

Council Highlights

September 30, 2026 (Meeting #55¹)

The Council of the College of Naturopaths of Ontario met on Wednesday, September 30, 2026, from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Six of the seven elected professional members and five of the six public members appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council attended the meeting. General Legal Counsel Ms. Rebecca Durcan, of Steinecke Maciura LeBlanc (SML) also attended.

The agenda and supporting materials for the meeting were released via the College's website on September 23, 2026, and remain available on the [College's website](#).

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

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation – The Council observed a moment of silence in honour of residential school Survivors and the children who never returned home.

Report on Regulatory Operations – The Council reviewed and accepted the Report on Regulatory Operations at August 31, 2026. 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 statements for Q1, ending June 30, 2026.

Detailed Review – Executive Limitations Policies – Part 2 – Dr. Amy Armstrong, ND, Chair of the Governance Committee, presented the results of the Council survey and the Governance Committee's recommendations arising from the detailed review of the executive limitations policies – Part 2 (EL09–EL16). The Council reviewed the proposed amendments to EL12 – Operation of the Register, EL13 – Treatment of Registrants, and EL14 – Support to Council, and approved the amendments. [Access the updated Council executive limitations policies](#).

GP37 – Use of Artificial Intelligence – The Council reviewed and approved a new Governance policy GP37 – Use of Artificial Intelligence policy, which addresses the use of artificial intelligence by Council and Committee members when conducting College business. [Read the new governance policy in the Council section of our website](#).

Strategic Planning Review – The Chair presented proposed approaches for the upcoming strategic planning review. Council approved holding a half-day strategic planning session in Fall 2026.

¹ This is the 55th meeting of the Council dating back to its first meeting held following proclamation of the *Naturopathy Act, 2007* on July 1, 2015.

Consolidation of Council and Committee Review Process – The Council reviewed and adopted six recommendations aimed at consolidating the Council and Committee evaluation processes.

Committee Appointment – Following his appointment to Council by Order-in-Council on August 6, 2026, Timothy Dobson was appointed by Council to serve on the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee (ICRC).

Council Education – As part of the College and Council's ongoing commitment to good governance, Council participated in an educational session on "Understanding Public Interest", presented by Ms. Julie Maciura of Steinecke Maciura LeBlanc . The session explored the role of public interest in self-regulation, Council's governance responsibilities, accountability and decision-making, with an emphasis on keeping the public interest at the forefront of Council deliberations and decisions.

If you have questions, contact the College by e-mail at general@collegeofnaturopaths.on.ca.

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