

Council Meeting Minutes

Virtual Zoom Meeting – Livestreamed to the CDHO YouTube Channel
Friday, January 19, 2024 – 10:45 a.m. to 1:58 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Professional Members: Michelle Atkinson, Maheen Cassim, Anne-Marie Conaghan (Academic), Jennifer Cooper (Academic), Krista Dufour, Vanessa Pereira (Vice-President), Terri Strawn (President), Mary Yeomans, Balbir Sohi, Juli Kreutner

Public Members: Pella Giabanis, Meghan Leuprecht, Angelica Palantzas, Margaret Wade, Loree Beniuk

Regrets: Erin Betts, Alessandro Greco, Farzana Hussain, Ehizele Martin Iyamabo, Sasha Sidhu

Administration: Dr. Glenn Pettifer (Registrar and CEO), Veronica Douglas (Executive Administrator), Suzanne Fox (), Eric Bruce ()

Guests: Julie Maciura, SML, CDHO Legal Counsel (10:45a.m.-2:00p.m.)

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call

The Chair, Terri Strawn, called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

1.2 Opening Remarks

The Council President, Terri Strawn, welcomed Council and guests to the January Council meeting. The following land acknowledgment was made:

“While we meet today in a virtual environment, I would like to begin by acknowledging the Indigenous peoples and every being of all the lands that we are gathered on here. I acknowledge that there are 46 treaties, other agreements as well as unceded nations that cover the territory now called Ontario, which remains the home of many First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people. I come with respect for this land that I am on today, for the people and all living beings who have and still reside here.

Let’s take a moment to acknowledge the importance of the land which we each call home and express my gratitude to have the privilege to work on this land. We do this to reaffirm our commitment and our responsibility to improve relationships between nations and to improve our own understanding of local Indigenous peoples and their cultures. From coast to coast to coast, I wish to acknowledge the ancestral

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and unceded territory of all the Inuit, Métis, and First Nations people that call this nation home.

Please join me in a moment of reflection to acknowledge the effects of genocide, residential schools, and the ongoing effects of colonialism on Indigenous families and communities. We have the utmost respect for Indigenous peoples and wish to thank them for their continued stewardship of this land. Let's take this time to consider how we can, in our own way, move forward in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration."

The President thanked non-council members whose terms came to an end in January: Dorothy Dziunikowski for their significant contributions to the Inquiries, Complaints, and Reports Committee and Julie Farmer for their contributions to the Inquiries, Complaints, and Reports Committee and the Quality Assurance Committee.

1.3 Council Code of Conduct

Council was reminded of the Code of Conduct

2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2.1 Review and Approval of Agenda

The agenda was amended to defer item 6.1 Appointment of Non-Council Members to the new Executive Committee and remove the item from the agenda because more time is needed to review the applications.

MOTION: **THAT** Council moves to approve the January 19, 2024 Council meeting agenda as amended.

MOVED: Jennifer Cooper

SECONDED: Krista Dufour

VOTE:

CARRIED

3.0 DECLARATIONS OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

3.1 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

4.0 BOARD EDUCATION

4.1 Council Orientation- RHPA

Julie Maciura from Steinecke Maciura LeBlanc presented to Council about regulation under the *Regulated Health Professions Act*. Ms. Maciura spoke about legislation, self-

regulation, public interest, governance, fiduciary duties of Council members, confidentiality, and conflict of interest.

5.0 ELECTION OF 2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The elections were presided over by the Registrar, Dr. Glenn Pettifer, and an overview of the nominations and voting process for all eligible positions on the 2024 Executive Committee was provided.

5.1 Appointment of Scrutineers

As provided under Schedule II of Bylaw 5, the Registrar appointed Eric Bruce and Suzanne Fox as Scrutineers for the 2024 Executive Committee elections.

5.2 Nominations and Election of President

The floor was opened for the position of Council President. The term for President shall commence on January 19, 2024, and end at the first meeting in 2025 when a new election for President is held.

The following nominations were made:

Nominated:
Terri Strawn

Nominator:
Margaret Wade

Terri Strawn accepted the nomination.

There were no additional nominees from the floor for the President position after a second and third call by the Registrar.

Terri Strawn was acclaimed to the position of President and addressed Council.

5.3 Nominations and Election of Vice-President

The Registrar called for nominations for the position of Vice-President. The term for Vice-President shall commence on January 19, 2024, and end at the first meeting in 2025 where a new election for Vice-President is held.

The following nominations were made:

Nominated: Michelle Atkinson

Nominator: Vanessa Pereira

Michelle Atkinson accepted the nomination. There were no additional nominees from the floor for the Vice-President position after a second and third call by the Registrar.

Michelle Atkinson was acclaimed to the position of Vice-President.

5.4 Nominations and Election of Three Remaining Executive Members

Third (3rd) Executive Position – Professional Member

The floor was opened for nominations for the third Executive Committee position. The following nominations were made:

Nominated:
Vanessa Pereira

Nominator:
Jennifer Cooper

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Vanessa Pereira accepted the nomination. There were no additional nominees from the floor for the third Executive Committee position after a second and third call by the Registrar.

Vanessa Pereira was acclaimed to the third Executive Committee position.

Fourth (4th) and Fifth (5th) Executive Position – Public Member

The floor was opened for nominations for the fourth and fifth Executive Committee positions. The following nominations were made:

Nominated:

Loree Beniuk
Erin Betts
Margaret Wade

Nominator:

Terri Strawn
Michelle Atkinson
Vanessa Pereira

Loree Beniuk, Erin Betts and Margaret Wade accepted the nominations and addressed Council. Erin Betts addressed Council via email.

There were no additional nominees from the floor for the fourth and fifth Executive Committee position after a second and third call by the Registrar.

Electronic ballots were distributed, collected, and counted.

Erin Betts and Loree Beniuk were elected to the positions of fourth and fifth Executive Committee members.

The 2024 Executive Committee was established as follows:

Member:

Terri Strawn
Michelle Atkinson
Vanessa Pereira
Erin Betts
Loree Beniuk

Position:

President
Vice-President
Professional
Public
Public

The Registrar closed the election and called for a motion to destroy the electronic ballots.

MOTION: **THAT** the 2024 Executive Committee election ballots be destroyed in accordance with Schedule II of CDHO Bylaw 5.

Moved: Mary Yeomans
Seconded: Maheen Cassim
VOTE:

CARRIED

6.0 SELF-EVALUATION OF GOVERNANCE PROCESS

6.1 Council Meeting Evaluation

The Council Feedback Survey was sent to Council members to be completed electronically. Council reviewed the results in the meeting.

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7.0 NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Council meeting is March 8, 2024.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: **THAT** the Council meeting be adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

MOVED: Michelle Atkinson

SECONDED: Krista Dufour

VOTE:

CARRIED

Approved by:



Signature of Chair, Terri Strawn

March 8, 2024

Date