

Council Highlights  
September 24, 2025 (Meeting #49<sup>1</sup>)

The Council of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario met on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, from 9:15 a.m. to 12:49 p.m.; all elected professional members and four of the six public appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. Also in attendance was General Legal Counsel Ms. Rebecca Durcan of the law firm Steinecke Maciura LeBlanc, Mr. Barry Sullivan, Governance Committee Vice-Chair, as well as Ms. Hafsah Ali and Ms. Doha Melham of Pivotal Research. The agenda and supporting materials for the meeting were released via the College's website on September 17, 2025, and continue to be available on the [College's website](#).

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

**Land Acknowledgment Statement** – The Council reviewed and adopted the Land Acknowledgement statement developed by the Governance Committee in conjunction with College staff that will be shared on the [College's website](#).

**Report on Regulatory Operations** – The Council reviewed and accepted the Report on Regulatory Operations at August 31, 2025. This report provides the Council with the assurance that the regulatory activities of the College are being undertaken in compliance with legislation.

**Unaudited Financial Statement for Q1** – The Council reviewed and accepted the Unaudited Financial Statement ending June 30, 2025 (Q1).

**Detailed Review – Executive Limitations Policies – Part 2** – Mr. Barry Sullivan, Vice-Chair of the Governance Committee, presented the Council's survey results and questions that were completed and submitted in advance of the meeting in relation to the detailed review of the Executive Limitations Policies – Part 2 (EL09-EL17). This was followed by Mr. Sullivan sharing recommendations made by the Governance Committee for amendments to various policies. The Council reviewed and approved the proposed amendments. The updated policies and all other Council policies can be [found here on our website](#).

**Framework for Evaluation of Laboratory Test Submissions** – The Council received and adopted the framework highlighting the purpose of the evaluation of lab test submissions in principle to allow for a consultation process to be undertaken. The consultation materials can be found [here on the College's website](#).

**Canadian Alliance of Naturopathic Regulatory Authorities (CANRA) Strategic Considerations** – The Council held a fulsome discussion providing their insights and feedback to be shared at CANRA's next strategic discussions in November 2025.

**Financial Sustainability Report** – The Council reviewed and adopted the Report and proposed by-law amendments relating to the information to be provided by registrants and the fees paid in order to ensure the future sustainability of the College to allow for a 60-day consultation process to be

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<sup>1</sup> This is the 49<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council dating back to its first meeting held following proclamation of the *Naturopathy Act, 2007* on July 1, 2015.

undertaken on amendments to the by-laws and fee changes. The consultation materials can be found [here on the College's website](#).

**Committee Chair Appointment** – The Council reviewed the provided information from current committee members who expressed their interest in becoming the new Chair of the Discipline Committee and Fitness to Practise Committee. After careful consideration, the Council appointed Dean Catherwood as Chair and Dr. Denis Marier, ND, as Vice-Chair of the Discipline and Fitness to Practice Committees. In addition, Dr. Denis Marier, ND, has become the CANRA representative.

**District 8 Vacancy** – The Council was informed of a resignation of former Council member Dr. Jordan Sokoloski, ND, District 8 representative and reviewed the possible options regarding the vacancy as per section 10.33 of the by-laws and decided to leave the District 8 position vacant until the next election taking place in March 2026, and to approve, in principle, the proposed by-law amendments to allow a mandatory 60-day consultation period. The consultation materials can be found [here on the College's website](#).

**Council Education** – As a part of the College and its Council's commitment to good governance, the Council received an educational briefing and presentation about the 'Voice of the Patient Report' from Ms. Hafsa Ali and Ms. Doha Melham at Pivotal Research Inc. They conducted public opinion polling research across Ontario to achieve the following objectives in relation to Naturopathy; learn the perceptions of the general public in Ontario regarding their experiences with naturopathic care, explore the levels of knowledge and awareness of naturopathic services, and to understand the awareness and perceptions of the profession's regulation. The results of the survey can be [found here on our website](#).

Readers who have questions are invited to contact the College by e-mail at [general@collegeofnaturopaths.on.ca](mailto:general@collegeofnaturopaths.on.ca).

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