



## COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRISTS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Board Meeting Minutes: June 7, 2021 – via Video Conference

Approved: September 24, 2021

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### 1. INTRODUCTIONS

#### Members present:

- Dr. Sally Donaldson (Chair)
- Dr. Justin Asgarpour
- Dr. Kim Tsang
- Dr. Harmeet Waraich
- 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 9:01 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.

Ms. Joyce Kenoras welcomed the Board from the unceded territories of the Secwepemc first nation. She spoke of the sadness being experienced by her family, as well as all first nations in BC and certainly in Canada. She asked for understanding as the revelations at the Kamloops Residential School are absorbed by all.

A quorum was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Dr. Donaldson welcomed new Board members Dr. Kim Tsang and Dr. Harmeet Waraich.

### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was **moved, seconded and carried** that the agenda is approved as circulated with the change of holding the elections 8.2 and 8.3 as the first order of business. Rick Gambrel chaired the meeting for the election process.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CONSENT AGENDA**

- 3.1 September 23, 2020 Electronic motion minutes. (Correction)
- 3.2 March 1, 2021 meeting minutes.
- 3.3** May 13, 2021 electronic minutes.

### **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 Balance Sheets as presented.
- 6.2 It was **moved and carried** that the Board approves the Income Statements as presented.
- 6.3 The fiscal forecast was reviewed
- 6.4 It was **moved and carried** that based upon the recommendation of the Finance AG, that the Board approve the creation of an internally restricted fund of \$300,000 to be used in the event of Disciplinary Action
- 6.5 It was **moved and carried** that based upon the recommendation of the Finance AG, that the Board approve the recommendations regarding staff compensation.
- 6.6 It was **moved and carried** that the Board agrees to change the name of the Finance Advisory Group to Finance Resources Advisory Group (FRAG)

### **7. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS**

- 7.1 It was **moved and carried** to appoint committee members as presented. New to Committees are Dr. Ben Purba, Dr. Michelle Mann, Dr. Tina Najafi, Dr. Kim Tsang, and Dr. Harmeet Waraich. Leaving Committees with thank you are Dr. Priya Vohora, Dr. Mark Bourdeau, Dr. Anisa Nurani, Dr. Katherine Pratt, and Dr. Gerald Komarnicky.
- 7.2 Discussion was had regarding the proposal to support the OEBC proposal for One Exam for all of Canada. Further information is to be considered before a decision is made.
- 7.3 It was **moved and carried** to accept the new wording of the Teleoptometry Policy.
- 7.4 it was **moved and carried** to have a small group review the wording of the Policies and bring recommendations to the Board.
- 7.5 Modernization of Health Professions Regulation was discussed and SRAG will continue to meet as needed.
- 7.6 It was **moved and carried** that the Board approves the change in the September Board meeting date to September 24. Planning for the Strategic Planning session is underway.
- 7.7 The letter from the Minister of Health regarding Public Appointments was accepted. Ms. Joyce Kenoras will recommend names for future appointments.
- 7.8 It was **moved and carried** to accept the additions of 7.14 and 10.7 for the Governance manual. The sections identified as possible removal will be updated and returned to GNAG for inclusion. The Board Survey will be sent out.
- 7.9 The Calendar was adopted. It was **moved and carried** to change the December Board meeting to December 6.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

- 8.1 It was **moved and carried** that the Board, pursuant to Bylaw 139 reimburses Renewal fees for one Registrant.
- 8.2 It was **moved and carried** to elect Dr. Sally Donaldson as Chair of the Board.
- 8.3 It was **moved and carried** to elect Dr. Justin Asgarpour as Vice Chair of the Board.
- 8.4 It was **moved and carried** to revoke Canada Revenue access for Tom Little and Stanka Jovicevic, and approve access for Rick Gambrel and Joan Hansen.
- 8.5 It was **moved and carried** to participate with the other BCHR Colleges to release an apology statement as outlined in the document In Plain Sight, and additionally to place a statement on our website supporting the first nations people.

## **9. NEXT MEETING**

The College Board has been scheduled to meet on September 24, 2021; December 6, 2021

## **10. IN CAMERA**

The Board met In Camera

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 12:21 pm.

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Dr. Sally Donaldson,  
Chair