



**College of Optometrists of Ontario  
Council Meeting  
January 21, 2022**

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**Attendance:**

Ms. Suzanne Allen  
Ms. Kathryn Biondi  
Dr. Lisa Christian  
Mr. Ravnit Dhaliwal  
Dr. Mark Eltis  
Dr. Camy Grewal  
Mr. Pooya Hemami  
Mr. Bashar Kassir  
Mr. Howard Kennedy

Dr. Richard Kniaziew  
Dr. Lindy Mackey  
Mr. Dino Mastronardi  
Dr. Areef Nurani  
Mr. Narendra Shah  
Mr. Toye Soile  
Dr. William Ulakovic  
Mr. Andre Tilban-Rios  
Dr. Abraham Yuen

**Guests:**

Dr. Patrick Quaid (Past President)  
Ms. Julia Martin

**Staff:**

Mr. Joe Jamieson  
Mr. Chad Andrews  
Mr. Edward Cho  
Ms. Hanan Jibry

- 1 **1. Call to Order/Attendance:** P. Quaid called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.  
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3 P. Quaid welcomed Toye Soile, the College's newest public member, to Council.  
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5 **2. Adoption of the Agenda:** A draft agenda was circulated prior to the meeting.  
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7 B. Kassir questioned the legality about the number of members that were present on the call (on his  
8 count, there was one extra with P. Quaid's attendance), as well as the presence of any members serving  
9 for 9 years or more, which is the term limit for sitting on Council.  
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11 P. Quaid referred the issue to J. Jamieson, who stated notwithstanding P. Quaid's presence, everyone  
12 present was elected to Council.  
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14 P. Hemami stated that as it is a transition meeting, with P. Quaid attending as a transition member and  
15 not a voting one, there should not be an issue.  
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17 J. Martin, the College’s legal counsel, proposed a 15-minute break to fully understand and address the  
18 issue. Upon returning, her recommendation is that Council moves in-camera to receive her legal opinion  
19 on the matter.

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21 J. Jamieson requested to follow the advice of J. Martin and take a break with attending College staff as  
22 well as K. Biondi.

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24 J. Martin, K. Biondi, and staff move to breakout room.

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26 Council returns at 9:38 a.m.

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28 *Moved by R. Kniazew and seconded by C. Grewal to **move into camera to receive legal advice.***

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**Motion carried**

30 Council moves in-camera.

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60 *Moved by K. Biondi and seconded by P. Hemami **to have the meeting go out of camera.***

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62 Council returns at 9:45 a.m. and decides to proceed with the meeting. Regarding the number of  
63 members, those present for the meeting as full Council members with voting rights are within the

64 guidelines specified by the *Optometry Act, 1991, SO 1991*—specifically, 9 elected members and 1  
65 additional elected member from the University of Waterloo. P. Quaid is attending only as a guest to  
66 “hand-off” the duties and responsibilities of President to the member who is elected in this role for  
67 2022.

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69 **2a. Conflict of Interest Declaration:** P. Quaid asked Council members if anyone has a conflict of interest  
70 with any items on the day’s agenda.

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72 No conflicts of interest were declared.

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74 *Moved by S. Allen and seconded by M. Eltis to **adopt the agenda.***

**Motion carried**

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77 **3. Election of Officers for 2022 Council Year**

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79 J. Jamieson introduced the election and delegated the responsibility of overseeing and moderating the  
80 process to C. Andrews.

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82 **3a. An updated list of self-nominations to the Executive Committee for 2022 was circulated to**  
83 **members before the meeting.**

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85 **3b.** In line with the Executive Committee terms of reference, which were shared with Council, C. Andrews  
86 highlighted the five positions that will be voted on in sequence, beginning with President and then  
87 moving to Vice-President, Chair of the Governance-HR Committee, Chair of the Audit/Finance/Risk  
88 Committee, and Member-at-Large. He also reminded the group that, due to the ability of members to  
89 self-nominate for multiple positions, the ballot for any given position will depend on the member  
90 elected in the previous position (for instance, the election result for President may have an impact on  
91 the ballot for Vice-President).

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93 President:

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95 W. Ulakovic withdrew his name from the ballot for President.

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97 C. Andrews announced that, as a result, **A. Nurani is acclaimed as President.**

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99 Vice-President:

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101 M. Eltis withdrew his name from the ballot for Vice-President.

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103 C. Andrews announced that, as a result, **W. Ulakovic is acclaimed as Vice-President.**

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105 Chair of the Governance-HR Committee:

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107 P. Hemami noted that he withdrew his name from the candidacy for Governance/HR Chair prior to  
108 council meeting.

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110 K. Biondi and C. Grewal each presented their candidacy to Council.

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112 M. Eltis withdrew his name from the ballot for Chair of the Governance-HR Committee.

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114 C. Andrews announced that **Dr. C. Grewal is elected to the position of Chair of the Governance-HR**  
115 **Committee.**

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117 Chair of the Audit/Finance/Risk Committee:

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119 C. Andrews announced, due to the Executive Committee having reached its limit of professional  
120 members (which is three), **H. Kennedy is acclaimed as Chair of the Audit/Risk/Finance Committee.**

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122 **Member-at-Large:**

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124 C. Andrews announced that **S. Allen is acclaimed as Member-at-Large.**

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126 C. Andrews thanked all candidates for submitting their names and participating in the election,  
127 congratulating those who were elected to positions on the Executive Committee for 2022.

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129 J. Jamieson thanked E. Cho and C. Andrews for their work with the election, and congratulated the  
130 elected officers.

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#### 132 **4. Motions Brought Forward by Committees**

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##### 134 **4a. Appointment of the Committee Chairs and Committee Members**

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136 A. Nurani asked to move the Governance-HR Committee into a break-out room to finalize the  
137 committee slates based on the Executive election results.

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139 Council Reconvened at 10:57a.m.

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141 K. Biondi presented a PowerPoint presentation that reflected the proposed slate of members for the  
142 College's committees in 2022.

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144 Council had no questions regarding the proposed slate.

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146 *Moved by K. Biondi and seconded by R. Kniaziew to approve the proposed committee membership for*  
147 **2022 as set out by the Governance-HR Committee.**

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**Motion carried**

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#### 150 **5. Dates of Upcoming Council Events and Meetings**

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152 J. Jamieson provided updates on future Council events as shown on the agenda.

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154 **6. Adjournment**

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156 *Moved by M. Eltis and seconded by N. Shah to **adjourn the meeting at 11:14 a.m.***