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**MINUTES OF MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
NOVEMBER 19, 2020**

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**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020 – 1:00 P.M.**

**HELD VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE**

**Elected Members**

District H Dr. Régis Vaillancourt, Ottawa  
District H Ms. Nadia Facca, London  
District K Mr. Mark Scanlon, Peterborough  
District K Ms. Tracey Phillips, Westport  
District L Mr. Billy Cheung, Markham  
District L Mr. James Morrison, Burlington  
District L Mr. Siva Sivapalan, Burlington - **Regrets**  
District M Mr. Mike Hannalah, Toronto  
District M Mr. Kyro Maseh, Toronto  
District M Ms. Laura Weyland, Toronto  
District N Mr. Tom Kontio, London - **Regrets**  
District N Ms. Leigh Smith, Cambridge  
District N Dr. Karen Riley, Sarnia  
District P Ms. Rachelle Rocha, Sudbury  
District T Ms. Connie Beck, Petrolia  
District TH Mr. Goran Petrovic, Kitchener

Dr. Lisa Dolovich, Dean, Leslie Dan Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Toronto  
Dr. David Edwards, Hallman Director, School of Pharmacy, University of Waterloo

**Members Appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council**

Mr. Stephen Adams, London  
Mr. David Breukelman, Burlington  
Ms. Christine Henderson, Toronto - **Regrets**  
Ms. Tammy Cotie, Brockville  
Mr. Azeem Khan, Pickering  
Mr. Rick Phillips, London  
Ms. Elnora Magboo, Brampton  
Mr. Gene Szabo, Kanata  
Ms. Devinder Walia, Etobicoke  
Mr. Rick Webster, Minesing

**Staff present**

Ms. Nancy Lum-Wilson, CEO/Registrar  
Ms. Angela Bates, Director, Conduct  
Ms. Connie Campbell, Director, Corporate Services  
Ms. Susan James, Director, Quality  
Ms. Sarah MacDougall, Board & Committee Liaison

## **President's Opening Remarks**

Ms. Weyland welcomed everyone to the special meeting to discuss emergency assignment registration certificates. Members were informed of the virtual meeting platform features and informed that votes will be registered and recorded using the voting features within the program.

Ms. Weyland informed the Board that Public Director Azeem Khan's Order in Council had not been renewed and thanked him for his contribution to the College. Ms. Weyland also welcomed newly appointed Public Director Rick Philips.

### **1. Noting Members Present**

Member attendance was noted for those in attendance and via roll call for those participating via teleconference.

### **2. Declaration of Conflict**

Ms. Karen Riley raised for consideration her appointment as the College's representative on the Pharmacy Examining Board of Canada (PEBC) Board and if that would preclude her from participating in the meeting. It was concluded that the motions before the Board, as described in the briefing note, would not result in a conflict but should the discussion shift from the context presented the issue of her cross appointment could be reexamined.

There were no other conflicts declared.

### **3. Approval of Agenda**

**A motion to approve the Agenda was moved and seconded. The motion CARRIED.**

### **4. For Decision**

#### **4.1 Briefing Note – Emergency Assignment Registration**

Ms. Weyland invited the CEO and Registrar, Ms. Nancy Lum-Wilson to provide some context on the issue prior to the presentation of the briefing note.

Ms. Lum-Wilson first acknowledged the letters sent to OCP on behalf of pharmacist graduates in Ontario. She reminded the Board that the focus of the College is to uphold the mandate of public service and protection at all times.

Throughout the pandemic, the College has endeavored to gauge the impact of the pandemic on the workforce and respond accordingly. Ms. Lum-Wilson noted that with the sustained and growing pressures on the workforce, compounded with the second wave of the pandemic, the College had started work early in the fall on a regulatory response to proactively address a surge in demand, not only for the current emergency, but for future emergencies as well. She also noted that while there is a provision in the existing regulation allowing the Board to approve an

alternative exam, the regulation requires that it must be for the same purpose as the PEBC Qualifying exam, equally accessible to all applicants and follow equivalent, fair and reliable assessment methodology.

Ms. James reviewed the key points in the briefing note and the provisions within the regulation that would be changed to enable the new class of registration certificates. Ms. James also noted that candidates under the emergency assignment registration class would be subject to supervision (as defined in College guidelines) as well as the allowance for the Registrar to revoke a certificate, in order to satisfy the College's mandate to ensure safe quality care for patients.

The Board discussed the educational requirements for eligibility for an emergency assignment registration certificate and Ms. James confirmed that the Board would be required to specify the jurisdictions to which an emergency assignment registration class could apply. This will be brought forward at the next Board meeting in December. International Pharmacy Graduates (IPGs) will need to either demonstrate they have passed the PEBC Qualifying Exam on their first attempt or have completed the approved bridging program, provided by the University of Toronto.

Following discussion, **the motion was called to a vote.**

**The motion: That the Board approve the proposed changes to *General Regulation 202/94* under the *Pharmacy Act, 1991* (Appendix 1, 2 and 3) to allow for emergency assignment registration certificates for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians.**

**The motion was moved and seconded. The motion CARRIED.**

Following discussion, **the motion was called to a vote.**

**The motion: That the Board seek approval by the Minister of Health to waive or abridge the requirement for a 60 day public consultation period of the proposed regulation changes.**

**The motion was moved and seconded. The motion CARRIED.**

## **5.0 Motion of Adjournment**

There being no further business, **at 2:45 p.m., a motion to adjourn the meeting was moved and seconded. The motion CARRIED.**

**Sarah MacDougall  
Board & Committee Liaison**

**Laura Weyland  
Board Chair**