

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS December 2, and 3, 2024

Electoral District Reform

The Board approved an important new governance reform to align the COO with the latest trends in governance excellence. Beginning in 2026, the 8 geographic election districts will be replaced with a single all-Ontario district. There will continue to be 8 seats on the board for elected opticians; however, going forward, eligible candidates can be selected from anywhere in the province. Stay tuned for more details as the COO rolls out its implementation plan in 2025.

The change is aimed at encouraging greater engagement and reinforcing the board's mandate to act in the public interest.

Board Governance

The Board reviews policies on a schedule set out in the Governance Manual. In keeping with that schedule, the following policies were reviewed and affirmed:

- Relationship with Public and Stakeholder Policy
- Registrant Relations Policy
- Vote Majority for Termination of a Registrar Policy
- Board and Committee Principles Policy

Election of the 2024 Executive Committee

The board elected the following individuals to the Executive Committee for 2025:

- Derick Summers, RO, Chair, Elected Member
- Kevin Cloutier, RO, Vice-Chair, Elected Member
- Omar Farouk, Public Member
- Tonya Nahmabin, RO, Elected Member
- Stephen Kinsella, Chair, Public Member

Election of the National Examinations Committee (NEC) Representative

Jay Bhatt was elected as the National Examinations Committee representative for 2025.

Monitoring Reports

The Reserves Policy Monitoring Report and the Investment Policy Monitoring Report were presented to the board by the Registrar. Monitoring reports were assigned to Board members for the coming year.

Extension of the Addendum to the Contact lens Mentor policy

The board approved an extension to the addendum to the Contact Lens Mentor Policies so that it will remain in effect until the board revokes it. The addendum allows opticians holding academic/instructor positions to act as Contact Lens Mentors.

Financial Reports

The board approved the financial variance report to October 31, 2024, and the 2025 budget.