

BROCK UNIVERSITY RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD
Tuesday July 19, 2022
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Microsoft Teams

Minutes of the HREB Meeting

Attendance:

Alyssa Bax (non-voting)	Shawn Beaudette	Lori Walker (non-voting)
Kimberly Gammage	Terrance Wade	Connie Schumacher
Jennifer Matunin-Brown	Nicole Chimera	Chae Lynn Bush (non-voting)
Michelle Vine	Megan Magier	
Maureen Shantz	Jenilyn Yumol	

Regrets:

Stephen Cheung

MINUTES		
ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
1	<p>Motion to approve Agenda</p> <p>Motion to approve June Minutes</p> <p>Motion to approve June Decision Report</p> <p>Motion to move into camera</p>	<p>Motion to approve: MV Seconded: NC All in favour</p> <p>Motion to approve: SB Seconded: NC NC abstained All else in favour</p> <p>Motion to approve: TW Seconded: MS All in favour</p> <p>Motion to approve: TW Seconded: NC All in favour</p>
2	<p>New Business</p> <p>Full board review REB # 21-322 (in camera)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please see below 	<p>Motion to move out of camera: SB Seconded: NC All in favour</p>
3	<p>Discussion Items</p> <p>SOP – Microneurography procedures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All changes were discussed, and the following questions and concerns were raised: Researchers should clarify the scheduling of an individual for reoccurring instances. How is it decided if someone is fully informed of what they're consenting to? Potential participants could shadow someone or watch a video first. Changes must be generalizable to any project. For example, include that there needs to be evidence of familiarization prior to the first session (i.e., not referencing a specific video or shadowing). Does it make sense to include required training in the SOP? This may be difficult if the training is not standardized. Perhaps require evidence of appropriate training. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include frequency of adverse events (i.e., what were the incidences based on previous labs/studies?). • Require the number of attempts to be retained in records and adverse events be reported. • SOPs should include training but previously it has not included the actual training for the procedure. We should require that all current SOPs be updated with this information. • The researchers should state that there needs to be a step-by-step procedure that is submitted separately to the SOP. • We should consider if students require an anatomy or physiology course to be eligible to perform the procedure. Potentially but we don't want to make the SOP too project specific. <p>Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 Guidelines – Revised <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brock has paused the previous requirements for now and revised risk acknowledgement form. ○ The instructions for what to consider when applying and most of the previously “required” items are now mostly “suggested”. ○ Face-to face research may still require masking/vaccination on a case-by-case basis. ○ Some researchers have required that their labs keep the PPE for now. No researchers have come forward saying that they do not want to keep the measures if we've required them. ○ Confounding variables were also considered for some projects requiring the measures to be maintained. 	
4	Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 1:48 p.m.	Motion to Approve: MV Seconded: SB All in favour