

COUNCIL MINUTES



Date: January 29, 2025

Time: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Attendance:	Scott Smith	Olatunde Olatona	Tania Arora	Laura Lazenby-Pashko
	Margaret Cayenne	Kayla Walsh	Lana Bentley	Oziren Ogbimi
	Raegan Cerisano			

1. CALL TO ORDER AND RELATED BUSINESS

1.1 Pillars and Land Acknowledgement

Meeting called to order at 6:03 p.m.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Motion 1.0: That the agenda for the January 31, 2025, Council meeting agenda be approved. Moved by: Scott Smith. Seconded by: Oziren Ogbimi. Carried.

1.3 Approval of Minutes

Motion 2.0: That the minutes for the October 20, 2025, Council meeting be approved. Moved by: Margaret Cayenne. Seconded by: Scott Smith. Carried.

1.4 Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

2. GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT

2.1 President's Report

Laura Lazenby-Pashko presented the President's report for the Council. No questions were posed.

2.2 Governance and Audit Committee Report

Lana Bentley presented the report for the Governance and Audit committee and noted that Kay Walsh was appointed as the new Chair for the committee.

Motion 3.0: That the COA approved the proposed PLI policy. Moved by: Raegan Cerisano. Seconded by: Olatunde Olatona. Carried.

Motion 4.0: That the COA Council allocate \$5000.00 to the Workforce Planning and PLAR Initiatives in partnership with the College of Opticians of Ontario. Moved by: Scott Smith. Seconded by:

Tania Arora. Carried.

Motion 5.0: That the COA Council approves the amended 2025 budget as presented. Moved by: Oziren Ogbimi. Seconded by: Margaret Cayenne. Carried.

- **Action Item:** Staff to look at adding a technological fund/ IT and AI.
- **Action Item:** The Council is to consider doing a dues increase for 2026, staff to bring information to the June budget meeting.

3. REGISTRATION AND COMPETENCE

3.1 Registration and Competence Committee Report

Oziren Ogbimi presented the report for the previous quarter. No questions were posed.

4. OPERATIONS UPDATE

4.1 Q4 Operational Report

The CEO and Registrar provided an update to the Council on the operations of the College for Q4 of 2024.

Motion 4.0: To accept the Q3 2024 Operational Report as presented. Moved by: Scott Smith. Seconded by: Tania Arora. Carried.

4.2 Council Roundtable

PLI was discussed and the consensus from Council is that we increase the minimum amount from one million to two million dollars.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristie Murray
Recording Secretary