



**College of Optometrists of Ontario
Council Meeting
December 9, 2022**

Attendance:

Dr. Areef Nurani, President
Dr. William Ulakovic, Vice President
Ms. Suzanne Allen
Ms. Kathryn Biondi
Dr. Lisa Christian
Dr. Mark Eltis
Dr. Camy Grewal
Dr. Pooya Hemami
Ms. Lisa Holland

Mr. Bashar Kassir
Mr. Howard Kennedy
Dr. Richard Kniaziew
Dr. Lindy Mackey
Dr. Dino Mastronardi
Mr. Narendra Shah
Mr. Olutoye Soile
Mr. Andre Tilban-Rios
Dr. Abraham Yuen

Staff:

Mr. Joe Jamieson, Registrar & CEO
Ms. Hanan Jibry, Deputy Registrar
Mr. Chad Andrews
Mr. Edward Cho

Ms. Jaslin Facey
Ms. Debbie Lim
Ms. Adrita Shah Noor
Ms. Shelby Sargo

Guest:

Ms. Julia Martin, legal counsel

- 1 **1. Call to Order/Attendance:** Dr. Nurani called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.
- 2 Dr. Nurani read the land acknowledgement and public interest statement.
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- 4 **2. Adoption of the Agenda:** A draft agenda was circulated prior to the meeting.
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- 6 *Moved by Dr. Eltis and seconded by Dr. Yuen to **adopt the agenda.***
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- 8 Dr. Hemami requested to add two items to the agenda including the completeness of the public access
- 9 video recording of the September 16 Council meeting, and stakeholder relations. He noted that both
- 10 items may be required to go in-camera.
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- 12 Dr. Christian requested to withdraw CPP's second motion, OPR 7.2 Patients with Glaucoma.
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- 14 Dr. Nurani called for a vote to withdraw the motion. All voted in favour of additions.
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- 16 Dr. Nurani called for a vote to adopt the amended agenda. All voted in favour to adopt the amended
- 17 agenda.

18 **Motion carried**

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20 **2a. Conflict of Interest Declaration:** Dr. Nurani asked Council members if anyone has a conflict of
21 interest with any item on the day’s agenda. None were declared.

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23 **3. Committee Updates:** The Committee Chairs presented updates on their respective committees.

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25 **4. Consent Agenda:** A draft consent agenda was circulated prior to the meeting. The following items
26 were included in the consent agenda:

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28 PART 1 - Minutes of Prior Council Meetings
29 a. September 16, 2022
30 b. Motions and Action Items Arising from the Minutes
31 PART 2 - Reports
32 b. Committee Reports
33 i. Executive Committee
34 ii. Patient Relations
35 iii. Quality Assurance:
36 A. QA Panel
37 B. CP Panel
38 iv. ICRC
39 v. Registration
40 vi. Governance/HR Committee
41 vii. Audit/Finance/Risk Committee

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44 Council discussed the Council elections that occurred in the fall, as well as the Office of the Fairness
45 Commissioner’s Report.

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47 *Moved by Dr. Kniaziew and seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adopt the consent agenda.*

48 **Motion carried**

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50 **5. Registrar’s Report**

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52 Mr. Jamieson presented the Registrar’s Report, which touched on regulatory modernization, staff
53 stabilization, and portfolio updates from the past year.

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55 Council expressed concern over the decrease in the number of registrations and discussed possible
56 reasons behind the decrease.

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58 Council adjourned for a break at 10:30 a.m.

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60 Council resumed at 10:46 a.m.

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62 **6. Motions Brought Forward from Committees**

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64 **a) Clinical Practice Panel**

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66 **ii. Proposed amendments to OPR 7.9 Patients with Learning Disability**

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68 Dr. Christian presented the motion for the Proposed amendments to OPR 7.9 Patients with Learning
69 Disability.

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71 *Moved by Mr. Kassir and seconded by Dr. Grewal to approve the proposed amendments to OPR 7.9*
72 *Patients with Learning Disability.*

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Motion carried

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75 **iii. Proposed amendments to OPR 7.10 Orthokeratology and new standard on Myopia Management**
76 **OPR 7.14**

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78 Dr. Christian presented the motion for the Proposed amendments to OPR 7.10 Orthokeratology and new
79 standard on Myopia Management OPR 7.14.

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81 *Moved by Dr. Eltis and seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve Proposed amendments to OPR 7.10*
82 *Orthokeratology and new standard on Myopia Management OPR 7.14.*

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84 Council discussed the language that the proposed amendment uses, and where the change stemmed
85 from.

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Motion carried

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88 **7. DEI Presentation**

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90 Dr. Chase Everett McMurren delivered a presentation on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

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92 Council adjourned for lunch at 12:30 p.m.

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94 Council returned from lunch at 1:31 p.m.

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96 **8. Motions Brought Forward from Committees continued**

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98 **a. Audit/Finance/Risk Committee**

99 **i. Revised Honoraria and Expense Policy and Claim Form**

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101 Mr. Kennedy presented the motion for the Revised Honoraria and Expense Policy and Claim Form.

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103 *Moved by Mr. Kennedy and seconded by Dr. Eltis to approve the Revised Honoraria and Expense Policy*
104 *and Claim Form.*

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Motion carried

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107 **ii. Draft budget and proposed reserve funds for the year 2023**

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109 Mr. Kennedy presented the motion for the Draft budget and proposed reserved funds for the year 2023.

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111 *Moved by Dr. Eltis and seconded by Dr. Grewal to **approve the Draft budget and proposed reserved***
112 ***funds for the year 2023.***

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114 Council discussed the motion and asked several questions about the budget and the proposed reserved
115 funds.

Motion carried

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118 **iii. Revised allocation of restricted funds**

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120 Mr. Kennedy presented the motion for revised allocation of restricted funds.

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122 *Moved by Dr. Kniaziew and seconded by Dr. Ulakovic to **approve the revised allocation of restricted***
123 ***funds.***

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125 Council discussed the allocation of the restricted funds and after inquiring about several items with Ms.
126 Lim, were satisfied with the motion.

Motion carried

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129 **9. Recognition of Dr. Lindy Mackey**

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131 Dr. Nurani presented Dr. Mackey with a certificate of recognition to acknowledge the end of her term as
132 a Council member.

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134 **Other Items**

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136 Dr. Hemami requested for the meeting to go in camera.

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138 **IN CAMERA Session: Legal Opinion**

139 In accordance with 7 (1.1) of the Health Professions Procedural Code (HPPC), Council will go in camera
140 under Section 7(2)(e) of the HPPC, which is Schedule 2 to the Regulated Health Professions Act to
141 receive a legal opinion.

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143 *Moved by Dr. Hemami and seconded by Dr. Kniaziew to **move into camera to receive legal advice.***

Motion carried

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Council moved **out of camera at 2:59 p.m.**

Dr. Nurani stated Council had moved in-camera to receive legal advice, and they were now out of camera. Dr. Nurani discussed the upcoming Council orientation and made closing remarks.

10. Dates of Upcoming Council Meetings

- a. Friday, January 20, 2023
- b. Friday, March 31, 2023
- c. Friday, June 23, 2023
- d. Friday, September 15, 2023
- e. Friday, December 8, 2023

11. List of Acronyms

12. Governance Guide: Robert’s Rules

13. Adjournment: *Moved by Dr. Kniaziew and seconded by Mr. Kennedy to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m.*

Motion carried