

Procedures: Human Research Ethics**SOP 204 REB Office Personnel
Serving as REB Members**

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1.0 PURPOSE

This standard operating procedure (SOP) describes the duties of REB Office Personnel serving as members of the Research Ethics Board (REB).

2.0 SCOPE

This SOP pertains to REBs that review human participant research in compliance with applicable regulations and guidelines

3.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

The REB Co-Chairs, the REB Office Personnel and Organizational officials are responsible for ensuring that the requirements of this SOP are met.

The REB Co-Chairs or designee are responsible for ensuring that the Research Ethics Office Personnel serving as members have the requirements for fulfilling this role and clearly articulating all required duties associated with their duties as members of the REB.

REB Office Personnel are responsible for understanding and fulfilling their roles as REB members and as REB staff and managing real, potential or perceived conflict of interest appropriately.

The Organizational Official(s) is responsible for ensuring that the REB Office Personnel serving as members of the REB understand and execute their functions appropriately.

4.0 DEFINITIONS

See Glossary of Terms.

5.0 PROCEDURE

Each REB member's primary duty is the protection of the rights and welfare of the individual human beings who are serving as the participants of research. In order to fulfill his or her duties, REB members must be dedicated to meeting the REB's responsibilities to its research community and must be knowledgeable in the policies germane to human research participant protection. REB Office Personnel who serve as REB members must meet the same standard as other REB members (as per SOP 203).

5.1 Duties

- 5.1.1 REB Office Personnel who are designated as Board members may attend convened meetings and participate in discussions, but they shall not be counted in determining a quorum and they shall not participate in any votes;
- 5.1.2 REB Office Personnel that have been appointed to serve as REB members may perform delegated review in accordance with the delegated review procedure;
- 5.1.3 The assignment of these tasks to REB Office Personnel will be documented.

5.2 Appointment Criteria

- 5.2.1 REB Office Personnel serving as REB members shall have knowledge, experience, and training comparable to what is expected of REB members. The REB shall ensure that Office Personnel can fulfill their responsibilities as REB members independently.
- 5.2.2 To ensure the independence of REB decision making, institutional senior administrators shall not serve on the REB.

5.3 Training and Education

- 5.3.1 REB Office Personnel serving as REB members are expected to additionally follow training and education procedures for REB members in addition to any professional training requirements for organizational personnel.

5.4 Conflict of Interest

- 5.4.1 REB Office Personnel serving as REB members are additionally expected to follow conflict of interest procedures for REB members in addition to conflict of interest procedures for organizational personnel.

6.0 REFERENCES

See References.

7.0 REVISION HISTORY

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SOP 204	July 2022	YukonU version adapted from N2/CAREB SOP 204.003 (October 8, 2019) and CAREB SOP204.001 (2021)