

POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE PROCESS

4-14 Fitness to Practise Terms of Reference and Mandate Policy

Committee Composition and Meetings

1. The Board shall appoint the members of the Fitness to Practise Committee for the following year at the last Board meeting of the year in accordance with the by-laws.
2. The Fitness to Practise Committee shall be composed of:
 - a. at least one Director who is a registrant of the College;
 - b. at least one Director appointed to the Board by the Lieutenant Governor in Council;
 - c. at least one registrant of the College who is not a Director; and
 - d. at least one individual who is not a registrant of the College and who is not a Director.
3. The chair and vice-chair of the Fitness to Practise Committee shall be elected from among the members of the Fitness to Practise Committee and the election may take place at or before the first committee meeting of the year.
4. When required, panels of the Fitness to Practise Committee shall be selected by the chair of the Fitness to Practise Committee from among the members of the Committee and each panel shall be composed of at least three persons, at least one of whom shall be a person appointed to the Board by the Lieutenant Governor in Board.
5. Panels of the Fitness to Practise Committee, and the committee as a whole, shall meet as required.

Authority and Accountability

6. The Fitness to Practise Committee is a statutory committee of the College as set out in section 10(1)5 of the Health Professions Procedural Code (the “Code”).
7. The Fitness to Practise Committee is accountable to the Board for:
 - a. Acting in accordance with the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991 (the “RHPA”), including the Code, the Opticianry Act, 1991, the regulations under those acts, the by-laws and any other laws that apply to its processes and decision making.
 - b. Fulfilling any other duties and responsibilities assigned to it by the Board.

Responsibilities of the Fitness to Practise Committee

The Fitness to Practise Committee shall:

8. Perform such functions as are assigned to it under the RHPA, Code, regulations, by-laws, and policies of the College including holding a fair hearing and rendering a decision in cases of alleged incapacity or on reinstatement applications in accordance with applicable legislation, established rules and procedures.
9. Consider and make recommendations to the Board for changes to applicable legislation, regulations, and by-laws, as well as programs that fall within its mandate and/or support the Fitness to Practise Committee.
10. Submit an annual report to the Board. The report will include information on the Committee's activities for the year.

The Fitness to Practise Committee may:

11. Submit a report to the Board in between annual reports.