



**College of Optometrists of Ontario
Meeting of the Council
March 30, 2017 – Teleconference
Minutes – Approved**

1 A meeting of the Council of the College of Optometrists of Ontario was held by teleconference
2 on March 30, 2017. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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4 **1. Attendance:** Dr. Bill Chisholm, Dr. Linda Chan, Dr. Pooya Hemami, Dr. Patricia Hyrnchak,
5 Dr. Richard Kniaziew, Ms. Irene Moore, Dr. Kamy Morcos, Dr. Areef Nurani, Ms. Ellen
6 Pekilis, Dr. Patrick Quaid, Mr. Brian Rivait, and Dr. Marta Witer

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8 **Absent:** Ms. Maureen Chesney, Dr. Dino Mastronardi, Ms. Luisa Morrone, and Mr. John
9 Van Bastelaar

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11 **Staff:** Dr. Paula Garshowitz, Registrar

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13 **2. Agenda:** To discuss the revised 2017 budget

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15 Moved by B. Rivait and seconded by B. Chisholm **to accept the agenda.**

16 **Motion carried**

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18 There were no conflicts of interest to declare by councillors.

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20 **3. Revised 2017 Budget:** A copy of a revised budget was circulated to Council in advance
21 of the meeting. It was explained that when the budget was approved at the January
22 meeting, there had been an inadvertent miscalculation that had occurred in the
23 calculation of the budgeted amount for committee expenses. In addition, the budget at
24 that time was not based on December 31, 2016 financials as they had not yet been
25 prepared. The College now has the 2016 draft audited financial statements and the
26 December income and expense reports to better project next year's budget.
27 Council reviewed the revised budget, which corrects the calculation error and shows
28 some changes proposed, based on the year-end numbers. The revised projected deficit
29 totals \$194, 981. In addition, a line item has been added to reflect Council's
30 consideration of research for an entry-to-practice examination, as an additional
31 exceptional expense, and this amount is reflected, projecting a total deficit of \$294, 981.

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33 Moved by R. Kniaziew and seconded by I. Moore **to approve the 2017 budget as**
34 **amended.**

35 **Motion carried.**

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37 **4. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.