

POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE PROCESS

4-03 Board Terms of Reference

Board Composition

1. The Board of Directors is composed of elected and public members in accordance with the Opticianry Act, 1991.
2. Professional board members are elected and serve in accordance with the College of Opticians of Ontario (COO) by-laws.

Accountability and Role

3. The Board is established by the Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991 (RHPA) and is accountable to the Minister of Health.
4. The Board's role is to ensure that the COO operates in a manner that is legal, ethical and efficient, so that it fulfills its statutory mandate of regulating the profession of opticianry in the public interest.

Authority and Responsibilities

The Board has ultimate responsibility for its actions. The Board's responsibilities include:

5. Performing such functions as are assigned to it under these Terms of Reference, the RHPA, the Opticianry Act, 1991, the regulations under those acts, and the COO by-laws and policies
6. Considering and proposing changes to applicable legislation and regulations.
7. Developing and approving by-laws, standards of practice and practice guidelines.
8. Developing, approving and monitoring the implementation of board policies, including:
 - a. Strategic Outcomes Policies
 - b. Operational Boundaries Policies
 - c. Board-Staff Relationship Policies
 - d. Governance Process Policies
9. Setting the COO's strategic goals and direction and overseeing implementation of the strategic plan.
10. Approving the annual budget and audited financial statements.
11. Engaging a Registrar, CEO to oversee the operations of the organization and implement the Board's strategic plan.
12. Providing input and support to the Registrar, CEO to ensure they are provided with sufficient guidance and resources to achieve the Board's strategic outcomes.
13. Monitoring the Registrar, CEO's performance and, where necessary, determining to terminate the Registrar, CEO's employment

14. Appointing statutory and non-statutory committees to carry out the functions assigned to them under RHPA and/or by the Board.
15. Appointing individuals to sit on COO committees in accordance with the by-laws.
16. Receiving and reviewing quarterly and/or annual reports from COO committees.
17. Ensuring, through regular stakeholder engagement, that COO policies and processes are consistent with the COO's mandate, changing public expectations, and the Board's values, including its commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion.