



COLLEGE *of* OPTICIANS
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
a B.C. Health Regulator

College of Opticians of BC – Annual General Meeting 2019

(APPROVED MINUTES)

Meeting Date, Time & Venue:

Friday, November 22, 2019

2:00pm - 3:00pm

200 Granville, Vancouver, BC

Meeting called by Raheem Savja, Chair

Board Members:

Raheem Savja

Kim McEachern

Raj Mann

Yvonne Ryder

Peter Luongo

Erik Bucaneg

Barbara Larkin

Piotr Majkowski

Martin Semaniuk

Administration:

Lisa Bannerman (Registrar/Executive Director)

Christopher Dodge (Deputy Registrar/Manager of Quality Assurance)

Victoria Spooner (Manager of Communications and Patient Relations)

Guests:

Jade Tien (Auditor)

Number of Registrants Online and in Attendance:

~20

OUR VISION

Better health through excellence in opticianry regulation to ensure safe quality vision care for all.

OUR MISSION

Regulating opticians in the public interest. We set and enforce standards and promote best practices for vision care in BC.

OUR CORE VALUES

Integrity Ethical & Fair

Transparent Accountable

Relational Collaborative

Innovative



Call to Order	1. Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement This meeting was called to order at 2:00pm.	Raheem Savja
Chair's Remarks	2. Introductions Board and Administration staff introduced themselves to the other attendees.	Raheem Savja
Adoption of the Agenda	3. Adoption of Agenda & Rules of Order (Decision) <u>Motion</u> – Be it resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the agenda for the Annual General Meeting on November 22, 2019 be adopted. 	Raheem Savja
Approval of Minutes	4. Approval of Minutes from Annual General Meeting on November 4, 2018 (Decision) <u>Motion</u> – Be it resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the minutes for the Annual General Meeting on November 4, 2018 be approved. 	Raheem Savja
Chair's Report	5. Chair's Report Mr. Savja spoke about the make-up of the Board and having a full complement of public members. He also spoke about the COBC's work on updating the bylaws, and about the COBC's collaboration with other regulators, to work toward joint guidelines. He also thanked Committees, staff, volunteers, contractors, BC government, provincial partners, registrants, and other regulators that have assisted the COBC over the past year.	Raheem Savja
Registrar's Report	6. Registrar's Report Ms. Bannerman spoke about the changing landscape of health regulation, and updated attendees on the possibility of amalgamation for health regulators in BC.	Lisa Bannerman



Key Accomplishments	7. Key Accomplishments Ms. McEachern shared some key accomplishments of the COBC from the past year, including the updated Continuing Competency Program and receiving a grant for improvements to the PLAR process.	Kim McEachern
Solutions Session	8. Solutions Session Ms. Mann introduced the session and invited the attendees to participate: Questions: 1. Are there any professions or Colleges you feel COBC would be a good fit to merge (amalgamate) with? 2. Do you have any concerns with Opticians being regulated alongside multiple health professions? Attendees provided some thoughts and asked some questions, and the group further discussed the idea of amalgamation.	Raj Mann
Financial Statements	9. Finance & Audit Committee Annual Report (Decision) Ms. Tien presented the Financial Statements and encouraged attendees to review in more detail in the COBC Annual Report.	Jade Tien
Announcements	10. Announcements Mr. Savja advised attendees that as there were no nominations for vacant Board positions, there will be no election in 2019. Interested registrants may now apply to the Board for appointment.	Raheem Savja
Board Appreciation	11. Board Appreciation Mr. Luongo acknowledged the work of outgoing Board member Ms. Ryder, thanking her on behalf of the Board for their hard work and commitment.	Peter Luongo



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Adjournment	14. Adjournment The meeting was called to adjourn at 2:50pm.	Raheem Savja
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Chair