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CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY (CalHHS)**

Friday, October 23, 2026
8:30 a.m.

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CPHS AGENDA

Item	Subject	Presenter
A	Welcome & Chair Updates	Catherine Hess, PhD
B	Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes Review and approval of meeting minutes from the August 7, 2026, board meeting.	Catherine Hess, PhD
C	Projects with Reported Adverse Events and/or Deviations Determine if action on projects is needed. See meeting materials for list of projects. Action	All Members
D	New Projects – Full Committee Review Required See meeting materials for list of projects. Action	All Members
E	Full Board Continuing Review. Action	All Members
F	Amendments – Full Committee Review Required See meeting materials for list of projects. Action	All Members
G	Second Review Calendar Full committee review needed on previously tabled projects. Action	Catherine Hess, PhD
H	New Projects – Expedited Review Requested Inform committee of new projects recommended for approval by expedited review. See meeting materials for list of projects.	Catherine Hess, PhD
I	Projects Requiring Continuing Review Inform committee of project continuing reviews recommended for approval by expedited review. See meeting materials for list of projects.	Catherine Hess, PhD

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J	Amendments – Projects with Revisions Approved through Expedited Review Inform committee of project amendments recommended for approval by expedited review. See meeting materials for list of projects.	Catherine Hess, PhD
K	Projects with Request for CPHS to Rely on Another IRB. None.	Catherine Hess, PhD
L	Exemption/Not Research Approvals Some projects listed may require full committee review and others are recommended for approval by expedited review. See meeting materials for list of projects.	Catherine Hess, PhD
M	Final Reports Projects listed are submitted for closure and have been recommended for approval by expedited review. See meeting materials for list of projects.	Catherine Hess, PhD
N	Proposed Revisions to CPHS Policies and Procedures • Present overview of key proposed changes to CPHS Policies and Procedures • Board and public comments and feedback on proposed CPHS Policies and Procedures	Agnieszka Rykaczewska, PhD
O	Public Comments	Catherine Hess, PhD
P	Next Meeting The next CPHS meeting is scheduled to be held on December 4, 2026.	Catherine Hess, PhD
Q	Adjournment	Catherine Hess, PhD

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