

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 24, 2023

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM

by zoom

Attendees: Mr. Stephen Kinsella, Chair, Public Member
Mr. Derick Summers, Vice Chair, RO, Elected Member
Ms. Diana Bristow, Public Member
Mr. Kevin Cloutier, RO, Elected Member
Mr. Omar Farouk, Public Member
Ms. Peggy Judge, Public Member
Ms. Elsa Lee, RO, Elected Member,
Ms. Alicia Munian, Government Appointee
Ms. Neda Mohammadzadeh, RO, Vice-Chair, Elected Member
Mr. Samir Modhera, RO, Elected Member
Ms. Tonya Nahmabin, RO, Elected Member
Ms. Dorina Reiz, RO, Elected Member
Mr. Henry Wiersema, Public Member
Mr. Rob Vezina, RO, Elected Member

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

Regrets: Mr. Paul Wilk, Public Member

1.1 Introductions and Announcements

S. Kinsella introduced himself, the Board Members, and the Administration. S. Butson reviewed the meeting norms and high five with participants. S. Kinsella opened the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement.

1.2 Conflict of Interest Declaration

No conflicts of interest were declared.

1.3 Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

MOVED: D. SUMMERS
SECONDED: S. KINSELLA

FOR: 14
AGAINST: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

VOTE: CARRIED

2.0 Emergency Class of Registration

The Board reviewed draft amendments to O. Reg. 869/93 (Registration) under the *Opticianry Act, 1991*. The proposed amendments will create an emergency class of registration in accordance with the requirements under O. Reg. 508/22 under the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*. The proposed amendments were circulated to stakeholders for a period of 60 days.

The board reviewed the draft amendments and stakeholder feedback. The Registration Committee recommended approval of the draft amendments as presented, noting that no major concerns were identified by stakeholders.

Public interest considerations: The board considered that the purpose of the emergency class is to facilitate access to opticianry services in the event of a public emergency. The proposed amendments to the Registration Regulation will achieve this objective by creating an expedited path to reinstatement for opticians who have been out of practice for fewer than six years. The proposed amendments will also protect the public by striking a balance between the need for opticians on an emergency basis and ensuring that opticians will practise safely and in accordance with the Standards of Practice.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion considerations: The board considered that the proposed amendments strike a balance between the need for facilitating access to opticianry services in the event of a public emergency and ensuring that opticians will practise safely and in accordance with the Standards of Practice. The board did not identify any concerns from a diversity, equity or inclusion perspective with respect to the proposed amendments.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE REGISTRATION REGULATION, AS SET OUT IN APPENDIX A, TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH FOR APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION.

MOVED: H. WIERSEMA
SECONDED: S. MODHERA

FOR: 14
AGAINST: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

VOTE: CARRIED

3.0 Committee Composition

The Board discussed committee placements for Alicia Munian, who was recently appointed to the Board by the Ontario Government. It was noted that additional capacity might be needed on the Screening Committee this year.

MOTION: THAT THE BOARD APPOINT ALICIA MUNIAN TO THE SCREENING COMMITTEE AND THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE.

MOVED: N. MOHAMMADZADEH
SECONDED: O. FAROUK

FOR: 14
AGAINST: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

VOTE: CARRIED

MOTION: TO ADJOURN

MOVED: N. MOHAMMADZADEH
SECONDED: S. KINSELLA

FOR: 14
AGAINST: 0
ABSTAINED: 0

VOTE: CARRIED

