



The College of Naturopaths of Ontario

Council Highlights May 28, 2025 (Meeting #47¹)

The Council of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario met on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, from 9:06 a.m. to 11:07 a.m.; all elected professional members and three of the five public members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council were present. Also in attendance was General Legal Counsel, Rebecca Durcan, of the law firm Steinecke Maciura LeBlanc and Dr. Jennifer DelBelBelluz, ND, Acting Chair, Governance Policy Review Committee. There were also five members of the public in attendance to observe the meeting. The agenda and supporting materials for the meeting were released via the [College's website](#) on May 21, 2025, and continue to be available there.

In addition to its regular routine business and receipt of reports from the Council Chair and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), the Council considered several important matters which have been highlighted below.

Election of Officers – The annual election of officers was conducted by the Chief Executive Officer. Dr. Brenda Lessard-Rhead, ND (Inactive) was elected as the new Council Chair. Mr. Dean Catherwood was elected as Vice Chair. Officers-at-Large elected include Mrs. Lisa Fenton (Public member) and Dr. Amy Armstrong, ND and Dr. Denis Marier, ND. These individuals also form the Executive Committee of the Council.

Annual Report on Regulatory Operations – The Council reviewed and accepted the Report on Regulatory Operations for the period April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025. This report provides the Council with the assurance that the regulatory activities of the College are being undertaken in compliance with legislation.

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Q4 Unaudited Financial Statements and Variance Report – The Council considered and accepted the unaudited financial statements and variance report as presented for Q4 (January 1 – March 31, 2025).

Detailed Review – Committee Terms of Reference – Dr. Jennifer DelBelBelluz, ND, Acting Chair of the Governance Policy Review Committee presented the Council's survey results and questions that were completed and submitted in advance of the meeting in relation to the review of the various Terms of Reference.

¹ This is the 47th meeting of the Council dating back to its first meeting held following proclamation of the *Naturopathy Act, 2007* on July 1, 2015.



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Annual Committee Appointments – The Council received and approved the proposal for the appointment or reappointment of College volunteers to its various statutory and non-statutory (Council) committees for the current year May 28, 2025, to May 27, 2026.

Proposed Amendment to the General Regulation Oral Micronized Progesterone (OMP) – The Council reviewed and approved in principle the proposed amendment to Table 3 of the General Regulation as presented and initiated a 60-day consultation period.

Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario (HRTO) – The Council received an update on the HRTO matter noting that it has been resolved.

Council Education – As a part of the College and its Council's commitment to good governance, the Council received three educational program briefings, two by Mr. Jeremy Quesnelle, Deputy CEO, Regulation, about the Complaints and Reports Processes and the Discipline Processes, as well as the Council Governance Processes by Dr. Jordan Sokoloski, ND, as the outgoing Council Chair. Program briefings are provided for informational purposes to ensure the Council is aware of the complex programs operated by the regulatory body.

Readers who have questions are invited to contact the College by e-mail at general@collegeofnaturopaths.on.ca.

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