



**College of Optometrists of Ontario
Council Meeting
March 23, 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

Guests:

Ms. Julia Martin, Legal Counsel

1 **1. Call to Order/Attendance:** Dr. Nurani called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

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3 Dr. Nurani welcomed Lisa Holland to Council as the newest public appointee.

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

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7 It was noted there will be an additional motion from the Quality Assurance Sub Committee.

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9 *Moved by Dr. Eltis and seconded by Dr. Grewal to **adopt the agenda.***

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Motion carried

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12 **2a. Conflict of Interest Declaration:** Dr. Nurani asked Council members if anyone has a conflict of
13 interest with any item on the day's agenda. None were declared.

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16 **3. Consent Agenda:** A draft consent agenda was circulated prior to the meeting. The following items
17 were included in the consent agenda:

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19 PART 1 - Minutes of Prior Council Meetings

20 a. November 26, 2021

21 b. December 9, 2021

22 c. January 21, 2022

23 d. Motions and Actions Items Arising from the Minutes

24 PART 2 - Reports

25 b. Committee Reports

26 i. Executive Committee

27 ii. Patient Relations

28 iii. Quality Assurance:

29 A. QA Panel

30 B. CP Panel

31 C. QA Subcommittee

32 iv. ICRC

33 v. Registration

34 vi. Discipline

35 vii. Governance/HR Committee

36 viii. Audit/Finance/Risk Committee

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38 *Moved by Dr. Kniaziew and Dr. Eltis to **adopt the consent agenda.***

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**1 Abstention
(1 public member)
Motion carried**

43 Several Council members wished to discuss items from the consent agenda, including the December
44 minutes, the Executive Committee report and the Audit/Finance/Risk committee report.

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46 Mr. Kassir pulled out the December minutes and requested his title at the time, 'Vice-President', be
47 included in the attendance beside his name. Beginning on line 36 in reference to the meeting with Ms.
48 Henry, Mr. Kassir requested that his questions be stated in the same manner as the Registrar's
49 questions, and for Ms. Henry's responses to be stated as well.

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51 Council discussed the Executive Committee Report and inquired about the proposal of modernization.
52 Dr. Nurani explained the proposal that came from the Ministry of Health. He then summarized the
53 College's response.

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55 Dr. Kniaziew inquired about the requested legal opinion regarding the discussion of rent payment in
56 conjunction with optical companies to cover chair cost. Mr. Jamieson stated there was no request for a
57 legal opinion, but a request to follow up so Ms. Martin was not consulted. Mr. Jamieson explained the
58 discussions that have been happening with OAO and touched on the conflict of interest that is present
59 when navigating this topic.

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61 Dr. Hemami asked about the investment policy regarding the AFR committee and protecting the power

62 of purchasing. Mr. Kennedy clarified by saying there was discussion about the topic but there was a
63 concern about the stability of the market at that time. Mr. Jamieson reminded Council that the College
64 was considered a not for profit and therefore had the responsibility to not take financial risks and
65 focuses on protecting against losses. The current policy is owned by the Audit/Finance/Risk Committee
66 and was approved by Council. It is up to the Audit/Finance/Risk committee to debate if they want to
67 review it or keep it as is.

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69 **4. Registrar’s Report**

70 Mr. Jamieson presented the Registrar’s report.

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72 Staff provided updates on investigations, quality assurance and registration, and CPMF.

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74 Council took a 10-minute break and resumed at 10:31 a.m.

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76 Council discussed the Governance Reform and Modernization that is proposed by the Ministry of Health
77 and inquired about suitability to practice, barriers to students taking the jurisprudence exam, and the
78 CPMF report.

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80 **5. Motions Brought Forward from Committees**

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82 **a) Clinical Practice Panel**

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84 Dr. Christian presented the motion to approve Evaluating Access to Eyecare in Ontario.

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86 *Moved by Dr. Knaiziew and seconded by Mr. Kassir to **approve Evaluating Access to Eyecare in Ontario.***

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Motion carried

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89 **b) Governance/HR:**

90 **i. Role of Committees Policy**

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92 Dr. Grewal presented the motion to establish and implement the Role of Committees policy.

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94 *Moved by Dr. Knaiziew seconded by Dr. Eltis to **accept the motion to establish and implement the Role***
95 ***of Committees policy.***

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Motion carried

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100 **ii. Governance/HR: Role of Committee Chairs Policy**

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102 Dr. Grewal presented the motion to establish and implement the Role of Committee Chairs policy.

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104 *Moved by Dr. Knaiziew and seconded by Dr. Eltis to **establish and implement the Role of Committee***
105 ***Chairs policy.***

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Motion carried

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109 **iii. Governance/HR: Conflict of Interest Policy**

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111 Dr. Grewal presented the motion to approve the recommended changes to sections 9.03(1a) and 9.03(3)
112 of the College By-laws.

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114 *Moved by Dr. Eltis and seconded by Dr. Hemami to approve the recommended changes to sections*
115 *9.03(1a) and 9.03(3) of the College By-laws.*

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Motion carried

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119 **c) QA Panel: Revise the Random Selection Criteria Policy**

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121 Dr. Eltis presented the motion for approval of revisions to the Random Selection Criteria Policy and
122 practice assessment protocol for 2022.

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124 *Moved by Dr. Hemami and seconded by Dr. Ulakovic to accept the revisions to the Random Selection*
125 *Criteria Policy and practice assessment protocol for 2022.*

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Motion carried

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129 Council discussed the possibility of furthering the reduction in files from 12 to 10.

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131 *Moved by Dr. Grewal and seconded by Dr. Ulakovic to amend the original number of files from 12 to 10.*

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Motion carried

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135 **d) QA Panel: Dissolution of the Quality Assurance Sub Committee**

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137 Dr. Eltis presented the motion for the Quality Assurance Committee to take over the work of the Quality
138 Assurance Sub Committee and dissolve the Sub Committee.

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140 *Moved by Dr. Grewal and seconded by Dr. Mastronardi to dissolve the Quality Assurance Sub*
141 *Committee.*

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Motion carried

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145 **e) Executive Committee: Approval of the 2021 CPMF Report**

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147 Dr. Nurani presented the motion for approval of the 2021 CPMF Report.

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149 *Moved by Dr. Kniaziew and seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve the 2021 CPMF Report.*

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Motion carried

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153 **6. List of Acronyms**

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155 **7. Dates of Upcoming Council Meetings**

156 Dr. Nurani discussed the next Council meetings.

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158 **9. Adjournment:** Moved by Dr. Eltis and seconded by Dr. Grewal to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

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Motion carried