



COUNCIL MEETING

2024.01

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FEBRUARY 01, 2024

PRESENT:

Wanda Towers, Ph.D., C.Psych., President
Ian Nicholson, Ph.D., C.Psych., Vice-President
Peter Bieling, Ph.D., C.Psych.
Pascale Gonthier Public Member
Archie Kwan, Ph.D., C. Psych.
Conrad Leung, M.ADS, BCBA
Ilia Maor, Public Member
Nadia Mocan, Public Member
Melanie Morrow, M.A., C.Psych.Assoc.
Adrienne Perry, Ph.D., C.Psych.
Fred Schmidt, Ph.D., C.Psych.
Paul Stopciati, Public Member
Kendra Thomson, Ph.D., BCBA-D
Esther Vlessing, Public Member
Cenobar Parker, Public Member
Scott Warnock, Public Member

REGRETS:

David Kurzman, Ph.D., C.Psych.
Jacob Kaiserman, Psy.D., C.Psych.

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
Odessa Medallon, Assistant to the Registrar, Recorder

2024.01.00 CALL TO ORDER

The President called the meeting to order at 2:00PM. 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.

2024.01.01 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES

.01A APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following was amended:

- Item .03A Registration Regulation Proposed Amendments and .03B Draft Revisions to the Standards of Professional Conduct be replaced as Items .02A and .02B.
- Item .06A Next Council Meeting be replaced as Item .03A.
- Item .07 Adjournment be replaced as Item .04.

It was MOVED by Paul Stopciati

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

CARRIED

.01B DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The President asked if any members of Council wish to declare a conflict of interest pertaining to the items on the Agenda. The President reminded Council members that the potential for conflicts should be kept in mind throughout the meeting and declarations made at any time, if appropriate.

2024.01.02 POLICY ISSUES

.02A REGISTRATION REGULATION PROPOSED AMENDMENTS – EXPANSION TO THE TEMPORARY EMERGENCY CLASS

As per the Health Professions Procedural Code which is Schedule 2 of the Regulated Health Professions Act, “it is a duty of the College to work in consultation with the Minister to ensure, as a matter of public interest, that the people of Ontario have access to adequate numbers of qualified, skilled and competent, regulated health professionals”. The government of Ontario has determined there is a need to have mechanisms in place to increase health human resource capacity to help Ontario respond to future emergency situations. During these occasions, the typical pathway to registration as outlined in the Ontario Regulation 193/23 Registration, may not be adequate or may not be able to respond quickly enough. By enabling the implementation of amendments that include an “Emergency Class” of registration for qualified practitioners, an increased supply of human resources may be available to support the health care system on an expedited basis.

It was MOVED by Scott Warnock

That Council approve submitting to the Ministry of Health the proposed amendments to O.Reg. 193/23 Registration, under the *Psychology Act and Applied Behaviour Analysis Act, 2021* that will create a “Temporary Emergency Class of Certificate of Registration” for Behaviour Analysts.

CARRIED

Professional Members in favour:6

Public Members in favour:7

Professional Members opposed:0

Public Members opposed:0

Action Item Office of the Registrar

To submit the amended regulations updated to include the temporary emergency class of certificate of registration for Applied Behaviour Analysts to the Ministry of Health.

.02B DRAFT REVISIONS TO THE STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, 2024

**It was MOVED by Glenn Webster
That the Draft *Standards of Professional Conduct* be approved for circulation to the College members and other relevant stakeholders for consultation. CARRIED**

Action Item Deputy Registrar
To reconvene the Standards Working Group after receiving comments to review and potentially modify the content based on feedback.

2024.01.03 OTHER BUSINESS

.03A NEXT COUNCIL MEETINGS:
The next meetings of Council will be held on:
- March 21, 2024 – Training Day
- March 22, 2024 – Council Meeting Q1

2024.01.04 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business,

**It was MOVED by Glenn Webster
That the Council Meeting be adjourned. CARRIED**

The Council Meeting was adjourned at 02:25 PM.

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.