

BCCOHP BOARD OPEN MEETING**Thursday, 13 March 2025****9:01 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.****1:15 p.m. – 1:52 p.m.**

**BCCOHP Offices
110-1765 West 8th Avenue, Vancouver, BC
“Karen England” Room**

MINUTES

The British Columbia College of Oral Health Professionals (BCCOHP or "the College") Open meeting commenced at 9:01 a.m.

In Attendance

Pat Dooley, Acting Chair
Julie Akeroyd
Elizabeth Cavin
Marion Erickson
Hooman Janami

Dr. Lina Jung
Cathy Larson (Virtual)
Rachel Ling
Shirley Ross
Carl Roy (Virtual)

Regrets:

Amandeep Singh
Kim Trottier

Staff in Attendance:

Dr. Chris Hacker, Registrar and CEO
Bethany Benoit-Kelly, Senior Manager, Communications and Engagement
Thomas Chan, Chief Operating Officer
Karen Mok, Deputy Registrar and General Counsel
Katy Carson, Director, Cultural Safety and Humility
Rebecca Chisholm, Director, Professional Practice (Virtual)
Roisin O’Neill, Deputy Registrar and Executive Director, Policy, Planning and People
Ronald Revell, Senior Regulatory Advisor
Leslie Riva, Director, Registration and Certification
Jennifer Roff, Deputy Registrar and Executive Director, Regulation
Sasan Solaimani, Technical Support
Dr. Sangeeta Wylie, Dentist Advisor
Mary Yu, Manager, Registrar’s Office

Invited Guests:

Julie Guenkel, Chair, Finance, Audit and Risk Committee

Sherrri Young, Superintendent, Office of the Superintendent of Health Profession and Occupation Oversight (Virtual)

Brian Westgate, Ministry of Health (Virtual)

Dr. Robert Whiteley, Chair, Standards and Guidance Committee

Preparation of Minutes

Dione Costanzo, Raincoast Ventures Ltd.

1. Call Meeting to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

Pat Dooley was designated as Acting Chair for this meeting given that Carl Roy was attending virtually. The Acting Chair called the meeting to order and provided a territorial acknowledgement.

The Acting Chair acknowledged the conclusion of Cathy Larson and Kim Trottier's term and recognized their contributions and dedication throughout their tenure.

2. Roundtable Introductions**1. Demonstration of Learning**

The Meeting began with "Remember Who You Are and Where You Come From" introductions, rooted in Indigenous culture. This new process at BCCOHP invites attendees to introduce themselves by sharing information about their family, culture and personal reflections.

Participants provided insights into their personal and professional backgrounds and the challenges they faced due to political and religious differences.

Closed Meeting

The meeting adjourned to the Closed session at 9:20 a.m. and reconvened the Open meeting at 1:15 p.m.

15. Approval of March 13, 2025, Open Board Meeting Agenda**RESOLUTION:**

It was MOVED (Julie Akeroyd) and SECONDED (Shirley Ross)

RESOLVED that the BC College of Oral Health Professionals Board approve the Open Meeting Agenda for the March 13, 2025, meeting.

CARRIED

16. Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of December 5, 2024, Open Board Meeting Minutes**
- 2. Board Meeting Dates 2025/2026**

RESOLUTION:**It was MOVED (Elizabeth Cavin) and SECONDED (Cathy Larson)**

RESOLVED that the Board approve the items on the Consent Agenda for the March 13, 2025 BCCOHP Open Board Meeting.

CARRIED

17. Standards and Guidance Committee**1. Draft Professional Standards**

Dr. Robert Whiteley, Chair, Standards and Guidance Committee, and Dr. Sangeeta Wylie Dentist Advisor, BCCOHP presented the draft Professional Standards and reviewed the development process, highlighting:

- The Professional Standards Project was mandated in January 2023, with initial meetings to establish a project charter and development framework
- Terms of Reference for a working group were established in July 2023
- An environmental scan was conducted in 2024 to review internal, provincial and national standard
- A review with Dr. Chris Hacker, Registrar and CEO, in May 2024 informed regulatory implications for the College
- In October 2024, the working group report, survey feedback and draft principles were reviewed. The principles are broad to ensure adaptability and focus on patient agency and outcomes
- A Public Advisory Group provided significant feedback and recommendations
- Feedback from Oral Health Professionals (OHP) and the public was incorporated in December 2024 and January 2025
- The final review was completed in February 2025, with recommendations for board approval.

Dr. Robert Whiteley emphasized two types of standards: Professional Expectations and Ethics, and Practice standards (focused on high-risk practices such as sedation). The standards unify expectations for all OHPs, replacing codes of conduct from the four legacy colleges.

Renee Mok, Senior Policy and Projects Manager, and Roisin O'Neill, Deputy Registrar and Executive Director, Policy, Planning and People, were acknowledged for their contributions to the project.

Dr. Sangeeta Wylie requested Board approval to finalize an implementation plan and change management piece, anticipating growing pains. A communications plan will be created for patients and OHPs. Internal and external education, workshopping and social media strategy with consideration to accessibility will be developed. Consideration will be given to consolidation to ensure wide distribution.

Discussion ensued, and the following comments were offered:

- The Draft Professional Standards are clear, comprehensive, and user-friendly
- There is a strong focus on patient-centred principles and outcomes
- The Ministry of Health has recognized the Draft Professional Standards Project and encouraged wide distribution
- There is the potential to post anti-racism standards directly on the website to enhance Artificial Intelligence search optimization
- Accessibility may be improved by ensuring web-based standards are easily searchable
- The standards clarify the complaint pathways and the accreditation process for internationally trained professionals
- The standards promote safe and equitable care, particularly for racialized communities.

RESOLUTION:

It was MOVED (Cathy Larson) and SECONDED (Julie Akeroyd)

RESOLVED that the BC College of Oral Health Professionals (BCCOHP) Board accept the recommendation of the Standards and Guidance Committee and approves the BCCOHP Professional Standards.

RESOLVED that the BC College of Oral Health Professionals Board will direct that the Professional Standards document be brought into force once the implementation phase of the project is complete.

CARRIED

18. Public Questions

No questions from the public.

19. Closing of Meeting

In closing, the Chair thanked Cathy Larson and Kim Trottier and expressed appreciation for their work on the Board.

This concludes the Open Meeting – 1:52 p.m. The Board moved into an In-Camera session.