



COUNCIL MEETING

2023.06

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DECEMBER 15, 2023

PRESENT:

Wanda Towers, Ph.D., C.Psych., President
Ian Nicholson, Ph.D., C.Psych., Vice-President
Peter Bieling, Ph.D., C.Psych.
Jacob Kaiserman, Psy.D., C.Psych.
David Kurzman, Ph.D., C.Psych.
Archie Kwan, Ph.D., C.Psych.
Conrad Leung, M.ADS, BCBA
Fred Schmidt, Ph.D., C.Psych.
Paul Stopciati, Public Member
Kendra Thomson, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Cenobar Parker, Public Member
Scott Warnock, Public Member
Esther Vlessing, Public Member
Pascale Gonthier, Public Member
Melanie Morrow, M.A., C.Psych.Assoc.

REGRETS:

Adrienne Perry, Ph.D., C.Psych.
Nadia Mocan, Public Member
Ilia Maor, Public Member
Glenn Webster, M.Ed., C.Psych.Assoc.

STAFF:

Tony Debono, MBA, Ph.D., C.Psych., Registrar & Executive Director
Barry Gang, MBA, Dip.C.S., C.Psych.Assoc., Deputy Registrar & Director, Professional Affairs
Lesia Mackanyn, Director, Registration
Zimra Yetnikoff, Director, Investigations & Hearings
Stephanie Morton, Director, Corporate Services
Caitlin O'Kelly, Assistant to the Registrar, Recorder

2023.06.00 CALL TO ORDER

The President called the meeting to order at 9:00AM. The meeting was held virtually by Zoom and livestreamed on YouTube. The President began the meeting with a land acknowledgement statement in recognition and respect for Indigenous peoples.

2023.06.01 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES

.01A APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was MOVED by Paul Stopciati

That the Agenda for the Council Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

.01B DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The President asked if any members of Council wished to declare a conflict of interest pertaining to the items on the Agenda. It was recognized that item .04E *Policy III F-4: Per Diems and Council and Committee Compensation* poses an unavoidable conflict for all members of the Committee who are professional members. Dr. Ian Nicholson declared a conflict with interest on item .03H EPPP Working Group.

.01C MINUTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING 2023.05 SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

It was MOVED by David Kurzman

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting 2023.05 September 22, 2023, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

.01D MINUTES FROM THE IN CAMERA COUNCIL MEETING 2023.05 SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

It was MOVED by Ian Nicholson

That the Minutes of the IN CAMERA Council Meeting 2023.05 September 22, 2023, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

.01D REVIEW OF ACTION LIST

The Council reviewed the Action List drawn from the Minutes of the previous meeting and noted items that were completed, outstanding or on today's meeting Agenda.

.01E COUNCIL MEETING EVALUATION REVIEW

The Council reviewed the September 22, 2023, Council Meeting Evaluation results.

2023.06.02 CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was received.

2023.06.03 POLICY ISSUES

.03A CONSULTATION: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO COLLEGE BY-LAWS

To prepare for proclamation of the *Psychology and Applied Behaviour Analysis Act, 2021*, the College must amend its *By-laws* to now include the profession of applied behaviour analysis and the regulation of Behaviour Analysts. According to the Health Professions Procedural Code under the *Regulated Health Professions Act, 1991*, amendments to *By-laws* must be circulated to members 60 days before it is approved by Council. The Council reviewed the proposed amendments.

It was MOVED by Scott Warnock

That the proposed amendments to the College *By-laws* be approved for circulation to the membership. **CARRIED**

Action Item Office of the Registrar

Circulate the proposed amendments to the College *By-laws* to the membership.

.03B CONSULTATION UPDATE: PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE REGISTRATION REGULATION EXPANSION OF THE “TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CLASS OF CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRATION”

As per the requirement set out in Bill 106, *Pandemic and Emergency Preparedness Act, 2022*, the Executive Committee approved in principle an amendment to the regulations to expand the emergency class of registration to include Behaviour Analysts. These were circulated to the members and other stakeholders for a 60-day consultation. The timing of this did not permit the full Council to approve this consultation to ensure submission in February. Council must approve the actual submission of the regulation amendments, therefore, a special meeting of Council has been set for February 1st for this specific purpose.

.03C ONTARIO EXAMINATION FOR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE IN APPLIED BEHAVIOUR ANALYSIS (OEPPABA)

Applicants who apply for a Certificate of Registration for a Behaviour Analyst Authorizing Supervised Practice, or who apply for a Certificate of Registration for a Behaviour Analyst Authorizing Autonomous Practice using Transitional Route #2, must successfully pass the College’s entry-to-practice examination, the Ontario Examination for Professional Practice in Applied Behaviour Analysis (OEPPABA).

It was MOVED by Ian Nicholson

That the Ontario Examination for Professional Practice in Applied Behaviour Analysis (OEPPABA) be approved as the standard examination for registration purposes, as required by the following section of O.Reg 193/23:

Section 27. (1) 3.: “*The applicant must have passed the examination of knowledge or competence set or approved by the Council or by a body that is approved by the Council for that purpose*”. **CARRIED**

It was MOVED by Jacob Kaiserman

That a maximum of four (4) attempts be approved as the total number of times a candidate can attempt the Ontario Examination for Professional Practice in Applied Behaviour Analysis (OEPPABA). **CARRIED**

.03D JURISPRUDENCE AND ETHICS COURSE AND ASSESSMENT IN APPLIED BEHAVIOUR ANALYSIS (JECAABA)

All applicants for registration as a Behaviour Analyst will be required to demonstrate successful completion of an assessment of Jurisprudence and Ethics knowledge, in a manner or form approved by Council.

It was MOVED by Scott Warnock

That the Jurisprudence and Ethics Course and Assessment in Applied Behaviour Analysis (JECAABA) be approved as the standard assessment of Jurisprudence and Ethics knowledge for registration purposes; as required by the following section of O.Reg 193/23:

Section 27. (1) 4.: *“The applicant must have demonstrated successful completion of an assessment of Jurisprudence and Ethics knowledge in a manner or form approved by the Council”.* CARRIED

.03E PROFESSIONAL BODIES IN APPLIED BEHAVIOUR ANALYSIS

The Council reviewed which professional bodies should be approved by the College to ensure that all registered Behaviour Analysts will have the necessary qualifications and competencies to deliver safe, effective, and quality care to the Ontario public.

It was MOVED by Peter Bieling

That the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) be approved as the certification board, Board Certified Behaviour Analyst (BCBA) or Board Certified Behaviour Analyst-Doctoral (BCBA-D) be approved as the certification type, and the status be approved as active; as required by the following sections of O.Reg 193/23:

Section 27. (3)1. (ii): *“...be certified by a body that is approved by Council for that purpose with a certification type and status approved by Council....”;*

Section 27. (3) 3.: *“.... with the certification body approved by Council for that purpose.”;*

Section 30. 1.: *“...certified by a body that is approved by the Council for that purpose with a certification type and status approved by the Council....”* CARRIED

It was MOVED by Paul Stopciati

That the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) be approved as the body that recognizes coursework in applied behaviour analysis and accredits programs in applied behaviour analysis, and that a Tier 1-Accredited Degree Program with Experiential Education at the master’s level or higher, be approved as the accreditation level; as required by the following sections of O.Reg 193/23:

Section 27 (1) 1. (i) and (ii): *“coursework in behaviour analysis recognized by a body approved by Council for that purpose”;*

Section 27. (1) 1. (iii): *“program in behaviour analysis accredited by a body, and at an accreditation level, approved by the Council for that purpose”.* CARRIED

It was MOVED by Pascale Gonthier

That upon the commencement of its accreditation program, the Association of Professional Behavior Analysts (APBA) be approved as a body that accredits programs in applied behaviour analysis, and that a degree at the master’s level or higher be approved as the accreditation level; as required by the following sections of O.Reg 193/23:

Section 27 (1) 1. (i) and (ii): *“coursework in behaviour analysis recognized by a body approved by Council for that purpose”;*

Section 27. (1) 1. (iii): *“program in behaviour analysis accredited by a body, and at an accreditation level, approved by the Council for that purpose”.* CARRIED

.03F REGISTRATION GUIDELINES FOR BEHAVIOUR ANALYSTS

Council reviewed the draft *Registration Guidelines* for Behaviour Analysts. The purpose of *Registration Guidelines* is to expand upon the information in the Registration Regulation, providing further details about the requirements for registration, the registration process, and the application procedure.

It was MOVED by Scott Warnock

That the following *Registration Guidelines* for the profession of Applied Behaviour Analysis be approved:

-*Registration Guidelines: Behaviour Analyst – Supervised Practice*

-*Registration Guidelines: Behaviour Analyst – Autonomous Practice (Transitional Route #1)*

-*Registration Guidelines: Behaviour Analyst – Autonomous Practice (Transitional Route #2)* **CARRIED**

Action Item Staff

Post the *Registration Guidelines* for Behaviour Analysts on the Colleges website.

.03G POLICY II-4(II): DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE: RULES OF PROCEDURE

Council reviewed proposed amendments to *Policy II-4(ii): Discipline Committee: Rules of Procedure*.

It was MOVED by David Kurzman

That the amendments to *Policy II-4(ii): Discipline Committee: Rules of Procedure*, be approved. **CARRIED**

Action Item Office of the Registrar

Update *Policy II-4(ii): Discipline Committee: Rules of Procedure* in the Colleges *Policy and Procedure Manual*.

.03H EPPP AND EXAM WORKING GROUP

The Registrar provided the Committee with a Briefing Note outlining a proposal to expand the mandate of the EPPP Working Group.

It was MOVED by Peter Bieling

That the mandate for the EPPP Working Group be extended to include a review (including recommendations) of the College's psychology entry-to-practice examinations. **CARRIED**

.03I PILOT PROJECT FOR ICRC INVESTIGATIONS

The Director, Investigations and Hearings provided the Council with a Briefing Note outlining a Pilot Project for ICRC Investigations.

2023.06.04 BUSINESS ISSUES

.04A PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Council reviewed the President's Report for the second quarter.

.04B REGISTRAR & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Council reviewed the Registrar's Report for the second quarter.

.04C REGISTRATION COMMITTEE QUARTERLY REPORT

The Council reviewed the report for the second quarter.

.04D INQUIRIES, COMPLAINTS AND REPORTS COMMITTEE QUARTERLY REPORT

The Council reviewed the report for the second quarter.

.04E POLICY III F-4: PER DIEMS AND COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE COMPENSATION

The Executive Committee reviewed proposed amendments *Policy III F-4: Per Diems and Council and Committee Compensation*.

It was MOVED by Paul Stopciati

That amendments to *Policy III F-4: Per Diems and Council and Committee Compensation* to include a preparation time allowance for Discipline Committee members, be approved.

CARRIED

Action Item Office of the Registrar

Update *Policy III F-4: Per Diems and Council and Committee Compensation* in the *Colleges Policy and Procedure Manual*.

.04F INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT

The Council reviewed the annual Integrated Risk Management Report provided by the Registrar.

2023.06.05 STRATEGIC ISSUES

.05A STRATEGIC DIRECTION IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

The Registrar provided the Council with the updated *Strategic Direction Implementation Table*. This table is used to chart the work undertaken and accomplished in fulfilling the College's Strategic Direction. Items added since the Council Meeting of September 22, 2023, were shown in **Blue**.

2023.06.06 OTHER BUSINESS

.06A SET ELECTIONS DATE

The Council confirmed that the date for the elections in Districts 5 (GTA East), 6 (GTA West), Psychological Associate - Non-Voting will be March 31, 2024.

It was MOVED by Ian Nicholson

That the elections to Council in Districts 5 (GTA East), 6 (GTA West), Psychological Associate - Non-Voting seat will be March 31, 2024.

CARRIED

.06B NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS:

The next meetings of Council will be held on:

- February 1, 2024
- March 21, 2024

- March 22, 2024 – Training Day
- June 14, 2024
- September 27, 2024

.06C PROPOSED COUNCIL MEETING:

**It was MOVED by Fred Schmidt
That September 27, 2024, be set as a Council meeting date. CARRIED**

2023.06.07 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business,

**It was MOVED by Archie Kwan
That the Council Meeting be adjourned. CARRIED**

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 11:51AM.

Wanda Towers, Ph.D., C.Psych., President

Ian Nicholson, Ph.D., C.Psych., Vice-President

Minutes approved at the Council Meeting on March 21, 2024.