



**College of Optometrists of Ontario
Council Meeting
August 14, 2019 - Teleconference
APPROVED**

DATE, 2019

Attendance:

Dr. P. Hemami, President
Dr. Linda Chan
Ms. Maureen Chesney
Dr. Lisa Christian
Dr. Bill Chisholm
Ms. Winona Hutchinson
Mr. Bashar Kassir

Mr. Hsien Ping (Albert) Liang
Dr. Annie Micucci
Dr. Kamy Morcos
Dr. Christopher Nicol
Dr. Areef Nurani
Ms. Ellen Pekilis
Mr. Narendra Shah
Mr. John Van Bastelaar

Regrets:

Dr. Richard Kniaziew, Vice President
Dr. Patrick Quaid, Treasurer
Mr. Howard Kennedy

Staff:

Ms. Maureen Boon, Registrar
Ms. Amber Lepage-Monette
Ms. Hanan Jibry

- 1 **1. Call to Order:** P. Hemami called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone, including
2 guests, to the meeting. A. Lepage-Monette performed a roll call; all Council members were present
3 except R. Kniaziew, P. Quaid and H. Kennedy.
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6 **2. Adoption of the Agenda:** A draft agenda was circulated prior to the meeting.
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8 **a. Conflicts of Interest:** P. Hemami asked Council members if anyone had a conflict of interest with any
9 item on the day's agenda. No conflicts were declared.
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11 A. Liang asked that an item be added to the agenda regarding a staffing update.
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13 Moved by A. Liang and seconded by K. Morcos **to adopt the agenda.**

Motion carried

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19 **3. OEBC Modernization Proposal**

20 P. Hemami provided a brief update to Council: following the motion passed at the June Council meeting
21 to have Touchstone Institute develop a competency profile, P. Hemami sent OEBC a proposal
22 recommending that OEBC work with Touchstone to use the competency profile to create a new entry-
23 to-practice exam.

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25 Council discussed the proposal sent to OEBC, the need for a new, bilingual exam, as well as the
26 importance of having regulators across Canada support a new national exam. Council also discussed
27 next steps and when a response to the proposal was expected.

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29 The proposal had requested feedback ahead of the September Council meeting, with the intention that
30 Council could discuss OEBC's decision at that time.

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32 **4. New Item – Personnel/Staffing**

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34 A. Liang asked for Council to be updated regarding recent changes to College staff.

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36 M. Boon confirmed that the College has hired a new Manager, Finance and Office Administration; that
37 the role of Investigator, Complaints and Investigations has been filled internally; and a temporary staff
38 person is currently filling in at the front desk.

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40 M. Boon confirmed she would send an email to Council regarding new staff.

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43 **IN CAMERA SESSION:** In accordance with Section 7(1.1) of the *Health Professions Procedural Code*
44 (*HPPC*), Council will go in camera under Section 7(2)(b) whereby financial, personal or other matters
45 may be disclosed of such a nature that the harm created by the disclosure would outweigh the
46 desirability of adhering to the principle that meetings be open to the public and personnel matters or
47 property acquisitions will be discussed.

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49 Moved by A. Liang and seconded by J. Van Bastelaar **to have the meeting to in camera.**

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Motion carried

52 *Guests left the meeting*

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Moved by B. Chisholm and seconded by K. Morcos **to go out of camera.**

Motion carried

M. Boon clarified a technical item: the reason the meeting went into camera was originally misstated. The section written in the agenda (section 7(2)(b)) is correct, however, it was noted verbally earlier in the meeting as the section related to personnel.

5. Dates of Upcoming Council Meetings

- Friday September 27, 2019
- Friday January 17, 2020
- Monday April 20, 2020
- Thursday June 25, 2020

6. Adjournment: Moved by B. Chisholm and seconded by A. Micucci **to adjourn the meeting at 1:11 p.m.**

Motion carried