



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

MINUTES

September 20, 2021

College Boardroom & Virtually via Zoom

In-person Attendee:

Theresa Stevens, President

Zoom Guest:

Alan Bromstein (Counsel)

Staff in-person:

Rod Hamilton, Registrar

Zoom Attendees:

Jennifer Clifford, PT

Janet Law, PT

Hervé Cavanagh, PT

Karen St. Jacques, PT

Katie Schulz, PT

Dennis Ng, PT

Anna Grunin, PT

Paul Parikh, PT

Sharon Gabison, PT

Jesse Finn, Public

Tyrone Skanes, Public

Nitin Madhvani, Public

Myles MacLeod, Public

Richard O'Brien, Public

Staff on zoom:

Zoe Robinson

Justin Rafton

Recorder: Barbara Hou

Regrets:

Carole Baxter, Public

Monday September 20, 2021

4:00 pm.

Welcome

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

Motion

It was moved by K. St. Jacques and seconded by J. Law that:

the agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED.

2.0 Solutions that will enable the College to grant Certificates of Independent Practice

Following ongoing delays and cancellations to the clinical component of the Physiotherapy Competency Exam (PCE), Canadian Alliance Physiotherapy Regulator (CAPR) attempted again to administer its examination in a virtual format in September 2021. Unfortunately, due to technical failures after attempting to hold exams over three separate days, the entire series of virtual examinations were cancelled.

Rod Hamilton, Registrar provided Council with background of the current situation and outlined potential pathways through alternative examinations and/or regulatory



amendments in order to enable the College to grant independent practice certificates to provisional practice certificate holders. A comprehensive review of the possible options were detailed for Council's consideration.

Council discussed the potential options and next steps in their review. The priority was for those short-term options that allowed for an expedient and safe way to assess competency and allow for registration to independent practice. As such, the immediate focus would be on viable exam-based alternative solutions that could work and be implemented nationally, rather than seeking regulatory change in the interim.

Council directed College staff to investigate and potentially implement an alternative examination as soon as possible.

Considerations would include:

- evaluation of submissions on the College's Request for Proposal (RFP) for an alternative clinical examination;
- investigation of a collaborative exam in partnership with Canadian physiotherapy regulators, making use of CAPR's existing PCE questions; and
- assessment of the Ontario PT University Programs alternative proposal.

College staff would provide an update on the viability of implementing exam-based alternatives and the assessment of the University proposal at the next Council meeting.

Adjournment

It was moved by T. Skanes that the Council meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 PM.

CARRIED.

Theresa Stevens, President