



**College of Optometrists of Ontario
Council Meeting
March 31, 2023**

Attendance:

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| Dr. Mark Eltis, President | Dr. Dino Mastronardi |
| Dr. Pooya Hemami, Vice President | Dr. Kamy Morcos |
| Ms. Suzanne Allen | Dr. Areef Nurani |
| Dr. Lisa Christian | Mr. Narendra Shah |
| Dr. Camy Grewal | Mr. Olutoye Soile |
| Ms. Lisa Holland | Mr. Andre Tilban-Rios |
| Mr. Bashar Kassir | Dr. William Ulakovic |
| Mr. Howard Kennedy | Dr. Abraham Yuen |
| Dr. Richard Kniaziew | |

Staff:

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| Mr. Joe Jamieson, Registrar & CEO | Ms. Jaslin Facey |
| Ms. Hanan Jibry, Deputy Registrar | Ms. Debbie Lim |
| Mr. Chad Andrews | Ms. Adrita Shah Noor |
| Mr. Edward Cho | Ms. Shelby Sargo |

Guest:

Ms. Julia Martin, legal counsel

- 1 **1. Call to Order/Attendance:** Dr. Eltis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2 Dr. Eltis 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. Yuen and seconded by Dr. Grewal to **adopt the agenda.***
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8 Dr. Nurani mentioned a potential conflict of interest with a council member.
9 **Motion carried**
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11 **2a. Conflict of Interest Declaration:** Dr. Eltis asked Council members if anyone has a conflict of interest
12 with any item on the day's agenda.
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14 **3. Recognition of Kathy Biondi**
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16 Dr. Eltis presented Ms. Biondi with a certificate of recognition to acknowledge the end of her term as a
17 Council member.
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19 **4. DEI Presentation**

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21 Ms. Lorin MacDonald presented on accessibility.

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23 Dr. Nurani made a point of inquiry regarding the positions of Council members outside of the College
24 and potential conflicts of interest.

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26 Mr. Jamieson responded that neutrality is important to uphold and stated that legal counsel would be
27 consulted regarding the point of inquiry.

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29 **5. Committee Updates:** The Committee Chairs presented updates on their respective committees.

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31 **6. Consent Agenda:** A draft consent agenda was circulated prior to the meeting. The following items
32 were included in the consent agenda:

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34 PART 1 - Minutes of Prior Council Meetings

35 a. December 9, 2022

36 b. January 20, 2023

37 c. March 2, 2023

38 d. Motions and Action Items Arising from the Minutes

39 PART 2 - Reports

40 b. Committee Reports

41 i. Executive

42 ii. Patient Relations

43 iii. Quality Assurance:

44 iv. ICRC

45 v. Registration

46 vi. Governance/HR Committee

47 vii. Audit/Finance/Risk Committee

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49 Council discussed several items in the consent agenda, including committee meeting formats, the terms
50 of reference for President and Vice President, and specializations in optometry.

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52 Council discussed the necessity of the OPR and requested that the Clinical Practice Panel conduct a
53 review of the OPR a definite research project.

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55 **Action Item:** Council directed the QA Committee to conduct a research project to compare jurisdictions
56 within Canada and see how they handle the concept of an OPR.

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58 Council adjourned for break at 11:00 a.m.

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60 Council returned from break at 11:20 a.m.

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62 Council pulled out the Registration committee report and discussed the OEBC exam.

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64 *Moved by Dr. Grewal and Dr. Hemami to adopt the consent agenda.*

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7. Registrar’s Report

Mr. Jamieson presented the Registrar’s Report which touched on regulatory modernization, governance reform and updates on the implementation portion of the strategic plan.

Council discussed Registration statistics, as well as the funding that was provided to three projects by the Research Steering Group.

Council adjourned for lunch at 12:19 p.m.

Council resumed at 1:00 p.m.

8. Motions Brought Forward from Committees

a) Executive Committee

i. Approval of the 2022 CPMF Report

Dr. Eltis presented the motion for the approval of the 2022 CPMF Report.

Moved by Dr. Kniaziew and seconded by Dr. Yuen to approve the 2022 CPMF Report.

Motion carried

9. Motions Brought Forward from Committees continued

a. Audit/Finance/Risk Committee

i. The AFR committee recommends a modification to the current terms of reference for the approval of Council quarterly and annual financial statements. *Proposed statement: The Committee reports the quarterly financial results to Council and recommends Council approval for the annual financial statements.*

Mr. Shah presented the motion for approval of a modification to the current terms of reference for approval of Council quarterly and annual financial statements.

Moved by Dr. Kniaziew and seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve the modification to the current terms of reference for the approval of Council quarterly and annual financial statements.

Motion carried

Moved by Ms. Allen and seconded by Dr. Yuen to move in camera to discuss financial matters.

Motion carried

IN CAMERA Session: Financial Matters

In accordance with Section 7(2)(b) of the Health Professions Procedural Code, which is Schedule 2 to the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991

114 Council went **in camera at 1:04 p.m.**

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130 Council moved **out of camera at 1:29 p.m.**

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Dr. Eltis stated Council had moved in-camera to discuss financial matters, and they were now out of camera.

135 **ii. Motion to direct staff to enter negotiations with OECTA with respect to the office lease**

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*Moved by Mr. Kassir and seconded by Ms. Allen to **approve staff to enter negotiations with OECTA with respect to the office lease.***

Motion carried

141 **10. Dates of Upcoming Council Meetings**

- 142 a. Thursday, June 22, 2023 – AGM (in the evening)
143 c. Friday, June 23, 2023
144 d. Friday, September 15, 2023
145 e. Friday, December 8, 2023

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147 Mr. Jamieson provided updates and information on the AGM and upcoming council meetings.

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149 **11. List of Acronyms**

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151 **12. Governance Guide: Robert's Rules**

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153 **13. Adjournment:** *Moved by Dr. Grewal and seconded by Ms. Allen to **adjourn the meeting at 1:37 p.m.***

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Motion carried