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Friday, December 4, 2026
8:30 a.m.

Zoom:
CPHS December 4, 2026, Full Committee Meeting

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CPHS AGENDA

Item	Subject	Presenter
A	**Welcome & Chair Updates** • Updates regarding Board membership and transitions • Oath of Office for Ms. Isabella Chu	**Catherine Hess, PhD**
B	**Administrator Updates** • Update on revisions to the CPHS Policy and Procedure Manual	**Agnieszka Rykaczewska, PhD**
C	**Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes** Review and approval of meeting minutes from the October 23, 2026, board meeting.	**Catherine Hess, PhD**
D	**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**
E	**New Projects – Full Committee Review Required** See meeting materials for list of projects. **Action**	**All Members**
F	**Full Board Continuing Review.** **Action**	**All Members**
G	**Amendments – Full Committee Review Required** See meeting materials for list of projects. **Action**	**All Members**
H	**Second Review Calendar** Full committee review needed on previously tabled projects. **Action**	**Catherine Hess, PhD**
I	**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**

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J	**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**
K	**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**
L	**Projects with Request for CPHS to Rely on Another IRB.** None.	**Catherine Hess, PhD**
M	**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**
N	**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**
O	**Public Comments**	**Catherine Hess, PhD**
P	**Next Meeting** The next CPHS meeting is scheduled to be held on February 5, 2026.	**Catherine Hess, PhD**
Q	**Adjournment**	**Catherine Hess, PhD**

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