



COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRISTS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Board Meeting Minutes: March 1, 2021 – via Video Conference

Approved: June 7, 2021

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Members present:

- Dr. Sally Donaldson (Chair)
- Dr. Justin Asgarpour
- Dr. David Schwirtz
- Dr. Pardeep Dhillon
- Dr. Jaelyn McComas
- Dr. Kelly Tokar
- Mr. Joseph Finamore (Public Member)
- Ms. Concetta Risi (Public Member)
- Ms. Joyce Kenoras (Public member)

Staff present:

- Rick Gambrel, Registrar
- Dr. Joan Hansen, Deputy Registrar

Dr. Donaldson, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

The College would like to recognize that this meeting is being held within the ancestral, traditional and unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil Waututh first nations.

A quorum was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business. Dr. Donaldson welcomed all and thanked Mary Watterson for stepping in so ably as Interim Registrar. She presented Mary with a special Thank you gift as a memento.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was **moved, seconded and carried** that the Agenda is approved as circulated with the correction of one date for minutes from Jan 20, 2021.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CONSENT AGENDA

- 3.1 Dec 6, 2020 meeting minutes.
- 3.2 January 20, 2021 conference call minutes in private.
- 3.3 September 23, 2020 electronic minutes in private.

4. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – CONSENT AGENDA

5. REPORTS – CONSENT AGENDA

It was **moved and carried** that the Board adopts the Consent Agenda, as circulated.

6. FINANCIAL REVIEW

6.1 It was **moved and carried** that the Board approves the Audited Financial Statements for 2020 as presented.

6.2 It was **moved and carried** that the Board approves the Balance Sheets as presented.

6.3 It was **moved and carried** that the Board approves the Income Statements as presented.

6.4 It was **moved and carried** that based upon the recommendation of the Finance AG, that the Board approve the expenditure of a 1/11th share of the cost of the Deloitte report for the 11 colleges re the costs of amalgamation, up to a maximum of \$15,000

7. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS (Dr. David Schwirtz left meeting at 10 am)

7.1 Committee review – Three Registrants have expressed an interest in serving on Committees. Final appointments will be made at the next meeting.

7.2 It was **moved and carried** that the Board approves the additions to the Governance manual. The GNAG was thanked for their work.

7.3 Teleoptometry Policy to be polished for next meeting

7.4 The Calendar was adopted. Strategic planning session (in person) to be explored for the fall.

7.5 SRAG was thanked for their work with the Modernization of Health Professions Regulation.

7.6 It was **moved and carried** that the Board approves the reorganization of the Policies Document with thank you to David Cane.

7.7 The letter to the Minister of Health from all eleven Colleges was accepted.

8. NEW BUSINESS (Dr. Schwirtz returned to meeting at 11:03am)

8.1 It was **moved and defeated** that the Board, pursuant to Bylaw 139 waives a portion of Renewal fees.

8.2 Information regarding the proposal to have only one entry to practice exam for all of Canada, was discussed and will be decided upon at the next meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING

The College Board has been scheduled to meet on June 7, 2021.

10. IN CAMERA

The Board met In Camera

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 11:45 am.

Dr. Sally Donaldson, Chair