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## HREB Membership List – April 2024

### Voting Members

Name	Pronouns	Date of Appointment	Highest Degree	Primary Specialty	Role	San'yas CST or equiv.*	Island Health Affiliate
Boxall, Janice Dr.	She/her	January 2024	MD	Family Medicine	Community, Scientific	Y	N
Costello, Louise Dr.	She/her	September 2007	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
Hansen, Vaneysa	She/her	January 2010	MSc	Speech Language Pathology	Scientific	Y	Y
Hasselback, Paul Dr.	He/him	September 2012	MD	Epidemiology, Public Health	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
Lencar, Cornel	He/him	September 2019	MA	Epidemiology, Population Health	Scientific	Y	Y
Litchfield, Michael	He/him	June 2023	JD, LLM	Law, Drug and Alcohol Policy	Community, Legal	Pending	N
Obeidat, Samer	He/him	March 2024	MA	Artificial Intelligence, Deep Learning	Scientific	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
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

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

### Non-Voting Members (Staff)

Name	Pronouns	Date of Appointment	San'yas CST or equiv.	Title
Philibert, Victoria	She/her	April 2022	Y	Research Ethics Coordinator
Jordan Beck	She/her	June 2023	Y	Research Ethics Administrative Assistant
Mary-Ellen Johnson	She/her	April 2024	Pending	Research Privacy Specialist

Previous update: March 2024

\*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/>

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