



## **Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting Wednesday, March 12, 2025**

**Peter Stavropoulos, Chair**

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

1. Chad Bezaire
2. Allan Katz
3. Jannel Somerville
4. Reshad Nazeer

**Staff in Attendance:**

1. Nicole Zwiers, Registrar and CEO
2. Nawaz Pirani, Manager, Examinations, Registration & Quality Programs
3. Shruti Tantry, Manager, Communications and Engagement (recorder)

**Regrets:** none

### **1.1 Call to Order, Appointment of Secretary, Approval of the Agenda, Approval of preparation time for professional members**

The Chair opened the meeting noting that notice of the meeting was given, and the meeting was properly constituted with a quorum present. The meeting began at 2:30pm.

S. Tantry was appointed as Secretary.

*It was moved by C. Bezaire and seconded by R. Nazeer to approve the agenda. – Motion CARRIED.*

*C. Bezaire put forward 60 minutes of preparation time for this meeting and the Committee agreed. – Motion CARRIED.*

### **1.2 Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

No conflict of interest was declared.

### **1.3 Approval of Minutes from the February 12, 2025 Executive Committee Meeting**

*It was moved by A. Katz and J. Somerville to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2025 Executive Committee meeting. – Motion CARRIED.*

No corrections or changes noted.

## **2.0 Discussion Items**

### **2.1 Registrar's Report**

In her verbal report, Registrar N. Zwiers provided updates about the College's activities from the past few months.

She shared that she along with staff attended the Empire Club of Canada's event on March 6, where the Presidents of the Ontario Medical Association, Canadian Medical Association and Indigenous Physicians Association of Canada discussed Moving Primary Care Beyond Crisis and ways to strengthen primary care. They also discussed helping the overall health system by removing interprovincial trade barriers of professionally regulated people. The discussion focused on a team-based approach that brings healthcare professionals together, leveraging digital innovations and seamless health record-sharing to ease administrative burdens on care providers. N. Zwiers was introduced to the OMA President and CMA President and discussed the need for more footcare specialists in Ontario to overcome the shortage of healthcare services so that care can be provided by various other healthcare professionals, easing the burden currently faced by family physicians.

The agenda of the inaugural National Chiropractic and Podiatry Conference in April was finalized and circulated to attendees from other provincial regulators. The interprofessional trade barrier discussions happening on a national level make this event timely and relevant. N. Zwiers will share updates from the conference at the next meeting.

N. Zwiers shared a quick update on the Health Professions Discipline Tribunal (HPDT), adding that a number of matters have already gone forth and case management hearings are underway. Council will review the pilot project's success at the end of the year.

N. Zwiers added that she will be speaking at the Professional Regulation and Discipline Conference in April on Online Practice and Communication - Supporting Ethical and Professional Practice in the Age of Social Media.

### **2.2 Draft Financial Statements**

N. Zwiers presented the draft financial statements for 2024. The College remains in a healthy financial position with a surplus in 2024.

## **3.0. Decision Items**

### **3.1 Revisions to the Declaring Clinical Hours Guideline\*\***

*It was moved by R. Nazeer and seconded by J. Somerville to approve the revisions to the Declaring Clinical Hours Guideline, in principle, and recommend it to Council for final approval. – Motion CARRIED.*

N. Zwiers talked about how the proposed revisions have been made so that the guideline document correlates with the policy and asks that Executive Committee recommend it to Council at its May meeting for final approval.

### **3.2 Consultation on By-Law 2 (Fees) Amendments: Charging fees for CE modules and Removing Cheques as a Payment Method \*\***

*It was moved by J. Somerville and seconded by A. Katz to approve the By-law 2 (Fees) Amendments, where fees can be charged for CE modules and cheques can be removed as a payment method, in principle, and recommend it to Council for final approval. – Motion CARRIED.*

#### **4.0 Next Meeting**

The next Executive Committee meeting will take place on April 16, 2025.

#### **4.1 Proposed agenda items for next meeting – April 16, 2025.**

No items proposed at this time.

#### **5.0 In Camera**

The Committee moved in-camera at 2:45pm.

*It was moved by C. Bezaire and seconded J. Somerville to move in-camera pursuant to section 7(2)(b) of the Health Professions Procedural Code on the basis that financial or personal or other matters may be disclosed of such a nature that the harm created by the disclosure would outweigh the desirability of adhering to the principle that meetings be open to the public. – Motion CARRIED.*

*A motion was made by R. Nazeer and seconded by C. Bezaire to move out of in-camera at 3:23 p.m. – Motion CARRIED.*

#### **5.1 Adjournment**

*A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by C. Bezaire and seconded by R. Nazeer. – Motion CARRIED.*

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.