

# Council Meeting Minutes

Virtual Zoom Meeting – Livestreamed to the CDHO YouTube Channel  
Friday, January 9, 2026 – 9:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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## COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

**Professional Members:** Michelle Atkinson, Anne-Marie Conaghan (Academic), Jennifer Cooper (Academic), Vanessa Pereira, Balbir Sohi, Juli Kreutner, Carmen Adebar, Liisa Moore, Tiffany Murray, Krystal Afzalzada, Kylie McElrea

**Public Members:** Margaret Wade, Loree Beniuk, Erin Betts, Christina Lee-Rotstein, Amit Sethi, Derek Gartshore, Nella Chiappetta, Jeny Jovanov

**Regrets:** Pella Giabanis

**Administration:** Dr. Glenn Pettifer (Registrar and CEO), Veronica Douglas (Executive Administrator), Suzanne Fox (Director of Corporate Services), Eric Bruce (Deputy Registrar and Director of Registration and Professional Conduct)

**Guests:** Julie Maciura, SML, CDHO Legal Counsel (9:15a.m. to 11:00a.m.)

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## 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

### 1.1 Opening Remarks

The Council Chair, Michelle Atkinson, called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m. She welcomed Council and guests to the January Council meeting. The following land acknowledgment was made:

“I’d like to begin by acknowledging the indigenous peoples of all the lands that we are on today. While we meet today on a virtual platform, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the importance of the lands which we, Council, Council guests, staff, and those watching on YouTube, each call home.”

### 1.2 Council Code of Conduct

Council was reminded of the Code of Conduct

## 2.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### 2.1 Review and Approval of Agenda

**MOTION:** **THAT** Council moves to approve the January 9, 2026 Council meeting agenda as presented.

**MOVED:** Jennifer Cooper

**SECONDED:** Loree Beniuk

**VOTE:**

**CARRIED**

### 3.0 DECLARATIONS OF POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

#### 3.1 Declarations of Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

### 4.0 ELECTION OF 2026 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 2026 Executive Committee was provided.

#### 5.1 Appointment of Scrutineers

As provided under Schedule II of the Bylaws, the Registrar appointed Eric Bruce and Suzanne Fox as Scrutineers for the 2026 Executive Committee elections.

#### 5.2 Nominations and Election of Chair

The floor was opened for the position of Council Chair. The term for Chair shall commence on January 9, 2026, and end at the first meeting in 2027 when a new election for Chair 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 position of Chair after a second and third call by the Registrar.

Michelle Atkinson was acclaimed to the position of Chair.

#### 5.3 Nominations and Election of Vice-Chair

The Registrar called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair. The term for Vice-Chair shall commence on January 9, 2026, and end at the first meeting in 2027 where a new election for Vice-Chair is held.

The following nominations were made:

**Nominated:** Vanessa Pereira

**Nominator:** Jennifer Cooper

Vanessa Pereira accepted the nomination. There were no additional nominees from the floor for the position of Vice-Chair after a second and third call by the Registrar.

Vanessa Pereira was acclaimed to the position of Vice-Chair and addressed Council.

**5.4 Nominations and Election of Three Remaining Executive Members**

Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Executive Position – Professional Member

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

**Nominated:**  
Jennifer Cooper

**Nominator:**  
Vanessa Pereira

Jennifer Cooper 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.

Jennifer Cooper was acclaimed to the third Executive Committee position.

Fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Executive Position – Public Member

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

**Nominated:**  
Amit Sethi

**Nominator:**  
Erin Betts

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

Amit Sethi was acclaimed to the fourth Executive Committee position.

Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) Executive Position – Public Member

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

**Nominated:**  
Erin Betts  
Jeny Jovanov

**Nominator:**  
Amit Sethi  
Jennifer Cooper

Erin Betts declined the nomination. Jeny Jovanov accepted the nomination. There were no additional nominees from the floor for the fifth Executive Committee position after a second and third call by the Registrar.

Jeny Jovanov was acclaimed to the fifth Executive Committee position.

The 2026 Executive Committee was established as follows:

**Member:**

Michelle Atkinson  
Vanessa Pereira  
Jennifer Cooper  
Amit Sethi  
Jeny Jovanov

**Position:**

*Chair*  
*Vice-Chair*  
*Professional*  
*Public*  
*Public*

The Registrar closed the election.

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**5.0 BOARD EDUCATION**

**5.1 Council Orientation**

Julie Maciura from Steinecke Maciura LeBlanc presented to Council about Council’s roles and responsibilities. Ms. Maciura spoke about legislation, self-regulation, public interest, governance, fiduciary duties of Council members, and conflict of interest.

**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.

**7.0 NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Council meeting is March 27, 2026.

**8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** THAT the Council meeting be adjourned.

**MOVED:** Loree Beniuk

**SECONDED:** Jeny Jovanov

**VOTE:**

**CARRIED**

Approved by:



Signature of Chair, Michelle Atkinson

March 27, 2026

Date