



Vancouver Island Health Authority | Health Research Ethics Board (HREB)
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HREB Membership List – September 2025

Voting Members

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

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

Alternate Member(s)

Obeidat, Samer	He/him	March 2024	MA	Artificial Intelligence, Deep Learning	Scientific	Pending	N
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Non-Voting Members (Staff)

Name	Pronouns	Date of Appointment	Highest Degree	Primary Specialty	Title	San'yas CST or equiv.*
Karen Medler	She/her	November 2011	MA	Research Ethics, Neuroscience	Research Ethics Coordinator	Y
Joy Pearson	She/her	August 2014		Research Ethics	Research Ethics Administrative Assistant	Y

Previous update: May 2025

*San'yas Anti-Racism Indigenous Cultural Safety Training Program has been available to all board members since 2020. <https://sanyas.ca/>

**Patient Partners are recruited through the BC Patient Safety & Quality Council <https://patientvoicesbc.ca/patient-partners/>

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