

College of Opticians of BC – Board Teleconference Meeting

(APPROVED MINUTES)

Meeting Date & Time:

Monday, January 13, 2020
6:30pm - 7:30pm

Meeting Venue:

Via Teleconference

Meeting called by Raheem Savja, Chair

Board Members:

Raheem Savja
Peter Luongo
Yvonne Ryder
Martin Semaniuk
Erik Bucaneg
Piotr Majkowski
Kim McEachern

Administration:

Lisa Bannerman (Registrar/Executive Director)

Regrets:

Barbara Larkin
Raj Mann (replied with comments, subsequent to meeting)

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 6:35pm	Raheem Savja
Adoption of the Agenda	2. Adoption of Agenda for January 13, 2020 teleconference meeting (Decision) <u>Motion</u> – Be it resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the agenda for the Board meeting on January 13, 2020 be adopted. 	Raheem Savja
New Business	3. Request from Optometry (Decision) <p>The Board Chair presented background on a verbal request from Dr. Justin Asgarpour, the Board Chair of the College of Optometrists. Mr. Asgarpour advised that the College of Optometry received an extension to respond to the Steering Committee’s recommendations for amalgamation, and that they are looking for support of a standalone “Vision College” that will not include other professions, as recommended in the Steering Committee’s report.</p> <p>The Board discussed this request, and the College of Optometry’s previous communication with the COBC on this issue. The Board agreed that the COBC has embraced the concepts and theme of the original Cayton report and recommending a standalone Vision College would not be in alignment. The Board agreed that the COBC and the College of Optometry would work just as collaboratively in the public interest under the proposed fifth College.</p> <u>Motion</u> – Be it resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To have the COBC continue on the current path of affiliation with the newly formed grouping of health professions proposed under the College of Health and Care Professions, which is in alignment with the findings of the Cayton report. 	Raheem Savja
New Business	4. Accreditation Canada <p>The Registrar reviewed information provided by Jodi Dodds of NACOR regarding Accreditation Canada. The NACOR Board has accepted Accreditation Canada as the accrediting body for optical programs, and the COBC Board should pass a motion on whether or not to support this.</p>	Lisa Bannerman

	<p><u>Motion</u> – Be it resolved:</p> <p>That the COBC accepts Accreditation Canada as the accrediting agency for Opticianry programs.</p>	
Adjournment	<p>5. Adjournment</p> <p>The meeting was called to adjourn at 7:33pm.</p>	<p>Raheem Savja</p>