

AUGUST 2024 BOARD MEETING

As recorded at the Board of Directors' meeting held on August 9, 2024. This meeting was held virtually via MS Teams.

EMERGENCY ASSIGNMENT CLASS OF REGISTRATION TO CLOSE

Board approves policy to guide decisions on opening and closing EA classes of registration

The Board determined that the existing need to issue emergency assignment certificates of registration due to the COVID-19 pandemic has ended, and new emergency assignment registrations will end immediately. Current emergency assignment applicants and registrants will be informed by College staff and transitioned to other classes as applicable.

The Board decision was informed by a [new policy](#) that was passed at the meeting that sets out the expectations on how the Board will determine when to open and close the emergency assignment class(es) of registration. The policy describes the criteria that must be considered for the Board to declare that there are emergency circumstances to warrant issuing certificates of registration as pharmacists (emergency assignment) and/or pharmacy technicians (emergency assignment) as well as the procedure for opening and closing the emergency assignment class(es) of registration. Additional information about the closing of the emergency assignment class(es) has been posted on the OCP [website](#).

Background information about the Board discussion is available starting on page 27 of the [Board materials package](#).

REVISIONS TO DRAFT HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY EXPECTED THIS FALL

After the Board discussed and provided feedback on a draft practice policy on Human Rights that consolidates and makes explicit the College's expectations regarding access to pharmacy care

and services without discrimination, College staff will revise the draft policy to address discriminatory behaviour more broadly, including discrimination among registrants, between registrants and staff, and between patients and pharmacy professionals. The policy will also strengthen linkages to the College's expectations on [Ending the Pharmacist Patient Relationship](#) and make other editorial adjustments. A revised policy will be brought back to a subsequent meeting for approval. Further details are available in the [Board materials package](#) starting on page 10.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE ON INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT

The Governance Committee provided an update on the findings of a report by an independent investigator looking into a potential conflict of interest by Board Director Siva Sivapalan. Based on the report, and the finding that grounds for formal governance action were not met, the Governance Committee made a decision to take no further action and shared its decision with the Board for information.

The Board passed a motion to have information associated with the investigation and Governance Committee meeting shared with directors at a later date.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Board meetings are open to the public, and the next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on September 15 & 16, 2024. Special Board meetings may be called at any time. Please see our website for information on [upcoming Board meetings](#). Highlights from the Board meetings are also shared via [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#).