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# MINUTES

## Transition Council

June 4, 2026, 9:00 – 4:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

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Presiding Officer: Ms. Catherine Knipe

Members present:

- Dr. Patricia Alderson
- Mr. Ted Arnott
- Ms. Kirsti Clarida, RVT
- Dr. Kathleen Day Dunbar
- Mr. John de Bruyn
- Ms. Cathy Hecimovich
- Ms. Lisa Langton, RVT
- Dr. Lena Levison
- Dr. Louise Kelly
- Dr. Clayton MacKay
- Dr. Sean Marshall
- Mr. Phil Nichols, RVT
- Dr. Alana Parisi
- Dr. Jessica Retterath
- Mr. Douglas Reynolds
- Dr. Sami Qureshi
- Dr. Yashvir Varma
- Dr. Michael Zigler

Regrets: Dr. Wade Wright

Appointed Officer: Ms. Jan Robinson, Registrar and CEO

Staff attending:

- Ms. Kim Huson, Director, Communications & Engagement
- Dr. Kim Lambert, Associate Registrar, Regulatory Programs
- Ms. Shilo Tooze, Deputy Registrar
- Ms. Alice Couto, Executive Assistant

### 1. Call to Order

Ms. Catherine Knipe called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and welcomed Councillors and guests to the meeting.

## 2. Roll Call

A roll call was conducted.

## 3. Approval of Agenda

The Chair added that an update of timelines would be added to the agenda.

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

“That the agenda be adopted as amended.”

CARRIED

## 4. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

## 5. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Hecimovich noted a wording error related to appointment of public members.

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

“That the minutes of the meeting held on March 16-17, 2026, be accepted as amended.”

CARRIED

## Update in Timelines

The Registrar introduced this item. Due to the Omnibus Bill 109 that came out a few weeks ago, the regulations will likely not go for consultation until the January 2027 timeframe, resulting in a 3-4 month move for a potential proclamation date.

## 6. Official Documents

### 6.1. By-Laws Consultation Review

Ms. Shilo Tooze, Deputy Registrar joined the table and noted that the draft by-laws for the College of Veterinary Professionals of Ontario (CVPO) were posted for public consultation from January 19 – March 23, 2026. Acer Consulting developed a report based on the consultation feedback and it was provided to Transition Council for review.

A table to summarize the key areas of feedback highlighted in the Acer Report was provided to support Transition Council's review of the information. The table contained recommendations on whether changes would be necessary to the by-laws.

Each of the 16 articles and schedules, along with key feedback provided from the public consultation were outlined by Ms. Tooze. Council provided its feedback for each article. A fulsome discussion ensued and the Registrar and Ms. Tooze answered questions posed by Council.

## 7. Implementation Planning

### 7.1. Discipline Tribunal

Ms. Tooze introduced this agenda item. She noted that the Transition Council had directed staff to further explore the option of moving to an independent discipline tribunal external to the College. The College staff explored the option of partnering with the Health Professions Discipline Tribunal (HPDT).

Ms. Tooze outlined findings from a legal review to assess the feasibility of partnering with the HPDT to administer the College discipline program, by-law implications and a review to compare the College's discipline timelines to those of the HPDT. The finance responsibilities and costs involved to work with HPDT were provided to Council.

A discussion ensued and Council provided its feedback. The Registrar and Ms. Tooze answered questions posed by Council.

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

"That the Transition Council supports the proposed by-laws as amended, with continued review related to Article 2.5-Council Profile and Nomination Procedure, Schedule 1-Fees to explore the addition of a clause permitting fee increases equal to CPI without consultation, and section 6 - Committees to consider managing the disciplinary process through the Health Professions Discipline Tribunal."

CARRIED

## 8. Selection of Next Chair

The Chair introduced this agenda item. She noted that her final term ends in September 2026. The Registrar noted that the terms of reference for the Transition Council do not outline interim election processes. To assist Transition Council with the election process, the rules as drafted for the by-laws was provided to Council for consideration. The Registrar noted that the election of the next Chair would take place at the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Transition Council, and the new Chair will assume their position on September 18, 2026.

A discussion ensued and Transition Council agreed to the recommended election process.

## 9. 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.

## 10. Next Meeting

- June 17, 2026 (In-Person)

## 11. Adjourn

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

“That the meeting of Transition Council be adjourned.”

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 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