

DRAFT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 23, 2021
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
by zoom

Attendees: Mr. Bryan Todd, RO, Chair, Elected Member
Mr. Stephen Kinsella, Vice-Chair, Public Member
Mr. Murray Angus, Public Member
Ms. Diana Bristow, Public Member
Mr. Omar Farouk, Public Member
Ms. Peggy Judge, Public Member
Ms. Ingrid Koenig, RO, Elected Member
Mr. Samir Modhera, RO, Elected Member
Ms. Neda Mohammadzadeh, RO, Elected Member
Ms. Dorina Reiz, RO, Elected Member
Mr. Henry Wiersema, Public Member
Ms. Amber Fournier, RO, Elected Member
Mr. Mike Smart, RO, Elected Member

Regrets: Ms. Elsa Lee RO, Elected Member

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

Guests: Ms. Sarah Butson, Meeting Facilitator

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Introductions and Announcements

B. Todd called the meeting to order at 10:00.

B. Todd introduced himself, the Board Members, and the administration.

1.2 Conflict of Interest Declaration

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1.3 Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: TO ADOPT THE AGENDA.

MOVED: P. JUDGE
SECONDED: M. ANGUS

FOR: 13
AGAINST: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

VOTE: CARRIED

2.0 Minutes

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MAY 17, AND MAY 18, 2021, MINUTES.

MOVED: O. FAROUK
SECONDED: S. KINSELLA

FOR: 12
AGAINST: 0
ABSTAINED: 1 (M. Angus who was not present at the May meeting abstained from voting)

VOTE: CARRIED

2.0 Registration Fee Adjustment

The Board discussed the Registration Fee Adjustment. Two proposals for by-law amendments were circulated for stakeholder feedback for 60 days. The first option (Option A) proposed a return to full fees in 2022. The second option (Option B) proposed to phase the return to full fees over a two-year period. The comments and the stakeholder feedback were reviewed with the Board. It was noted that respondents to the stakeholder surveys indicated a strong preference for Option B, the phased approach. It was further noted that many registrants expressed dissatisfaction with fee levels, generally, and that the pandemic was continuing to have a financial impact on opticians' practice.

B. Todd noted that the Executive Committee was recommending that the board approve Option B. The Board considered the impact of each option on the College's finances and ability to replenish reserve funds. The Board also considered the need to encourage more opticians to renew in 2022 in order to ensure that patients have access to an adequate supply of qualified opticians. Based on these considerations, the Board reached a consensus on moving forward with Option B.

Public Interest Considerations: The Board considered that in order to fulfill its mandate and preserve public confidence, the organization must have adequate funds to operate. In addition, it is in the public interest to take steps, where possible, to encourage more opticians to renew their registration in order to ensure patients have access to an adequate number of qualified opticians.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENT AS SET OUT IN APPENDIX B
MOVED: A. FOUNIER

SECONDED: S. KINSELLA

FOR: 13

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

VOTE: CARRIED

15.0 Adjournment

MOTION: TO END THE MEETING

MOVED: M. ANGUS

SECONDED: O. FAROUK

FOR: 13

AGAINST: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

VOTE: CARRIED