

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS October 5 and 6, 2020

Framework from the Ministry of Health

The Board discussed the new College Performance Measurement Framework (CMPF) reporting requirements being introduced by the Ministry of Health, which will be submitted by the COO in March 2020.

Amendments to the Contact Lens Fitting Policy and the Contact Lens Mentor Policy

The Board approved a temporary addendum to the [Contact Lens Fitting Policy](#) until December 31, 2021, to assist students struggling to complete the required eyeglass fits in order to meet entry to practice requirements in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. The addendum will allow students to complete up to 25% of eyeglass fits on a peer-to-peer or standardized patient basis. Students must complete the balance of the fits on a retail patient in a dispensary setting. In addition, the addendum to the [Contact Lens Mentor Policy](#) that extends eligibility for contact lens mentor status to individuals holding academic positions was amended to remain in effect until December 31, 2021.

By-Law Amendment Removing Gender from the Public Register

At the February 26 meeting, the Board approved a draft by-law amendment removing the requirement to post gender identification on the public register. The Board considered the stakeholder feedback received and approved the by-law change. Going forward, registrants will have the option of disclosing their gender on the public register.

Draft Delegation Standard of Practice and Practice Guideline Approved for Stakeholder Feedback

The Board approved a new draft Standard of Practice and Practice Guidelines: [Standard 10: Delegation](#) for 30-day circulation to obtain stakeholder feedback. Delegating and receiving delegation in appropriate circumstances can result in more timely delivery of quality vision care. In all instances of delegation, the primary consideration should be in the best interest of the patient. To review the draft standard, click [here](#). To complete the survey click [here](#).

Board Governance

The Board continues its policy governance journey and approved the following policies:

- The Board Policy Development policy
- ICRC Terms of Reference Policy
- Discipline Committee Terms of Reference
- Patient Relations Committee Terms of Reference

In addition, the board considered the following governance processes and:

- Approved changes to the by-laws allowing for non-opticians to be appointed to committees
- Approved use of a new board self-evaluation tool offered by the Ontario Hospital Association (OHA) starting in 2020

- Approved mandatory completion of the new [RHPA jurisprudence module](#) as part of the onboarding requirements for Directors
- Directed that the Governance Committee consider adding competency requirements for directors who wish to become Chair or Vice-Chair of the board

Sexual Harassment Prevention Guidelines

The Board approved guidelines aimed at preventing sexual harassment by opticians towards colleagues, employees, students, interns, or other members of the public. To review the guidelines, [click here](#).

College Values

The Board considered the addition of new organizational values which reflect the College's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. The additional values were referred to the Patient Relations Committee to further refine.

Monitoring Reports

The Strategic Plan Monitoring Report and the Communication and Support to the Board Policy Report were shared with the Board for information only. The Board also reviewed the financial variance report.

December Board Meeting

It was decided that the Board will continue to meet remotely until the end of 2020.