

POLICY TYPE: BOARD - STAFF RELATIONSHIP

3-03 Delegation to the Registrar, CEO

The Board of Directors (“Board”) of the College of Opticians of Ontario (“College”) is responsible for setting the College’s strategic outcomes, and for delegating authority to the Registrar, CEO to achieve those strategic outcomes.

In delegating to the Registrar, CEO the Board will:

1. Develop policies instructing the Registrar, CEO to achieve certain strategic outcomes that are aligned with the College’s public protection mandate. These policies will be known as Strategic Outcomes policies. These policies establish the outcomes that the Registrar, CEO is to achieve, without prescribing the specific means that must be used to achieve those outcomes.
2. Develop policies that define the limitations that the Board wishes to place on the Registrar, CEO’s latitude to choose the means to achieving strategic outcomes. These policies, which will be known as Operational Boundaries policies, will be developed systemically from the broadest, most general level to more defined levels and will describe those practices, activities, decisions and circumstances that the Board would find unethical or imprudent, and therefore unacceptable, even if they were to be effective.
3. Recognize that as long as the Registrar, CEO uses any reasonable interpretation of the Board’s policies, they are authorized to establish all further policies, make all decisions, take all actions and develop all activities. This does not prevent the Registrar, CEO from reviewing information in the delegated areas except where the information has been identified as confidential and/or personal information.
4. Recognize that any authority delegated to the Registrar, CEO may be further delegated by the Registrar, CEO to staff. Staff are accountable to the Registrar, CEO who is in turn accountable to the Board.
5. Regularly monitor the Registrar, CEO’s interpretations of Strategic Outcomes and Operational Boundaries policies to ensure these interpretations are reasonable. Monitoring will be done in accordance with the Board Monitoring System Policy (4-25).
6. The Board may change its Strategic Outcomes and Operational Boundaries policies, thereby shifting the boundary between the Board and Registrar, CEO domains of authority. But as long as any particular delegation is in place, the Board will respect and support the Registrar, CEO’s decision.