

Minutes – September 19, 2025



**College of Optometrists of Ontario
Council Meeting
September 19, 2025**

Attendance:

Dr. Mark Eltis, President
Dr. Abraham Yuen, Vice President
Ms. Suzanne Allen
Dr. Lisa Christian
Dr. Pooya Hemami
Ms. Esther Jooda
Mr. Howard Kennedy
Dr. Kamy Morcos

Dr. Thomas Noël
Mr. Narendra Shah
Mr. Toye Soile
Ms. Christine terSteege
Mr. Andre Tilban-Rios
Dr. William Ulakovic
Dr. Camy Grewal
Dr. Wes McCann

Regrets

Staff:

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

Ms. Debbie Lim
Ms. Bonny Wong
Ms. Adrita Shah Noor
Ms. Sharon Ma

Guests:

Ms. Julia Martin, legal counsel
Mr. Jonathan Santos, RBC Dominion Securities
Ms. Jamie Wong, RBC Dominion Securities

- 1 **1. Call to Order/Attendance:** Dr. Eltis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
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3 Dr. Eltis read the land acknowledgement and public interest statement.
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5 **2. Adoption of the Agenda:** A draft agenda was circulated prior to the meeting.
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7 *Moved by Dr. Yuen and seconded by Dr. Morcos to **adopt the agenda.***
8 **Motion carried**
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10 **2a. Conflict of Interest Declaration:** Dr. Eltis asked Council members if anyone has a conflict of interest
11 with any item on the day's agenda.
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13 No conflicts of interest were declared.

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

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

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20 PART 1 - Minutes of Prior Council Meetings

21 a. June 13, 2025

22 b. Motions and Action Items Arising from the Minutes

23 PART 2 – Reports

24 a. Committee Reports

25 i. Executive

26 ii. Patient Relations

27 iii. Quality Assurance

28 iv. ICRC

29 v. Registration

30 vi. Discipline

31 vii. Governance/HR Committee

32 viii. Audit/Finance/Risk Committee

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34 *Moved by Dr. Yuen and seconded by Dr. Morcos to adopt the consent agenda.*

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All in favour
Motion carried

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39 **5. Registrar's Report**

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41 Mr. Jamieson presented his report which included legislation updates including scope of practice
42 changes and "As of Right" legislation.

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44 Council asked questions regarding possible loopholes in the legislation and specifics regarding the scope
45 of practice changes. Mr. Jamieson responded that the College is still waiting for the finalized policies for
46 both changes affecting the College. Ms. Shah Noor presented ICRC updates.

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49 **Council took a break at 10:26 a.m.**

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51 **Council resumed at 11:04 a.m.**

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54 **6. Presentation from Mr. Jonathan Santos from RBC Dominion Securities**

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56 Mr. Santos and Ms. Wong from RBC Dominion Securities presented on the College's financials.

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58 *Moved by Mr. Kennedy and seconded by Dr. Yuen to move in-camera.*

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All in favour

60 **Motion carried**

61 **Council went in-camera at 11:05 a.m.**

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64 **IN CAMERA Session: Legal Matters**

65 In accordance with Section 7(2)(b) of the Health Professions Procedural Code, which is Schedule 2 to the
66 *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, Council went in camera to discuss financial matters.

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68 *Moved by Dr. Ulakovic and seconded by Dr. Morcos to **exit camera**.*

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All in favour

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Motion carried

71 **Council exited camera at 11:46 a.m.**

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74 **7. Motions Brought Forward from Committees**

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76 **a) Audit/Finance/Risk**

77 **i. Approval of amendments to the Honoraria and Expense and Reserve Funds policies**

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79 Mr. Shah presented the motion.

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81 *Moved by Dr. Grewal and seconded by Mr. Kennedy to **approve the amendments to the Honoraria and***
82 ***Expense and Reserve Fund policies.***

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All in favour

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Motion carried

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87 **b) Quality Assurance**

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89 **i. Approval of the QA Policy – Direct Optometric Care Hours Requirements**

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91 Dr. Morcos presented the motion.

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93 *Moved by Dr. Grewal and seconded by Dr. Quaid to **approve the QA Policy – Direct Optometric Care***
94 ***Hours Requirements.***

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96 Dr. Hemami asked for clarification regarding how the prorotation of hours affects people being referred to
97 practice assessments. Dr. Morcos responded that the prorotation of hours would be consistent with the
98 active period, not the period of inactivity.

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All in favour

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Motion carried

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103 **ii. Approval of Proposed Amendments to the Continuing Education (CE) Policy (2024-2026)**

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105 Dr. Morcos presented the motion.

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107 *Moved by Dr. McCann and seconded by Ms. Allen to approve the amendments to the Continuing*
108 *Education (CE) Policy 2024-2026.*

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110 Dr. Yuen asked if there is any way for the College to ensure a registrant’s competency doesn’t erode
111 after their return from a three-year period of inactivity. Dr. Morcos stated that a practice assessment
112 would be triggered and further clarification will be provided by the Registration Committee motions.

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114 All in favour
115 **Motion carried**

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117 **c) Registration**

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119 **i. Approval of the 2025 OEBC written exam and OSCE as the standards assessment examination for**
120 **registration purposes**

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122 Dr. Grewal presented the motion.

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124 *Moved by Mr. Kennedy and seconded by Dr. Quaid to approve the 2025 OEBC written exam and OSCE*
125 *as the standards assessment examination for registration purposes.*

126 All in favour
127 **Motion carried**

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130 **ii. Approval of the 2025 Jurisprudence exam for registration purposes**

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132 Dr. Grewal presented the motion.

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134 *Moved by Ms. terSteege and seconded by Dr. Hemami to approve the 2025 Jurisprudence exam for*
135 *registration purposes.*

136 All in favour
137 **Motion carried**

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140 **iii Approval of the updated Non-Practising Status Policy**

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142 Dr. Grewal presented the motion.

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144 *Moved by Dr. Ulakovic and seconded by Ms. Jooda to approve the updated Non-Practising Status*
145 *Policy.*

146 All in favour
147 **Motion carried**

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149 **9. Upcoming Council Meetings**

150 a. Friday, December 12, 2025

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152 **10. List of Acronyms**

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154 **11. Governance Guide: Robert’s Rules**

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156 **12. Council Feedback Survey**

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158 **13. Adjournment:** *Moved by Dr. Quaid and seconded by Dr. Hemami to adjourn the meeting at*

159 **11:47AM**

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All in favour
Motion carried