



**College of Optometrists of Ontario
Council Meeting
January 10, 2025**

Attendance:

Ms. Suzanne Allen
Dr. Lisa Christian
Dr. Mark Eltis
Dr. Camy Grewal
Mr. Pooya Hemami
Ms. Lisa Holland
Ms. Esther Jooda
Mr. Howard Kennedy

Dr. Wes McCann
Dr. Kamy Morcos
Dr. Thomas Noël
Dr. Patrick Quaid
Mr. Narendra Shah
Mr. Toye Soile
Mr. Andre Tilban-Rios
Dr. William Ulakovic
Dr. Abraham Yuen

Staff:

Mr. Joe Jamieson, Registrar & CEO
Mr. Chad Andrews
Mr. Edward Cho
Ms. Jaslin Facey

Ms. Hanan Jibry, Deputy Registrar
Ms. Debbie Lim
Ms. Adrita Shah Noor
Ms. Bonny Wong

Guests:

Ms. Julia Martin, Legal Counsel

- 1 **1. Call to Order/Attendance:** Dr. Eltis called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
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3 **2. Adoption of the Agenda:** A draft agenda was circulated prior to the meeting.
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5 **2a. Conflict of Interest Declaration:** Dr. Eltis asked Council members if anyone has a conflict of interest
6 with any items on the day's agenda.
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8 No conflicts of interest were declared.
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10 *Moved by Ms. Jooda and seconded by Dr. Hemami to **adopt the agenda.***
11 **Motion carried**
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13 Mr. Jamieson delegated the responsibility of overseeing and moderating the process to Mr. Andrews.
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15 **3. Election of the Officers for 2024 Council year**
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17 In line with the Executive Committee terms of reference, which were shared with Council, Mr. Andrews
18 reminded Council that according to the by-laws, there are no self-nominations from the floor.
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20 President:

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22 Dr. Eltis was acclaimed for the role of **President**.

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24 Vice-President:

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26 Dr. Grewal and Dr. Yuen each presented their candidacy to Council.

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28 Following anonymous electronic voting, Mr. Andrews announced that **Dr. Abraham Yuen was elected to**
29 **the position of Vice-President**.

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31 Chair of the Governance-HR Committee:

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33 Dr. Christian and Ms. Jooda each presented their candidacy to Council.

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35 Following anonymous electronic voting, Mr. Andrews announced that **Dr. Christian is elected to the**
36 **position of Chair of the Governance-HR Committee**.

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38 Chair of the Audit/Finance/Risk Committee:

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40 Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Shah each presented their candidacy to Council.

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42 Following anonymous electronic voting, Mr. Andrews announced **Mr. Shah was elected to the position**
43 **of Chair of the Audit/Risk/Finance Committee**.

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45 Member-at-Large:

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47 Ms. Jooda and Mr. Kennedy each presented their candidacy to Council.

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49 Following anonymous electronic voting, Mr. Andrews announced that Mr. Kennedy **was elected to the**
50 **position of Member-at-Large**.

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52 Mr. Andrews thanked all candidates for submitting their names and participating in the election, and
53 congratulated those who were elected to positions on the Executive Committee for 2025.

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55 **4. Motions Brought Forward by Committees**

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57 **a. Governance/HR**

58 **i. Appointment of the Committee Chairs and Committee Members**

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60 The Governance-HR Committee moved into a break-out room to finalize the committee compositions
61 based on the Executive election results.

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63 Council took a break at 9:35 a.m.

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Council reconvened at 10:10 a.m.

Dr. Christian presented a PowerPoint presentation that reflected the proposed committee compositions for 2025.

Moved by Ms. Jooda and seconded by Dr. Quaid to approve the proposed committee compositions for 2025 as set out by the Governance-HR Committee.

Motion carried

5. Upcoming Council Meetings

6. Adjournment

Moved by Ms. Allen and seconded by Mr. Soile to adjourn the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Motion carried