

Department: UAMS Institutional Review Board
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Section: Committee Membership
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SUBJECT: Quorum

Except when an expedited or exempt review procedure is used, the IRB Committee may only review proposed research only at convened meetings at which a majority of the voting members of the IRB Committee are present, including at least one member whose primary interests are in nonscientific areas [45CFR46.108(b); 21CFR56.108(c); 38CFR16.108(b)].

The chair counts toward the quorum.

No official actions may be taken at a meeting where a majority of the members are not present.

Failure of Quorum During Meeting. Should the quorum fail during a meeting (e.g., those with conflicts being excused, early departures, loss of a non-scientist), the meeting should be terminated from further votes until the quorum can be restored.