COLLEGE OF
OPTOMETRISTS
OF ONTARIO

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026
AT 7:00 P.M.

(PUBLIC INVITED TO ATTEND ONLINE)

VIRTUAL MEETING

COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRISTS OF ONTARIO

Council Agenda

Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 | 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Agenda Item	Item Lead	Time (mins)	Action Required	Page No.
1. Call to Order/Attendance b. Virtual Land Acknowledgement c. Public Interest Statement	M. Eltis	2	Decision	
2. Adopt the Agenda a. Conflict of Interest Declaration	M. Eltis	2	Decision	
3. Motions Brought Forward from Committees a. Executive Committee i. Governance Issue	M. Eltis	75	Decision	
In Camera Session: Legal Advice • Section 7(2)(b)&(e) of the *Health Professions Procedural Code*, which is Schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*				
4. Adjournment – approximately 8:30 p.m.	M. Eltis	2	Decision	

1 - 4 / INTRODUCTION & MOTIONS

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    a. Land Acknowledgement
    b. Public Interest Statement

2. Adopt the Agenda
    a. Conflict of Interest Declaration

3. Motions Brought Forward from Committees
    a. Executive Committee
        i. Governance Issue

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Executive Committee – BRIEFING NOTE

Special Council Meeting – September 16, 2026

Subject

Complaint about a member of Council

Background

The Executive Committee received a complaint from a Council member regarding another Council member. After reviewing the complaint, the Committee exercised Bylaw 9.03(3) to temporarily suspend the Subject Member. Since receiving the complaint, the Committee has met five times and, within Executive Session (in camera during an Executive Committee meeting), received legal counsel regarding the matter, considered responses from the Subject Member, and developed a preliminary finding of the facts.

Following section 9.03 of the College Bylaws, the Executive Committee reached consensus to refer the matter to Council.

Considerations

- Complaint letter and Subject Member responses, as well as additional materials, as provided by legal counsel (found in the remainder of this meeting package)

- With regard to managing complaints and possible sanctions, Council should consider the process, as outlined in the College Bylaws, and what falls within its mandate

Motion

The Executive Committee moves to have Council consider the matter as described above and proceed in accordance with section 9.03 of the College Bylaws.

Decision(s) for Council

According to section 9.03(1) of the Bylaws:

(f) Council shall:

(i) advise the Subject Member and the individual who brought the matter to the Executive Committee's attention:

(A) that the matter has been referred to Council; and

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(B) of their opportunity to make submissions in the manner determined by Council;

(ii) conduct an investigation, if necessary; and

(iii) by Special Resolution make a finding of fact and, in writing, report those findings and its reasoning to the Subject Member, and, depending on the circumstances, the individual who brought the matter to the Executive Committee's attention;

(g) Council may then, based on a Special Resolution, either:

(i) sanction the Subject Member (which may include the disqualification, or the request to disqualify the Subject Member); or

(ii) dismiss the allegations against the Subject Member.

Public Interest Mandate

Ensuring that Council members fulfill their duties and adhere to the roles and regulations outlined in the College Bylaws.

Contact

- Joe Jamieson, Registrar and CEO

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College of Optometrists of Ontario
Special Council Meeting
DRAFT – August 4, 2026

Attendance:
Dr. Mark Eltis, President
Dr. Lisa Christian, Vice-President
Ms. Suzanne Allen
Dr. Camy Grewal
Mr. Pooya Hemami
Ms. Christine terSteege
Mr. Robert Merrick
Dr. Wes McCann
Dr. Patrick Quaid
Mr. Narendra Shah
Mr. Toye Soile
Mr. Andre Tilban-Rios
Dr. Pamela Schmitz
Dr. Abraham Yuen

Regrets:
Ms. Esther Jooda
Dr. Kamy Morcos

Staff:
Mr. Joe Jamieson, Registrar & CEO
Mr. Edward Cho
Ms. Bonny Wong
Ms. Hanan Jibry, Deputy Registrar
Ms. Debbie Lim
Ms. Adrita Shah Noor

Guests:
Mr. Lonny Rosen, Legal Counsel

1. Call to Order/Attendance: Dr. Eltis called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda: A draft agenda was circulated prior to the meeting.

2a. Conflict of Interest Declaration: Dr. Eltis asked Council members if anyone has a conflict of interest to declare. No conflicts of interest were declared.

3. Motions Brought Forward from Committees

a) Executive Committee

i. Governance Issue

Moved by Ms. Allen and seconded by Mr. Tilban-Rios ***to move in-camera.***

Motion carried

IN CAMERA Session: Legal Advice
In accordance with Section 7(2)(b) & (e) of the Health Professions Procedural Code, which is Schedule 2 to the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, Council went in camera to receive legal advice.

Council went in-camera at 8:09 p.m.

Moved by Dr. Quaid and seconded by Dr. McCann ***to exit in-camera.***

Motion carried

Council went out of in-camera at 9:52 p.m.

Dr. Eltis reported that Council deliberated the governance matter.

4. Adjournment: *Moved by Ms. Allen and seconded by Dr. Yuen* ***to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 p.m.***

All in favour

Motion carried