

College of Opticians of BC – Board Teleconference Meeting

(APPROVED MINUTES)

Meeting Date & Time:

Monday, December 9, 2019
6:30pm - 7:30pm

Meeting Venue:

Via Teleconference

Meeting called by Raheem Savja, Chair

Board Members:

Raheem Savja
Peter Luongo
Yvonne Ryder
Raj Mann
Martin Semaniuk
Erik Bucaneg
Barbara Larkin
Piotr Majkowski

Administration:

Lisa Bannerman (Registrar/Executive Director)

Regrets:

Kim McEachern

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 This meeting was called to order at 6:33pm	Raheem Savja
Adoption of the Agenda	2. Adoption of Agenda for December 9, 2019 meeting (Decision) <u>Motion</u> – Be it resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the agenda for the Board meeting on December 9, 2019 be adopted, with the following amendment: -Adding item: Registrar access to funds in COBC GIC's being kept for contingency 	Raheem Savja
New Business	3. Late Fees (Decision) The Board discussed the need for making changes to the renewal late fee. Registrar Lisa Bannerman had previously asked the Board for feedback on the current fee, and to decide if it was still appropriate, or if the board would consider reducing it. The Board discussed the reason for having a late fee, and the impact of having a late fee, and discussed several options. <u>Motion</u> – Be it resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That a flat rate of \$200 be approved as a late fee, for each renewal category. Raj Mann opposed the motion.	Raheem Savja
New Business	4. Ministry Proposal Review The Registrar discussed the proposal, <i>Modernizing the provincial health profession regulatory framework: a paper for consultation</i> , with the Board, and presented them with questions to consider from the proposal. The Board provided some initial thoughts; once a response has been drafted, which is due to be sent by January 10, 2020, it will be shared with the Board for further comment.	Lisa Bannerman

New Business	<p>5. Registrar access to funds in COBC GIC's being kept for contingency</p> <p>The Registrar discussed with the Board the impact that an increase in complaints has had on legal fees. As the Board had previously motioned to allow the Registrar access to a limited amount of funds before seeking further approval from the Board, it was requested that the Board consider increasing the amount.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> - Be it resolved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Registrar be given approval to access an additional \$30,000 of contingency funds, on top of the \$20,000 previously approved, for inquiry/discipline purposes. 	Lisa Bannerman
Adjournment	<p>6. Adjournment</p> <p>The meeting was called to adjourn at 7:48pm.</p>	Raheem Savja