.



- The inclusion of further information regarding the auditing of the supplying premises in the User of Animals section.

The committee reviewed the amendment and agreed changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

(c) New Licence: Dr Julia Becker

The committee discussed the following:

- Specific words require amending throughout the application.
- Further explanation required regarding objective four in the Action Plan in the Project Plan.
- The removal of the second paragraph if required in the Animal Experience section of Protocol 4.
- The removal of specific wording in Protocols 5 and 6 in favour of creating a separate service licence to support the work from collaborators projects.
- Consideration given to separating the final bullet point into its own optional step in step 2 of Protocol 6.
- Further information regarding specific procedures planned in step 4 of Protocol 6.
- The removal of the last sentence in the Experimental design section of Protocol 6.
- Amendment of the first sentence in the Other Considerations section.

The committee reviewed the application and agreed changes were needed before a draft is submitted to the Home Office.

2. Retrospective Reviews

(a) Dr Miguel Almeida

The committee discussed the following:

- Further clarification required in Section 3.1 and the removal of specific comments from Section 3.2 if appropriate.
- Confirmation required that specific work was non-regulated in Section 4.3.
- The removal of publications if they are not relevant in Section 4.8.

(b) Dr Elisa Galliano

The committee discussed the following:

- The inclusion of the 3Rs enquiry list in Section 3.3.
- Further information regarding whether other motivators have been explored in the new licence application.
- The committee commended the work that has gone into finding a suitable nose cone in Section 3.7.

3. Minutes of last meeting 27/08/25

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved by the committee.

4. Minutes of the AWERB Non-Reg Committee Meeting 31/07/25

The minutes were noted.



5. Minutes of the AWERB 3Rs Committee 06/08/25

The minutes were noted.

6. Matters arising from the minutes and AOB

PETA FOI response: The committee discussed the FOI request from PETA and agreed that the AWERB committee would respond.

7. List items of note

None

Date of next meeting: 29/10/2025

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