



Vancouver Island Health Authority
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HREB Membership List – October 2025

Voting Members*

Name	Date of Appointment	Highest Degree	Primary Specialty	Role	VIHA Affiliate
Boxall, Jan (Dr)	January 2024	MD	Family Medicine	Community, Scientific	N
Costello, Louise (Dr)	September 2016	PhD	Psychology	Community, Scientific	N
Fudge, Heather (Chair)	July 2018	MN	Seniors Health, Nursing Science	Community	N
Godfrey, Nelson	January 2019	JD	Law	Community, Legal	N
Hasselback, Paul (Dr)	September 2012	MD	Epidemiology, Public Health & Preventive Medicine	Scientific	N
Kesten, Cyril (Dr)	June 2023	PhD	Mental Health, Community Care	Scientific	N
Kottova, Alena (Dr)	January 2023	PhD	Cybersecurity, Physics	Community, Legal	N
Litchfield, Michael	June 2023	JD, LLM	Law, Drug and Alcohol Policy	Non-Scientific	N
Premji, Zahra (Dr)	January 2023	PhD	Chemistry, Health Research Libraries & Data	Non-Scientific	N
Schau, Torben	September 2021	MA, MPA	Health System Planning	Non-Scientific	Y
Shanner, Laura (Dr)	September 2021	PhD	Bioethics, Ethicist	Ethics	N
Turcotte, Kara (Dr)	September 2024	PhD	Psychology, First Nations Health Equity	Community, Scientific	N
Udy, Vanessa	June 2023	LLM	Indigenous Property Law	Community, Legal	N
White, Crystal	January 2011	MA	Dispute Resolution	Non-Scientific	N
Yoo, Laura	July 2024	BSc	Pharmacy	Scientific	Y

*All voting members are Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada

Alternate Member(s)

Name	Date of Appointment	Highest Degree	Primary Specialty	Role	VIHA Affiliate
Dame, Jessy	October 2025	RN, MSN	Nursing	Community, Scientific	N
Obeidat, Samer	September 2025	MA	Artificial Intelligence, Deep Learning	Scientific	N

Non-voting Members (Staff)

Name	Date of Appointment	Title
Karen Medler	September 2025	Research Ethics Board Coordinator
Joey Pearson	September 2025	Research Ethics Board Administrative Assistant

Previous update: September 2025

HREB members do not participate in the review or approval process of their own submissions.