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# MINUTES

## Transition Council

January 29, 2025

1:00 – 4:00 pm

Virtual

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Presiding Officer: Ms. Catherine Knipe

Members present: Dr. Patricia Alderson  
Ms. Kirsti Clarida, RVT  
Dr. Kathleen Day Dunbar  
Mr. John de Bruyn  
Ms. Cathy Hecimovich  
Ms. Lisa Langton, RVT  
Dr. Louise Kelly  
Dr. Lena Levison  
Mr. Phil Nichols, RVT  
Dr. Alana Parisi  
Dr. Sami Qureshi  
Dr. Jessica Retterath  
Ms. Rena Spevack  
Dr. Yashvir Varma  
Dr. Wade Wright  
Dr. Michael Zigler

Regrets: Dr. Claire Beauchamp  
Dr. Clayton MacKay  
Dr. Sean Marshall  
Mr. Douglas Reynolds

Appointed Officer: Ms. Jan Robinson, Registrar and CEO

Staff attending: Ms. Sarah Kirby, Director, Policy  
Dr. Kim Lambert, Associate Registrar, Regulatory Programs  
Ms. Kali Pieters, Policy & Projects Coordinator  
Ms. Shilo Tooze, Deputy Registrar  
Ms. Alice Couto, Executive Assistant

## 1. Call to Order

Ms. Catherine Knipe, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm and welcomed Councillors. Ms. Knipe welcomed and introduced new public member, Mr. John de Bruyn.

## 2. Roll Call

A roll call was conducted.

Mr. John de Bruyn was given the opportunity to provide a brief biography.

## 3. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded,

“That the agenda be adopted as presented.”

CARRIED

## 4. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

## 5. Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded,

“That the minutes of the meeting held on January 9, 2025, be accepted as circulated.”

CARRIED

## 6. Transition Council Evaluation

Council reviewed the evaluation from the January 9, 2025 Council meeting.

## 7. Regulatory Concepts

### 7.1. Further Information on Animal Acupuncture

Ms. Sarah Kirby, Director, Policy introduced this agenda item, noting that at its last meeting, Transition Council requested more information related to any species-specific requirements that may need to be considered related to animal acupuncture.

Ms. Kirby noted that the College reviewed the available education opportunities for chiropractors. It was found that courses offered by the Veterinary Chiropractic Learning Centre (VCLC) focus on canine and equine acupuncture.

A discussion ensued and Council provided general consensus that the regulatory concept for chiropractors and performance of animal acupuncture have a limitation specifying that acupuncture performed by chiropractors is intended for canine and equine species, and additional wording to clarify that practicability aligns with education.

## **7.2. VCPR**

Ms. Kirby introduced this topic, noting that at its December 2024 meeting a discussion took place related to the future of the VCPR and whether there was a possibility for both types of members to establish these relationships. She went on to outline further analysis conducted by College staff, including additional consideration of the framework permitted under the *Veterinary Professionals Act, 2024*, a high level jurisdiction scan and conversations with the College's legal team.

Ms. Kirby provided an overview of a draft concept that was developed to support Transition Council's work related to the VCPR, which spoke to the proposed inclusion of a separate regulatory section for the VCPR, enhanced recognition that the VCPR is maintained by the veterinary team working through an accredited veterinary facility, both types of members be permitted to establish a VCPR, the connection between the VCPR and after-hours veterinary care, ongoing VCPR requirements, enhanced recognition of client needs and continuation of regulatory exemptions.

A discussion ensued and Council provided a general consensus for the draft regulatory concept related to the VCPR.

## **7.3. Informed Client Consent**

Ms. Kirby introduced this topic, noting that at its December 2024 meeting, Council provided feedback related to the concept of informed client consent and whether there was a possibility for both types of members to obtain consent. Based on this feedback College staff conducted further analysis, including additional review of potential options under the *Veterinary Professionals Act, 2024* and conversations with the College's legal team.

Ms. Kirby noted that with the additional feedback, a draft concept was developed with the inclusion of a separate regulatory section for informed client consent, permitting both types of members to obtain informed client consent, ongoing informed client consent requirements and the continuation of regulatory exemptions.

A discussion ensued and Council provided a general consensus for the draft regulatory concept related to informed client consent.

## **7.4. After-Hours Veterinary Care**

Ms. Kirby introduced this topic noting that at its December 2024 meeting, Council provided feedback related to the future of after-hours veterinary care and how it may be delivered in the future. Based on this feedback, College staff conducted further analysis, including additional review of potential options under the *Veterinary Professionals Act, 2024*, review of the recommendation from the After-Hours Care Taskforce and conversations with the College's legal team.

Ms. Kirby noted that with the additional findings a draft concept was developed to support the Transition Council's work related to after-hours veterinary care with the proposed inclusion of ongoing after-hours care requirements, enhanced wording related to after-hours veterinary care arrangements and clarity around discharge responsibilities.

A discussion ensued and Council provided general consensus for the proposed draft regulatory concept related to after-hours veterinary care.

## **8. Approval of Regulatory Concepts for Consultation**

Ms. Jan Robinson, Registrar, introduced this agenda item and congratulated and thanked Council for their work in reviewing the proposed regulatory concepts to determine if they should be published for public consultation.

Council was provided with a summative concept chart, describing each regulatory concept confirmed for consultation to date. The concepts were sorted and reviewed in five key categories that included, licensure, authorized activities, regulatory exemption for non-members, quality team-based care and administrative.

A fulsome discussion ensued, and the Registrar answered questions posed by Council members. Council directed that the regulatory concepts be accepted and published for consultation.

## **9. Consultation Process and Approach**

The Registrar introduced this agenda. She noted that now that the Transition Council has provided consensus on the regulatory concepts proposed, the College can begin to prepare for the initiation of consultation. The Registrar provided an outline of the consultation process, noting that the consultation would likely open the second week of February and that the consultation platform would be open for 60 days. Upon closure of the consultation and analysis of the data, Transition Council will be presented with a full report along with any proposed amendments or confirmations of the regulatory concepts, which will assist Council with determining its final submission to OMAFA.

The Registrar noted that ACER Consulting will be assisting the College to provide a full consultation analysis, and she outlined various considerations for the promotion of the consultation as well as preparing College staff to effectively answer inquiries that arise.

Ms. Catherine Knipe reminded Council that should they be approached during the consultation period, to refer inquiries to the Registrar and College staff.

## 10. Confidentiality

Councillors were reminded that Council meetings are public meetings.

Information discussed in in-camera sessions must be kept confidential by all in attendance. All budget/financial/strategic alignment documents are not to be shared outside of the meeting as these documents are working documents of Council and not public material. Any inquiries regarding the package can be directed to the website where the public package is posted.

Minutes of the Council meeting are not approved until its next meeting.

## 11. Date of Next Meeting

- March 17-18, 2025

## 12. Adjourn

**MOTION:** It was moved,

“That the meeting of Council be adjourned.”

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm.



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Ms. Catherine Knipe  
Chair



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Jan Robinson  
Registrar & CEO



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Alice Couto  
Recording Secretary