



**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE COLLEGE OF
PHYSIOTHERAPISTS OF ONTARIO**

MINUTES

February 2, 2022

Virtually via Zoom and YouTube

Attendees:

Theresa Stevens, President
Jennifer Clifford, Vice-President
Anna Grunin, PT
Janet Law, PT
Katie Schulz, PT
Dennis Ng, PT
Karen St. Jacques, PT joined 12:30 pm
Carole Baxter, Public

Tyrone Skanes, Public
Jesse Finn, Public
Nitin Madhvani, Public
Richard O'Brien, Public
Regrets:
Paul Parikh, PT
Sharon Gabison, PT
Hervé Cavanagh, PT

Staff

Rod Hamilton, Registrar
Justin Rafton
Joyce Huang
Recorder:
Barbara Hou

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12:00 PM. Welcome

The President welcomed all members and opened the meeting with the College's Land Acknowledgement Statement.

**1.0 Approval of the Agenda
Motion**

It was moved by K. Schulz and seconded by T. Skanes that:

the agenda be accepted as presented with the possibility for changes to the order of items to address time constraints.

CARRIED.

**2.0 Consideration for an Emergency Regulation Submission Proposal (Second
Motion Provisional Practice Certificate)**

On January 12, 2022, the Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators (CAPR) announced the discontinuation of their clinical exam. Under the College's General regulation, applicants who failed the clinical examination in their first attempt prior to the pandemic remain unable to practice or reapply for a Provisional Practice certificate.

To address this ongoing issue, the President informed Council that the College may have the opportunity to submit an emergency amendment to the General Regulation under the *Physiotherapy Act* for urgent consideration to the Ministry of Health. As such, the Executive Committee had directed staff to draft a proposed amendment which was now recommended for Council's approval.



Council discussed the risks and implications of proposing an amendment to the General Regulation at this time and submitting it to the Ministry of Health on an urgent basis. The amendment, if approved, would allow the College to grant a Provisional Practice Certificate to those applicants who have failed the clinical component of the examination on one previous occasion in exceptional circumstances (i.e., exam unavailability).

The proposed amendment to the General Regulation (O. Reg 532/98) under the *Physiotherapy Act* read as follows:

23 (4.1) *Subsection (4) does not apply to a person who has failed the practical component of the examination only one time, where there are exceptional circumstances, such as the practical component of the examination is not available for an extended period of time, and the person meets such additional requirements and is subject to such terms, conditions and limitations as may be specified by a panel of the Registration Committee.*

It was moved by T. Skanes and seconded by A. Grunin that:

Council approves a proposed amendment to the General Regulation under the Physiotherapy Act, 1991 for immediate submission to the Ministry of Health on an urgent basis.

CARRIED.

3.0 Registrars Report

R. Hamilton provided an update on the proposed Governance Reform and Regulatory Modernization plan from the Ministry of Health. Council was asked to provide feedback as part of the consultation process.

It was moved by K. Schulz that the Council meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.

CARRIED.

Adjournment

Theresa Stevens, President