



The College of Naturopaths of Ontario

Council Highlights May 27, 2026 (Meeting #53¹)

The Council of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario met on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.; seven of the seven professional members and four of the six members of the public members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council were present. Also available, if requested, was General Legal Counsel, Rebecca Durcan, of the law firm Steinecke Maciura LeBlanc via Microsoft Teams. There were also three 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 20, 2026, 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 Mr. Andrew Parr, Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Dr. Brenda Lessard-Rhead, ND (Inactive) was elected as the 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, 2025, to March 31, 2026. 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, 2026).

Detailed Review – Committee Terms of Reference – Dr. Denis Marier, ND, member of the Governance Committee presented the Council's feedback and responded to their questions that were completed and submitted in advance of the meeting in relation to the detailed review of Part 3 of the Governance Process Policies - Terms of Reference. This was followed by sharing recommendations made by the Governance Committee for amendments to various Terms of Reference. The Council reviewed and approved the proposed amendments. The updated [Terms of Reference](#) and all of the others can be found on our website.

¹ This is the 53rd 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 27, 2026, to May 28, 2027.

Council Education – As a part of the College and its Council's commitment to good governance, the Council received three educational program briefings, one by Mr. Jeremy Quesnelle, Deputy CEO, Regulation, about the Complaints and Reports Processes, as well as one from Ms. Erica Laugalys, Deputy CEO, Registrant and Corporate Services, about the Discipline Processes.

In addition, Mr. Parr, CEO, completed a Governance Refresher about the training received on May 26, 2026, with all Council members taking part in an interactive question and answer period.

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

Andrew Parr, CAE
Chief Executive Officer
June 2, 2026