

Minutes

Present

P. Sullivan, Chair
P. Ankamah
H. Anyia
A. Arkell
R. Dunn
D. Edwards
J. Farag
G. Fox
T. Fukushima

M. Hogard
A. Jahangir
R. Kaur

S. Larmour
R. Lastimoso Jr.
S. Leduc
D. May
E. Mutia

G. Oltmann
F. Osime
L. Poonasamy
M. E. Renwick
D. Scott
M. Sheculski
D. Thompson
K. Wagg

Regrets

J. Armitage
T. Crowder
S. Douglas

Z. Hamza
T. Hands
J. Hess

C. Hourigan
M. Krauter
M. MacDougall
I. McKinnon

Guest

S. Yun, legal counsel

Staff

S. Crawford
B. Hammond
J. Hofbauer, Recorder

E. Tilley
S. Mills
A. M. Shin

C. Timmings
S. Vogler

Purpose

This special meeting of Council was convened to discuss and make decisions regarding:

- further amendments to the proposed Registration Regulation amendments regarding the Emergency Class that were approved by Council on May 9, 2023 and
- circulation of the proposed further amendments.

P. Sullivan welcomed Council, S. Yun, legal counsel, and CNO staff.

Land Acknowledgement

P. Sullivan shared a Land Acknowledgment.

Agenda

The agenda had been circulated and was approved on consent.

Call for conflicts of interest

P. Sullivan asked if any Council members had a conflict of interest to declare. None were declared.

Registration Regulation

P. Sullivan noted that amendments to the Registration Regulation related to the Emergency Class were approved by Council on May 9, 2023. She noted that the Minister has requested further amendments.

Council members received a briefing note highlighting the two decisions for consideration and the rationale.

S. Crawford, Executive Director and CEO noted that Council has shown a strong commitment to enhancing access to registration for qualified applicants. She noted that in May, following circulation and consideration of the feedback, Council approved amendments to the Registration Regulation related to an Emergency Class. She noted that the further amendments proposed today do not impact the intent of the Emergency Class that Council approved in May.

E. Tilley, Manager of Regulatory Policy and Research highlighted the two further changes that are being recommended to the proposed regulation amendments approved by Council in May, the rationale for the amendments and the potential impact.

Motion 1

Moved by M. Hogard, seconded by D. Edwards,

That Council approve the amendments to Ontario Regulation 275/94 made under the *Nursing Act, 1991*, as proposed by the Minister of Health and shown in attachment 1 to the briefing note, which exempts application fees for emergency class registrants who apply to the temporary class and adds criteria for Council's consideration when opening the emergency class.

CARRIED

Circulation

Council considered three options for circulation of the proposed revisions to the regulation:

- 60 days
- requesting that the Minister of Health approve an abridged circulation or
- requesting that the Minister of Health exempt the proposed regulation amendments from circulation.

E. Tilley highlighted the staff recommendation to request an exemption from circulation, and rationale.

Council discussed all three options for circulation. A strong commitment to transparency, circulation and stakeholder engagement was expressed.

The following were flagged in the discussion:

- Council approved the proposed regulation amendments in May following circulation and based on its belief that the changes in that regulation were in the public interest
- The amendments being discussed today make minor changes to the proposed regulation which do not affect the public interest nor pose a risk to CNO's ability to protect the public
- Legal counsel clarified that:
 - all three options regarding circulation are legal, and contemplated depending on circumstances, in the legislation
 - the goal for government is to have the new regulations approved by Cabinet by the end of August
 - the two proposed changes do not significantly change the intent of the regulation approved by Council in May
 - CNO may develop tools, such as policies, to support implementation of the regulatory changes, particularly related to the circumstances under which Council would open the Emergency Class.

Motion 2

Moved by L. Poonasamy, seconded by D. Scott,

That Council request the Minister of Health exempt the proposed amendments to Ontario Regulation 275/94 under the Nursing Act, 1991 approved by Council on August 10, 2023, from circulation.


CARRIED

S. Crawford expressed appreciation to Council for the robust discussion and its focus on public interest and made a commitment to keep Council informed.

Next Steps

P. Sullivan informed Council that CNO will send a request for an exemption from circulation to the Minister. If the Minister exempts circulation, the regulation amendments will be submitted to government.

Next Meeting



Council Minutes
August 10, 2023

P. Sullivan reminded Council that the next meeting will be September 27 and 28, 2023. Members will be able to participate in person or on zoom.

Conclusion

At 8:20 p.m. on conclusion of the agenda, the meeting concluded on consent.