

**DRAFT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 24, 2023**  
**9:00 AM to 10:00 AM**  
**by zoom**

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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**

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