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**Research Ethics Committee:  
Biological and Environmental Safety (REC: BES) Meeting Minutes  
26 February 2026**

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**WELCOME:** Prof SL Sampson

**PRESENT:** Prof V Mavumengwana, Ms SR Matukane, Mrs N Sunday, Mrs J De Kock, Dr NJD Verhoog, Dr JH Groenewald, Mr FM October, Prof C De Beer, Dr D Rip, Dr S Groenewald, Prof SL Sampson, Prof K Storbeck, Miss K Naicker, Mrs B Thompson-Graham

**APOLOGIES:** Prof WJ Goosen, Prof SMJ Hemmings, Mr WA Beukes

**REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** 27 November 2025 – **approved**

### GENERAL MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

1. **Disposal of Biological Waste.** This item was tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

### GENERAL MATTERS:

2. **Reviewing of REC: BES quizzes.**

| Application Number | Department         | Project Title and Description   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Reviewer Redacted | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reviewer Redacted |
|--------------------|--------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. BES-2026-35392  |                    | Redacted  |                                   |                                   |
| 2. BES-2026-34977  |                    | Redacted  |                                   |                                   |
| 3. BES-2026-35288  |                    | Redacted  |                                   |                                   |
| 4. BES-2025-22780  |                    | Redacted  |                                   |                                   |
| 5. BES-2025-22781  |                    | Redacted  |                                   |                                   |
| 6. BES-2025-22183  |                    | Redacted  |                                   |                                   |
| 7. BES-2026-27394  |                    | Redacted  |                                   |                                   |
| 8. BES-2026-28523  |                    | Redacted  |                                   |                                   |
| 9. BES-2025-27987  | Biomedical Science | <p><u>Evaluation of immunomodulatory properties of short-chain fatty acids produced by the gut microbiome on alveolar macrophage function in TB patients</u></p> <p><a href="#">Progress Report Form</a></p> <p><b>Review outcome: Approved</b></p> |                                   |                                   |

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| 10. BES-<br>2026-<br>29318 |                        | <b>Redacted</b>   |  |  |
| 11. BES-<br>2026-<br>25203 | Biomedical<br>Sciences | <u>PROBe DR-TB REC:BES</u><br><br><a href="#">Progress Report Form</a><br><br><b>Review outcome: Approved</b>           |  |  |
| 12. BES-<br>2026-<br>32108 | Biomedical<br>Sciences | <u>PRESCIENT REC BES</u><br><br><a href="#">Progress Report Form</a><br><br><b>Review outcome: Approved</b>             |  |  |
| 13. BES-<br>2026-<br>29037 |                        | <b>Redacted</b>   |  |  |
| 14. BES-<br>2026-<br>35034 | Biomedical<br>Sciences | <u>RECBES POI Nemes Continuation</u><br><br><a href="#">New Application Form</a><br><br><b>Review outcome: Approved</b> |  |  |
| 15. BES-<br>2025-<br>33359 |                        | <b>Redacted</b>   |  |  |
| 16. BES-<br>2025-<br>33848 |                        | <b>Redacted</b>   |  |  |
| 17. BES-<br>2025-<br>33311 |                        | <b>Redacted</b>   |  |  |
| 18. BES-<br>2025-<br>33153 |                        | <b>Redacted</b>   |  |  |

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| 19. BES-<br>2026-<br>31552 |  | <b>Redacted</b> |  |  |
| 20. BES-<br>2025-<br>21619 |  | <b>Redacted</b> |  |  |
| 21. BES-<br>2025-<br>28868 |  | <b>Redacted</b> |  |  |
| 22. BES-<br>2025-<br>29544 |  | <b>Redacted</b> |  |  |
| 23. BES-<br>2025-<br>30581 |  | <b>Redacted</b> |  |  |

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