

Grand Valley State University Institutional Review Board (IRB)	
Title: <i>HRRC member conflict of interest</i>	
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Related documents: <i>020: Conducting HRRC board meetings: voting</i> <i>OP-4: GV conflict of interest policy</i>	

Policy

IRB member conflicts of interest that could affect the rights and welfare of study participants must be avoided. Members of the IRB who have a conflict of interest based on the definition below, may not serve as a reviewer on proposals in which that conflict exists, nor may they participate in the discussion or IRB vote on such proposals.

1. Definition: “Conflicting interest” includes:
 - a. Participating in or supervising the research project
 - b. Holding a financial interest of \$5,000 or more in the project or project sponsor
 - c. Having a personal or fiduciary relationship to the project, its principal key personnel
 - d. Otherwise involved in a way that gives rise to a conflicting interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest

Procedures

1. An IRB member recognizing he or she has or may appear to have a conflict of interest must disclose that awareness to the IRB Chair and recuse himself or herself from reviewing any affected research protocol proposal under exempt, expedited or full board review procedures.
2. Any member having a conflicting interest in a protocol scheduled to be reviewed during a convened meeting may answer the board’s questions about the protocol or about his or her conflicting interest, but then must leave the room prior to discussion and voting on the protocol. A member who leaves the room for any reason will not be counted in the quorum for any vote that takes place while the member is out of the room.
3. Any member having a conflicting interest in a protocol reviewed under exempt or expedited review procedures must notify the Office of Research Compliance and Integrity upon receiving that review assignment and recuse himself or herself from the review.