



COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRISTS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Board Meeting Minutes: June 12, 2023

Approved: September 17, 2023

1. INTRODUCTIONS

Members present:

- Dr. Kim Tsang (Chair)
- Dr. Russ Ebata
- Dr. Brad Genereux
- Dr. Harmeet Waraich
- Dr. Mark Bourdeau
- Dr. Jaelyn McComas (via Zoom)
- Mr. Joseph Finamore (Public Member)
- Ms. Concetta Risi (Public Member)

Staff present:

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

Regrets: Ms. Joyce Kenoras (Public member)

Dr. Tsang, 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 first nation.

A quorum was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business. Dr. Tsang welcomed all Board members to the meeting, her first meeting as Chair. She thanked Drs. Donaldson and Tokar for their contributions to the Board over the years and welcomed Drs Bourdeau and Genereux to their first meeting. Dr. Tsang reminded all that documents and discussions at the meeting remain confidential.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was **moved, seconded and carried** that the agenda is approved as circulated.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 March 13, 2023 meeting minutes.

3.2 April 17, 2023 meeting minutes.

4. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – CONSENT AGENDA

5. REPORTS – CONSENT AGENDA

5.2 Registrar report – Mr. Gambrel updated the Board on the many meetings he has attended regarding the upcoming Amalgamation. He answered numerous questions including one regarding advocating for Scope updates for Registrants.

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.

7. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS

7.1 It was **moved and carried** to appoint committee members as presented. New to Committees are Dr. Ignacio Salvati, Dr. Alan Boyco, Dr. Kelsey Snow, Dr. Andrew Asgapour, Dr. Mark Bourdeau, Dr. Nieka Sabeti, Dr. Vikram Mangat, and Dr. Brad Genereux. Leaving committees with thank you are Dr. Ignacio Salvati, Dr. Alan Boyco, Dr. Kelsey Snow, Dr. Andrew Asgapour, Dr. Nieka Sabeti, and Dr. Vikram Mangat.

7.2 Modernization of the Health Professions is being addressed by the group of 11 and 7 Registrars along with input from the government.

7.3 The Strategic plan was reviewed. A review is to take place in September 2023 at Tigh-na-Mara.

7.4 The Calendar was adopted.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 It was **moved and carried** to revise the Glaucoma treatment policy (1.2.11) as presented with two minor revisions.

8.2 It was **moved and defeated** that the Board approve the request for consideration to refund the fine assessed regarding inadequate CE hours under s. 139.

8.3 Direction to Registrar and FRAG to research the possibility of reducing registration fees for 2024 renewal and to report back to the Board before the September 2023 meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING

The College Board has been scheduled to meet on **September 15, 2023 and December 11, 2023**

10. IN CAMERA

The Board met In Camera

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 11:58am.

_____ Dr. Kim Tsang, Chair