



COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRISTS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Board Meeting Minutes: December 11, 2023

Approved: March 11, 2024

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)
- Ms. Joyce Kenoras (Via Zoom)

Staff present:

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

Dr. Tsang, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

The College would like to recognize that this meeting is being held within the ancestral, traditional and unceded territories of Coast Salish peoples – Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), Stó:lō and Səlílwataʔ/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) and xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) Nations.

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. 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 September 17, 2023 meeting minutes.

4. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – CONSENT AGENDA

5. REPORTS – CONSENT AGENDA

4.06 Mr. Gambrel outlined that this College was complying with a legal Health Professions Order regarding aggregate data collection.

5.2 Registrar report – Mr. Gambrel updated the Board on the many meetings he has attended regarding the upcoming Amalgamation. He reported that the changes to the bylaws regarding election of new Board members has been approved as voted upon at the September meeting. It can now be posted on the website.

5.3 Direction was given to have the QAC to review the policies regarding collection of CE hours. Direction was given to the Registrar to explore changes to the Registration Renewal form regarding completion of PEP components.

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 It was **moved and carried** that the Board accepts the Budget for 2024.

7. BUSINESS IN PROGRESS

7.1 The committee list was reviewed.

7.2 Modernization of the Health Professions – Dr. Ebata updated the Board regarding his participation in the Registrar selection process for the new college of 7.

7.3 The Strategic plan as developed at the September Board meeting was reviewed and the board resolved to use 3 strategic goals.

7.4 The Calendar was adopted. Board meeting dates for 2024 were confirmed as March 11 and May 27. A year end thank you party is being organized for January 13, 2024.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 It was **moved and defeated** to approve the grant request from OEBC.

8.1a The Board directed Mr. Gambrel to contact Dr. Stanley Woo at University of Waterloo School of Optometry and Vision Sciences for more information regarding the 5 in 5 request for a Grant.

8.1a.2 It was **moved and defeated** to approve the grant request from U Waterloo regarding Vision Therapy.

8.1a.3 It was **moved and defeated** to approve the grant request from U Waterloo regarding tele optometry.

8.2 It was **moved and defeated** that the Board approve the request for consideration to refund the fine assessed regarding failure to complete the PEP requirements under s. 139.

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9. NEXT MEETING

The College Board has been scheduled to meet on **March 11, 2024 and May 27, 2024.**

10. IN CAMERA

The Board met In Camera

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 2:26pm.

_____ Dr. Kim Tsang, Chair