

ORDER

Made pursuant to s. 67(1) of the *Professional Governance Act*, S.B.C. 2018, c. 47

IN THE MATTER OF:

THE COLLEGE OF APPLIED BIOLOGISTS

and

BRANDON SEMESOCK, RPBIO #4030

Background

1. On July 4, 2025, Brandon Semesock self reported to the College of Applied Biologists that they had falsified data in May and June of 2024 to try and cut corners on a project.
2. Brandon Semesock stated that their employer terminated them for their actions.
3. On July 15, 2025, the Investigation Committee reviewed the file and authorized an investigation.

Legislation

4. Section 67 of the Professional Governance Act authorizes the Board of a regulatory body to impose limits or conditions on a registrant's practice, or suspend the registration of the registrant, without giving the registrant an opportunity to be heard, if the Board considers the action necessary in the public interest during an investigation or pending a hearing.
5. Section 32(2) of the Professional Governance Act allows the Board to authorize the Investigation Committee to exercise a power, authority or jurisdiction of the Board under the Act.
6. Section 9-1(1)(b) of the College Bylaws authorizes the Investigation Committee to make determinations under section 67 of the Professional Governance Act.

Analysis

7. Brandon Semesock admitted to falsifying data, which is a failure to comply with their obligation under section 2(1) of the College's Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct to ensure that facts and opinions used to support advice, conclusion or recommendations are accurate and are represented accurately.
8. Decision-makers rely on registrants to provide accurate information so they can make decisions in the public interest that comply with legislation, permits or authorizations. This is a core tenet of the professional reliance model.

9. It is necessary in the public interest to suspend Brandon Semesock's registration to prevent them from providing further falsified data to decision-makers while the complaint is being investigated or pending a hearing.

Order

The Investigation Committee's order is as follows:

1. Brandon Semesock's registration as an RPBio is suspended pending the resolution of the complaint.

DATED at the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, this 17th day of July, 2025.

The Investigation Committee of the College
of Applied Biologists

Per: Alexandra de Jong Westman, Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "A de Jong Westman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.