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Council Meeting
Via In-Person and Videoconference
September 15, 2022

Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Ontario College of Teachers Held In-Person at 101 Bloor Street West, Toronto and via Videoconference on September 15, 2022

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Present: Diana Miles (Chair); Chantal Bélisle, OCT (Interim Registrar); Abena Buahene; Elaine Lajeunesse; Martine Lewis, OCT; Jonathan Rose; Imran Syed, OCT; Maria Vasanelli, OCT; Tammy Webster, OCT; Valerie Williamson, OCT

Regrets: Jonathan Davey; Peter Dinsdale; Douglas Gosse, OCT

Guests: Paige Bennett, OCT, Chair of the Accreditation Committee; Deani Van Pelt, OCT, Chair of the Standards of Practice and Education Committee

Staff: Jason Bennett; Linda Lacroix, OCT; Stefanie Muhling, OCT; Jamie Robertson, OCT; Demetra Saldaris, OCT; Fred Towers; Rima Zamat; Kim Bauer (Recorder)

1. Call to Order/Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and welcomed all those present and attending via videoconference.

2. Agenda (GC20220915-45)

It was moved by Valerie Williamson, seconded by Jonathan Rose, and

CARRIED,

That the Agenda for the September 15, 2022 Council meeting be approved.

Preparation time of one half-day was confirmed.

3. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

4. Minutes

4.1 Meeting, June 16, 2022 (GC20220915-46)

It was moved by Elaine Lajeunesse, seconded by Martine Lewis, and

CARRIED,

That the Minutes of the June 16, 2022 meeting of Council be approved.

4.2 Special In Camera Meeting, June 16, 2022 (GC20220915-48C)

The Chair confirmed that the minutes of the in camera meeting were not shared with the public but could be approved in open forum if no discussion was required.

It was moved by Valerie Williamson, seconded by Martine Lewis, and

CARRIED,

That the Minutes of the June 16, 2022 Special In Camera Meeting of Council be approved.

5. Chair, Registrar and Financial Reports

5.1 Chair's Report (GC20220915-49)

The Chair of Council presented her report and noted that the College was hosting its first hybrid meeting since the beginning of the pandemic in 2020. She expressed a special welcome to the chairs and vice-chairs of the statutory and regulatory committees, who had been invited to attend the meeting either in person or virtually. The Chair also asked that Council members note the date of the upcoming Annual Meeting of Members, which was scheduled to be held virtually on September 28, 2022.

5.2 Registrar's Report (GC20220915-50)

The Interim Registrar presented her report, highlighting a number of areas, and responded to questions.

5.3 Financial Report (GC20220915-51)

The quarterly financial report to June 30, 2022 was received.

6. Subcommittee Reports

6.1 Audit and Finance Subcommittee (GC20220915-52)

The report of the Audit and Finance Subcommittee was received. Valerie Williamson, Vice-Chair of the Audit and Finance Subcommittee, invited Council members to pose questions and none were received.

6.2 Selection and Nominating Subcommittee (GC20220915-53)

Elaine Lajeunesse, Chair of the Selection and Nominating Subcommittee, presented the subcommittee's report to Council and responded to questions.

It was moved by Jonathan Rose, seconded by Valerie Williamson, and

CARRIED,

That Council make the appointments set out in the summary of recommendations outlined in Document GC20220915-53, Attachment 1, with terms of office commencing January 1, 2023.

7. Committee Reports

7.1 Accreditation Committee Report (GC20220915-54)

The Chair welcomed Paige Bennett, Chair of the Accreditation Committee, and invited her to present the committee's annual report.

The Chair of the Accreditation Committee reviewed her report, noting that the committee had only had four months of panel experience under the new governance structure and that additional details about the work of the committee were available within the Registrar's Report. A question and answer session followed.

7.2 Standards of Practice and Education Committee Report (GC20220915-55)

The Chair welcomed Deani Van Pelt, Chair of the Standards of Practice and Education Committee, and invited her to present the committee's annual report.

The Chair of the Standards of Practice and Education Committee presented her report, which included an overview of the work of the committee, and responded to questions.

The Chair thanked the Chairs of the Accreditation and Standards of Practice and Education committees for their presentations.

8. New Business

8.1 Expedited Licensure Proposal (GC20220915-56)

The Interim Registrar presented an initial proposal that outlined ways for the College to expedite the teacher certification process as one aspect of the work required to relieve teacher shortages in Ontario. She noted that the proposal had been developed by an internal College work group on an urgent basis, at the request of the Minister of Education. She also indicated that the College looks forward to working with stakeholders within the education community to continue developing both short- and long-term opportunities to streamline the certification process.

9. Correspondence

Correspondence to the Minister and the Deputy Minister of Education was provided for information.

10. Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, the Chair asked members to note the revised meeting dates for 2023. The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Signed: Diana Miles
Chair of Council

Signed: Chantal Bélisle, OCT
Interim Registrar and CEO

Dated:

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