



COUNCIL MEETING

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

22 March 2024

**CPSS/SMA Boardroom
2174 Airport Drive, Saskatoon, SK**

The Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan operates under an explicit set of governance policies. It strives to make its work as transparent as possible to the medical profession and to the general public.

Those portions of Council's deliberations that are not confidential are open to observation by any person subject to space availability in the meeting room.

At the conclusion of each Council meeting an Executive Summary of the meeting is widely distributed to the district medical associations, related organizations and the public media. This Executive Summary provides a brief overview of issues discussed, decisions made and/or actions taken by the Council. If any person wishes more detailed information about any of the issues which are not subject to confidentiality constraints, these can be obtained by contacting Ms. Sue Waddington, Executive Assistant to the Registrar, at 101 – 2174 Airport Drive, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, S7L 6M6, phone (306) 244 7355, Fax (306) 244 2600, or via email at OfficeOfTheRegistrar@cps.sk.ca.

1. Council acknowledged that the land on which we gather is Treaty 6 Territory, the traditional territory and home of the Cree, Dakota, Saulteaux and Métis Nations. We would like to affirm our relationship with one another now and for the future, and our role in guiding the profession to achieve the highest standards of care to benefit all people in this territory equally.
2. Council adopted the agenda for the Open Session as presented.
3. Council reviewed and approved the Minutes from the Friday 19 and Saturday 20 January 2024 Open Session of the meeting of Council.
4. Council received a report from Mr. Bryan Salte on actions taken in relation to the "For Action Items" from the previous meeting.
5. Council reviewed and approved Monitoring Reports from the Registrar with respect to:
 - (a) The Registrar's Compliance with Council's Executive Limitation Policies pertaining to:
 - (i) EL - 7 - Regulatory Functions;
 - (ii) EL - 9 - Communication and Support to Council; and,

(iii) EL - 10 – Emergency Executive Succession.

6. Council approved amendments to Bylaw 3.1 pertaining to renewal questions, in principle, for the purpose of stakeholder consultation.
7. Council approved amendments to the Licensure of Physicians to Work in Limited Roles Policy, in principle, for the purpose of stakeholder consultation.
8. Council approved the amended Complementary and Alternative Therapies Policy, in principle, for the purpose of stakeholder consultation.
9. Council approved amendments to the Standards for Primary Care including Episodic Care Policy, in principle, for the purpose of stakeholder consultation.
10. Council appointed a committee to review the Blood-Borne Viruses; Screening, Reporting and Monitoring of Registrants Policy which has reached its sunset review date. The committee will consist of Dr. Chapelski, Dr. Adewumi, Mr. O'Soup, Dr. K. Shaw, Dr. Oberholzer, Ms. Senger and Ms. Torrance.
11. Council approved amendments to the Physician Use of Social Media Guideline which has reached its sunset review date, in principle for the purpose of stakeholder consultation, with additional amendments noted to the title in one section and to include TikTok.
12. Council appointed a committee to review the Referral-Consultation Process Guideline which has reached its sunset review date. The committee will consist of Dr. Mueller, Dr. Snyman, Mr. Ogunrinde, Dr. Mircea and Ms. Torrance.
13. Council appointed Dr. G. Wright to the Quality Assurance Committee for Anatomic Pathology.
14. Council appointed Dr. M. Alawa as Chair of the Quality Assurance Committee for Microbiology.
15. Council approved amendments to Bylaw 11.2 pertaining to the Discipline Hearing Committee, in principle, for the purpose of stakeholder consultation.
16. Council appointed a committee to review the Virtual Assistants Guidance document. The committee will consist of Dr. Ross, Dr. Wilkinson, Dr. Beggs, Mr. Ogunrinde, Dr. Oberholzer and Mr. Salte.
17. Council approved amendments to the Confidentiality Guideline as a result of *The Health Information Protection Regulations, 2023*. The guideline will undergo its scheduled sunset review in November.
18. Council appointed a committee to review a proposed policy entitled Physicians Providing In-Office Medication Administration/Dispensing pertaining to physicians providing/dispensing PRP medications from their clinics. The committee will consist of Dr. Mueller, Dr. Chapelski, Ms. Hlady, SCPP Representative, Dr. Oberholzer, Ms. Bootsman, and Ms. Torrance with the ability of the committee to add additional members.
19. Council rescheduled its Anti-Racism Educational Session to the June meeting (due to the provider having a timing conflict).



20. Council approved the Anesthesiology Clinical Assistant Program for the Preoperative Consult Clinic for Saskatchewan Tertiary Centers as set out in the proposal.
21. Council received reports on the updated CPSS Implementation Plan. Further detail on Goal #1 An integrated Information Technology and Information Management Platform to effectively support College decision-making, program evaluation, and engagement with members and the public, was provided by Mr. Tim Edwards.
22. Council appointed Dr. A. Snyman to the Aging Physicians Committee. Dr. M. Harington will replace Dr. S. Kanagaratnam on the committee. Dr. Oberholzer will undertake an environmental scan of other MRAs. The committee will meet to determine Terms of Reference.
23. Ms. Gareau, Specialist Communications, will draft a pamphlet speaking to the roles and responsibilities of Discipline Committee members. Dr. Stoneham will draft an article for the next issue of DocTalk asking interested members of the profession to put their names forward as Discipline Committee members.
24. Council was supportive of the proposed plan for required amendments to Regulatory Bylaw 25.1.
25. Council approved amendments to Regulatory Bylaws 2.3, 2.4, 2.5 and 2.6 pertaining to Registration and Licensing.
26. Mr. Salte provided an update on the status of bylaws.
27. Council determined that it was satisfied that Dr. A. Mugerwa has regained adequate skill and knowledge to practise. Reasons for the decision will be drafted and reviewed at the June Council meeting.
28. Council approved the Reconstructive and Functional Urology Fellowship Program as set out in the proposal.
29. Council approved Dr. S. Alhelal's medical training as alternate proof of appropriate medical knowledge in lieu of the requirement to obtain the MCCQE1 to allow him to be granted an educational licence.
30. Council adopted the Agenda for the Friday 22 March 2024 Closed Session of Council.
31. Council approved the minutes of the Friday 19 and Saturday 20 January 2024 Closed Session of Council.
32. Council received a report on the actions taken by the Executive Committee of Council since its last meeting in January 2024.
33. Council approved a draft reprimand pertaining to Dr. B. Sperling. The reprimand will be sent to Dr. Sperling and his legal counsel and posted on the College website.
34. Council approved a draft reprimand pertaining to Dr. W. Sheikh. The reprimand will be sent to Dr. Sheikh and his legal counsel and posted on the College website.

35. Council approved draft reasons for the decision pertaining to Dr. B. Sperling. The reasons will be provided to Dr. Sperling and his legal counsel and posted on the College website.
36. Council approved draft reasons for the decision pertaining to Dr. W. Sheikh. The reasons will be provided to Dr. Sheikh and his legal counsel and posted on the College website.
37. Council approved draft reasons for the decision pertaining to Dr. J. Velestuk. The reasons will be provided to Dr. Velestuk and his legal counsel and posted on the College website.
38. Council approved draft reasons for the decision pertaining to Dr. H. Hammadi. The reasons will be provided to Dr. Hammadi and her legal counsel.
39. Council approved draft reasons for the decision pertaining to Dr. N. Tandon. The reasons will be provided to Dr. Tandon and his legal counsel and posted on the College website.
40. Ms. Torrance reported on the status of discipline files.
41. Council received an update on the status of Quality of Care cases from the Deputy Registrar, Dr. Werner Oberholzer.
42. Council received a "report for information only" - highlighting that it is becoming more widespread that physicians are providing responses to the College using AI.
43. Council approved physicians remaining on Council committees when they have moved out of province as long as they hold a Saskatchewan licence.
44. Council was advised that the College now has the opportunity to access accredited courses through the USASK Faculty Development Office.
45. Council received a report from the Practice Enhancement Program with respect to its activities throughout 2023.
46. Council approved up to three members attending the FMRAC AGM and Educational Conference in Muskoka in June.
47. The Registrar's Office will explore options for a retreat for Council and staff to undertake a strategic planning session since the current plan ends at the end of 2024.
48. Council changed the date of the November 2024 Council meeting to Friday 29 and Saturday 30 November.
49. Mr. Salte provided the list of the For Action Items pertaining to the work of Council.