

ALEI ELDEEN – CANDIDATE STATEMENT

A well-governed College protects patients. It also creates an environment where pharmacists can practice with confidence in a regulated system. These are not competing priorities. They depend on each other.

Today, pharmacists are taking on greater responsibility in patient care than ever before. As the profession evolves, regulation must keep pace. I believe the College has an opportunity to act with greater urgency and make more decisive, proactive changes for the profession while continuing to uphold its fundamental mandate of public protection.

I have been a pharmacist for 29 years, including 16 years in Canada, and more than a decade as a pharmacy owner. During that time, I have built and expanded clinical services, including immunizations, diabetes education, point-of-care testing, minor ailment prescribing, and smoking cessation programs. I have mentored pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, and internationally trained graduates. In 2025, the Ontario College of Pharmacists appointed me to one of its statutory committees, and I currently serve as an OCP PACE Assessor.

My leadership philosophy is built on finding the strengths in others and helping them achieve their goals. I believe people do their best work when they are supported, trusted, and given the opportunity to grow and succeed. That belief guides how I mentor, build teams, and approach regulation. For me, that greater purpose has always been patient well-being.

When pharmacists are supported, fairly regulated, and given the conditions to do their best work, pharmacy services advance, and patients receive safer, more accessible, and higher-quality care.

If that is the kind of Director you want on this Board, I am asking for your confidence.