

College of Opticians of BC – Board Teleconference Meeting

(APPROVED MINUTES)

Meeting Date & Time:

Tuesday, March 17, 2020
6:30pm - 7:30pm

Meeting Venue:

Via Teleconference

Meeting called by Peter Luongo, Chair

Board Members:

Peter Luongo
Raheem Savja
Sue Randhawa
Erik Bucaneg
Raj Mann (joined at 6:58pm, due to internet issues therefore did not participate in full discussion)
Barbara Larkin
Piotr Majkowski
Kim McEachern

Administration:

Lisa Bannerman (Registrar/Executive Director)

Regrets:

Martin Semaniuk

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	Peter Luongo
Adoption of the Agenda	2. Adoption of Agenda for March 17, 2020 teleconference meeting (Decision) <u>Motion</u> – Be it resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the agenda for the Board meeting on March 17, 2020 be adopted. 	Peter Luongo
Unfinished Business	3. Committee Appointment – Inquiry Committee (Decision) The Board discussed the report as presented, with Ms. Randhawa seeking clarification on the proposed appointment. The Board Chair clarified the reasoning, and further discussion occurred around continued training and evaluation moving forward. The Board also discussed the challenge of recruiting new volunteers for committee appointments. <u>Motion</u> – Be it resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That Polly Lee be re-appointed to the Inquiry Committee. 	Peter Luongo
New Business	4. COVID-19 The Registrar updated the Board on how COVID-19 is affecting registrants and staff, and shared the communications going out to registrants. The Board was advised that the Hub Registrars are preparing a list of considerations for the Ministry, and they were updated on renewal. They were advised that many registrants have asked about going non-practicing, which could impact College resources, and the Registrar suggested they consider waiving late fees for the month following renewal. <u>Motion</u> – Be it resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the COBC suspends late fees until April 30, 2020, at the Registrar's discretion. Further discussion occurred around College communications to registrants, with Mr. Majkowski recommending stronger encouragement for stores to close during this crisis.	Lisa Bannerman

Adjournment	5. Adjournment The meeting was called to adjourn at 7:23pm.	Peter Luongo
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