

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 2023
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM
by zoom

Attendees: Mr. Derick Summers, Vice Chair, RO, Elected Member
Ms. Diana Bristow, Public Member
Mr. Kevin Cloutier, RO, Elected Member
Mr. Omar Farouk, Public Member
Ms. Peggy Judge, Public Member
Ms. Alicia Munian, Government Appointee
Mr. Samir Modhera, RO, Elected Member
Ms. Tonya Nahmabin, RO, Elected Member
Ms. Dorina Reiz, RO, Elected Member
Mr. Henry Wiersema, Public Member
Mr. Rob Vezina, RO, Elected Member
Mr. Paul Wilk, Public Member

Administration: Mr. Fazal Khan, RO, Registrar, CEO
Ms. Amy Stein, Deputy Registrar and General Counsel
Ms. Carolyn Robertson, Manager, Communications and Executive Office
Ms. Fizza Asad, Human Resources and Accounting Specialist

Regrets: Mr. Stephen Kinsella, Chair, Public Member
Ms. Elsa Lee, RO, Elected Member
Ms. Neda Mohammadzadeh, RO, Elected Member

1.1 Introductions and Announcements

D. Summers introduced himself, the Board Members, and the Administration. D. Summers then opened the meeting with the Land Acknowledgement.

1.2 Conflict of Interest Declaration

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1.3 Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

MOVED: K. CLOUTIER

SECONDED: S. MODHERA

FOR: 12

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

VOTE: CARRIED

2.0 Emergency Class of Registration

A. Stein reviewed the briefing note with the board. COO submitted a proposal in April 2023 to amend its Registration Regulation to add an emergency class of registration. The proposal was built on other pending amendments to the regulation. Following discussions with the Ministry of Health in June 2023, the COO was asked to resubmit the proposal based on the current regulation (i.e. without reference to the other pending amendments).

The board was asked to approve the revised draft of the regulation. As the revised emergency class would apply to the same group of people as the board had previously approved, the board was of the view that it was not necessary for the draft to be recirculated for stakeholder feedback.

Public interest considerations: The board considered that the purpose of the emergency class is to facilitate access to opticianry services in the event of a public emergency. The proposed amendments to the Registration Regulation will achieve this objective by creating an expedited path to reinstatement for opticians who have been out of practice for fewer than six years. The proposed amendments will also protect the public by striking a balance between the need for opticians on an emergency basis and ensuring that opticians will practise safely and in accordance with the Standards of Practice.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion considerations: The proposed amendments will strike a balance between the need for facilitating access to opticianry services in the event of a public emergency and ensuring that opticians will practise safely and in accordance with the Standards of Practice. The Registration Committee did not identify any concerns from a diversity, equity or inclusion perspective with respect to the proposed amendments.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE REGISTRATION REGULATION, AS SET OUT IN APPENDIX A, TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH FOR APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION.

MOVED: H. WIERSEMA

SECONDED: O. FAROUK

FOR: 12

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

VOTE: CARRIED

MOTION: TO ADJOURN

MOVED: R. VEZINA

SECONDED: T. NAHMABIN

FOR: 12

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

VOTE: CARRIED