

College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario Regulator of occupational therapists in Ontario

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, April 21, 2023 TIME: 10:00 a.m. –11:00 a.m. via Zoom

In Attendance:

GUESTS: DIRECTORS: Teri Shackleton, Chair Stacey Anderson Neelam Bal **OBSERVERS:** Donna Barker Marnie Lofsky, OSOT Nick Dzudz **Christine Funk** STAFF: Elizabeth Gartner Lucy Kloosterhuis Elinor Larney, Registrar and CEO Heather McFarlane Stamatis Kefalianos, Director of Regulatory Affairs Sarah Milton Nancy Stevenson, Director of Communications Brittany O'Brien Kim Woodland, Director of Programs Vincent Samuel Andjelina Stanier, Executive Assistant, Scribe Stephanie Schurr Sabrina Shaw

REGRETS:

Allan Freedman

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Teri Shackleton welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2.0 Public Protection Mandate

The Chair reminded members that all considerations and decisions are made in the best interest of the public.

3.0 Land Acknowledgement*

The Chair read out the Land Acknowledgement statement (Appendix 1).

4.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest

The Chair stated that prior to the meeting, no declarations of conflict of interest were made. She called for declarations of conflict of interest. None were made.

5.0 Approval of Agenda

The Chair called for changes to the agenda. None were reported.

MOVED BY: Neelam Bal SECONDED BY: Stephanie Schurr

THAT the agenda be approved as presented.

CARRIED

6.0 New Business

6.1 Recommendation for Committee Chairs and Committee Composition

The Chair stated that following yesterday's sudden resignation of public member Faiq Bilal, the list for the selection of chairs and committee composition for 2023-2024 was revised and circulated to the Board. Elinor explained that she consulted with the three public members whose committee assignments would be affected by the revisions and confirmed they are in agreement.

MOVED BY: Sabrina Shaw SECONDED BY: Heather McFarlane

THAT the Board approves the selection of committee chairs and the committee composition for 2023-2024.

CARRIED

6.2 Emergency Class Registration Regulation

Stamatis explained that in April 2022, the Ontario Government passed the *Pandemic and Emergency Preparedness Act, 2022* and amended the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991 (RHPA).* The new legislation requires health regulatory colleges to establish an emergency class of registration to ensure the province is prepared to meet the needs for providers should a healthcare emergency arise. A discussion was held, and Stamatis and Elinor responded to questions. The deadline for submission to the Ministry is May 1, 2023.

MOVED BY: Heather McFarlane SECONDED BY: Sarah Milton

THAT the Board approves the draft Emergency Class Registration Regulation which was circulated to registrants and other interested third parties as required.

CARRIED (UNANIMOUS)

7.0 Next Meetings

- Board Meeting: June 22, 2023, 9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m.
- Board Education Session: October 25, 2023, 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. Location TBD
- Board Meeting: October 26, 2023, 9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m.
- Board Meeting: January 25, 2024, 9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m.
- Board Meeting: April 4, 2024, 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.
- Board Meeting: June 20, 2024, 9:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m.

8.0 Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

MOVED BY: Stephanie Schurr

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

APPENDIX 1: * Land Acknowledgement

We recognize that we work and live on traditional lands and territories of Indigenous Peoples. This includes the traditional territories of the Mississauga, the Anishnabeg (ah-nish-naw-bek) the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee (hoe-duh-nuh-show-nay) and the Wendat peoples. Today, the province of Ontario is home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis (may-tea) peoples, from the Cree in the Northern reaches to the Delaware in the south. We acknowledge that we are tasked with sharing, respecting, and valuing the land, as a source of life for us all.

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April 21, 2023	THAT the Board approves the draft Emergency Class Registration Regulation which was circulated to registrants and other interested third parties as required.	Complete
April 21, 2023	THAT the Board approves the selection of committee chairs and the committee composition for 2023-2024.	Complete
March 30, 2023	THAT the Board approves the amended Bylaws as presented, including today's changes.	Complete
March 30, 2023	THAT the Board appoints Mary Egan to the Board as the Academic Representative for a three-year term, commencing on July 1, 2023	Complete
March 30, 2023	THAT the Board appoints Darlene Venditti, Holly Assaf, Kellen Baldock and Sarah Dodds as Professional Committee Appointees to the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee for a three-year term commencing on May 1, 2023.	Complete
March 30, 2023	THAT the Board appoints Sylvia Boddener as a Professional Committee Appointee to the Discipline Committee for a three- year term commencing on July 1, 2023.	Complete
March 30, 2023	THAT the Board appoints Casandra Boushey as a Professional Committee Appointee to the Fitness to Practise Committee for a three-year term commencing on July 1, 2023.	Complete
March 30, 2023	THAT the Board appoints Bethany Brewin and Rabia Khokhar as Professional Committee Appointees to the Quality Assurance Subcommittee for a three-year term commencing on July 1, 2023.	Complete
March 30, 2023	THAT the Board appoints Amanda Mowbray as a Professional Committee Appointee to the Patient Relations Committee for a three-year term commencing on July 1, 2023.	Complete
March 30, 2023	THAT the Board appoints Miranda Setoguchi as a Professional Committee Appointee to the Practice Subcommittee for a three-year term commencing on October 1, 2023.	Complete
March 30, 2023	THAT the Board leaves the one seat vacant in District 2 and proceeds with the proposed Bylaw changes.	Complete

APPENDIX 2: Status of Implementation of Board Decisions

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March 30, 2023	THAT the Board approves the amended Terms of Reference for all College committees as presented, including today's recommendations.	Complete
March 30, 2023	THAT the Board approves the amended College Performance Measurement Framework report for submission to the Ministry of Health and for publication on the College's website.	Complete
January 26, 2023	THAT the Board restructures the electoral districts, establishes a Nominations Committee, and reduces the overlap of Board and statutory committees using a volunteer method.	Ongoing
January 26, 2023	THAT the Board approves the inclusion of the proposed changes to the College's pension plan in the FY23/24 budget	Complete Implementation 2024
January 26, 2023	THAT the Board approves the plan for increasing Registration Fees by up to 2% annually for a maximum of 5 years.	Complete Implementation 2024