1. PURPOSE
   1. This procedure establishes the process to take IRB minutes.
   2. This procedure begins when the meeting is called to order.
   3. This procedure ends when the minutes are finalized.
2. POLICY
   1. None
3. RESPONSIBILITY
   1. HRPP staff members carry out these procedures.
4. PROCEDURE
   1. Use the “Minutes (HRP-510)” template to record minutes.
   2. Record at the beginning of the minutes:
      1. “Members Present”: Record the following information on IRB members present at any time during the meeting and having voting status at least once during the meeting[[1]](#footnote-1):
         1. Name.
         2. Status[[2]](#footnote-2)
         3. Whether the IRB member is an alternate
         4. Whether the IRB member attended by teleconference.
      2. “Others Present”: Record the following information on individuals present at any time during the meeting who never have voting status:[[3]](#footnote-3)
         1. Name.
         2. Role
   3. Record the total number of regular members on the current IRB roster and the number of members required for quorum[[4]](#footnote-4).
   4. If IRB members are present by teleconference, indicate whether they received all pertinent material before the meeting and were able to actively and equally participate in all discussions
   5. Record the time the meeting is called to order.
   6. Record a summary of the discussion of items unrelated to the review of specific research.
   7. For each item related to specific research:
      1. Record the type of review[[5]](#footnote-5)
      2. Record relevant information about the research:
         1. Title
         2. Principal investigator
         3. IRB number
         4. IND or IDE number, if any
         5. HHS grant title and ID, if any
         6. Documents reviewed
      3. When needed for clarity, summarize previous IRB actions.
      4. If any item is not acted upon, record the reason[[6]](#footnote-6).
      5. If a consultant provided an oral report, summarize the key information provided.
      6. If there were any controverted issues (IRB members expressed a difference of opinion), summarize the issue, label as a controverted issue, and summarize the resolution, if any.
         1. If there were no controverted issues, record this.
      7. Record the motion.
         1. For a motion of “Approve” or “Conditionally Approve” related to an initial or continuing review submission record:
            1. The approval period
            2. Whether the risk is Minimal Risk or greater than Minimal Risk
            3. Any required checklist determinations along with study-specific findings supporting those determinations
            4. Any rationale for any Non-significant Risk Device or Significant Risk Device determination
         2. For a motion of “Conditionally Approve” record the IRB’s modifications required to secure approval and the reasons for those modifications.
         3. For a motion of “Defer” record the IRB’s reasons and recommendations.
         4. For a motion of “Disapprove” record the IRB’s reasons.
         5. For a motion of “Suspend” record the specific activities suspended and the IRB’s recommendations, if any.
         6. For a motion of “Lift Suspension” no other information needs to be recorded.
         7. For a motion of “Terminate” record the IRB’s reasons.
      8. Record the vote as the numbers:
         1. “For”: Voting for the motion.
         2. “Against”: Voting against the motion
         3. “Abstain”: Present for the vote, but not voting “For” or “Against”
         4. “Absent”: Not present for reasons other than a Conflicting Interest
            1. Record the names of absent members (members in attendance at the meeting, but absent from the room for the vote)
         5. “Recused”: Not present for discussion and voting due to a Conflicting Interest
            1. Record the names of recused members
         6. Non-Voting Status: Present at the meeting but not in voting status (in voting status for some items but not in voting status for all items)
            1. Record the names of members present in non-voting status
   8. Record the time the meeting is adjourned.
   9. Provide the minutes to the Meeting Chair for review and approval, and provide to the convened IRB as an information item.
   10. Provide approved minutes to the Organizational Official and the IRB members who attended the meeting.
5. REFERENCES
   1. 21 CFR §56.115(a)(2)
   2. 45 CFR §46.115(a)(2)

1. If an IRB member has non-voting status for the entire meeting, list as an “Others Present.” [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. For example: IRB chair, IRB vice-chair, scientific member, non-scientific member, unaffiliated member, pediatric experience, prisoner representative [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. This may include IRB members who are present for the meeting but never vote, consultants, non-IRB members, HRPP staff, etc. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. The whole number greater than one-half of the number of regular members [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. For example: Initial, continuing, modification, Unanticipated Problem Involving Risks to Subjects or Others, Serious Noncompliance, Continuing Noncompliance, Suspension of IRB Approval, Termination of IRB Approval, study, site [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. For example: Loss of all non-scientific members, missing expertise, meeting ended early due to fire alarm [↑](#footnote-ref-6)