

# **MINUTES**

The 563<sup>rd</sup> MEETING of the COUNCIL of PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS ONTARIO (PEO) was a hybrid meeting held at 40 Sheppard Avenue West, Toronto on Friday, May 3, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

#### **Present:**

(In-Person)

- G. Wowchuk, P.Eng., President (and Council Chair, effective at item 5)
- R. Fraser, P.Eng., Past President (and Interim Council Chair, items 1-4)
- F. Saghezchi, P.Eng., President-elect
- G. Boone, P.Eng., Vice President (elected) (from 9:30 a.m.)
- N. Lwin, P.Eng., East Central Region Councillor and Vice President (appointed) (at item 6)
- L. Cutler, P.Eng., Lieutenant Governor-in-Council Appointee
- C. Chiddle, P. Eng., Eastern Region Councillor
- H. Ehtemam, P.Eng., East Central Region Councillor
- A. Elshaer, P.Eng., Northern Region Councillor
- V. Hilborn, P.Eng., Western Region Councillor
- M. Liu, P. Eng., Eastern Region Councillor
- S. MacFarlane, P.Eng., Western Region Councillor
- P. Mandel, CPA, CBV, Lieutenant Governor-in-Council Appointee
- G. Nikolov, P.Eng., Lieutenant Governor-in-Council Appointee
- L. Notash, P.Eng., Councillor-at-Large
- R. Panesar, P.Eng., West Central Region Councillor
- L. Roberge, P.Eng., Northern Region Councillor
- S. Schelske, P.Eng., Lieutenant Governor-in-Council Appointee
- G. Schjerning, P.Eng., Councillor-at-Large
- U. Senaratne, P.Eng., Lieutenant Governor-in-Council Appointee
- P. Shankar, P.Eng., West Central Region Councillor
- S. Sung, Lieutenant Governor-in-Council Appointee
- R. Walker, P.Eng., Councillor-at-Large

#### **Present**

(Virtual):

G. Boone, P.Eng., Vice President (elected) (9:00 to 9:30 a.m.)

A. Dryland, CET, Lieutenant Governor-in-Council Appointee

Regrets: None

### Staff

(In-Person):

- J. Quaglietta, P.Eng., CEO/Registrar
- D. Abrahams, Vice-President (VP), Policy & Governance and Chief Legal Officer
- C. Mehta, Director, Finance
- M. Solakhyan, Director, Governance
- J. Vera, Director, Licensing
- M. Feres, Manager, Council Operations (Secretariat)
- E. Chor, Research Analyst (Secretariat)
- G. Pedregosa, Council and Committee Coordinator (Secretariat)
- A. Vijayanathan, Council and Committee Coordinator (Secretariat)

# Staff

(Virtual):

A. Dixit, P. Eng., VP, Corporate Operations and Digital Transformation

A. Viola, P.Eng., VP, Regulatory Operations and Deputy Registrar



D. Smith, Director, External Relations

Guests

(In-Person): C. Bellini, P.Eng., Ontario Director, Engineers Canada

H. Brown, Brown & Cohen

T. Kirkby, P. Eng., Ontario Director, Engineers Canada

L. Lukinuk, Parliamentary Services

Guests

(Virtual): A. Arenja, P.Eng., Ontario Director, Engineers Canada

N. Hill, P.Eng., President, Engineers Canada M. Sterling, P.Eng., Ontario, Engineers Canada

S. Perruzza, CEO, OSPE

C. Whitney, Ministry of the Attorney General

Council convened at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 3, 2024.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Notice having been given and a quorum being present, Past President Fraser called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and made procedural announcements related to the conduct of the meeting.

#### 12713 - APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Shelske, seconded by Councillor Roberge:

#### That:

- a) The agenda, as presented to the meeting at C-563-2, Appendix A be approved as presented; and
- b) the Chair be authorized to suspend the regular order of business.

CARRIED Recorded vote

For: 23	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Absent: 1
G. Boone			F. Saghezchi
C. Chiddle			
L. Cutler			
A. Dryland			
S. H. Ehtemam			
A. Elshaer			
R. Fraser			
V. Hilborn			
M. Liu			
N. Lwin			
P. Mandel			
S. MacFarlane			

G. NikolovL. NotashR. Panesar



- L. Roberge
- S. Schelske
- G. Schjerning
- U. Senaratne
- P. Shankar
- S. Sung
- R. Walker
- G. Wowchuk

#### 12714 - DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

#### 12715 - APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEETING CHAIR

Since 2011, Council has had a process for selecting a Council Meeting Chair, a role separate from that of President. The current role of the Chair is described in the Governance Manual approved by Council at its March 2023 meeting. The core responsibility of the Chair is to propose the agenda for, and preside over, Council meetings.

Those wishing to put their name forward for the position of Council Meeting Chair for the 2024-2025 term submitted their names prior to the meeting. At its meeting of April 15, 2024, the Governance and Nominating Committee did not make a recommendation for this position.

It was noted that there were five expressions of interest received:

- Vicki Hilborn, P.Eng., West Central Region Councillor
- Fred Saghezchi, P. Eng., President-elect
- Pappur Shankar, P. Eng., West Central Region Councillor
- Randy Walker, P. Eng., Councillor-at-large
- Gregory Wowchuk, P. Eng., President

Councillor Hilborn withdrew her candidacy for consideration prior to the commencement of the meeting. Councillors Shankar and Walker also withdrew their names for consideration prior to the voting process during the meeting. No additional nominations were received from the floor, leading to the closure of the nominations. Although President-elect Saghezchi was not present during the vote, it was noted that his candidacy would be considered in the ensuing vote.

The confidential voting process was conducted through the platform ElectionRunner and the outcome of the vote led to President Wowchuk being officially declared as the Council Meeting Chair for the term 2024-2025.

[F. Saghezchi joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m.]

Council then voted to ratify their vote.

Moved by Councillor Chiddle, seconded by Councillor Panesar:

That Gregory P. Wowchuk, P.Eng., be appointed the Council Meeting Chair for the 2024-2025 Council year or until his successor is appointed.



For: 24 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

G. Boone

C. Chiddle

L. Cutler

A. Dryland

S. H. Ehtemam

A. Elshaer

R. Fraser

V. Hilborn

M. Liu

N. Lwin

P. Mandel

S. MacFarlane

G. Nikolov

L. Notash

R. Panesar

L. Roberge

S. Schelske

G. Schjerning

F. Saghezchi

U. Senaratne

P. Shankar

S. Sung

R. Walker

G. Wowchuk

President Wowchuk assumed his duties as the newly elected Council meeting Chair.

### 12716 - APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR TO REGIONAL COUNCILLORS COMMITTEE

The Regional Councillors Committee (RCC) has been designated as a board committee. The Terms of Reference for the RCC prescribe that the Committee be composed of the ten elected members from each of the five regions. Because of the composition, its membership and operations are aligned to the Council year. Non-board committees are aligned with the calendar year.

The Terms of Reference also require that the chair is to be elected by and from among members of the RCC for a one-year term. The Committees and Task Forces Policy requires that chairs of committees be ratified by Council.

Following the Annual General Meeting, the RCC appoints a Chair for the ensuing Council year and the appointment is ratified by Council at its first meeting of the new term.

Moved by Councillor Roberge, seconded by Councillor Schelske:

That Pappur Shankar, P.Eng., be appointed as Chair of the Regional Councillors Committee, effective immediately and to hold office until the close of business at the 2025 Annual General meeting.



For: 24 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

G. Boone

C. Chiddle

L. Cutler

A. Dryland

S. H. Ehtemam

A. Elshaer

R. Fraser

V. Hilborn

M. Liu

N. Lwin

P. Mandel

S. MacFarlane

G. Nikolov

L. Notash

R. Panesar

L. Roberge

F. Saghezchi

S. Schelske

G. Schjerning

U. Senaratne

P. Shankar

S. Sung

R. Walker

G. Wowchuk

P. Shankar accepted his role as RCC Chair, expressed his gratitude to the Council, and shared remarks focused on continuing the committee's successful efforts and fostering collaboration with both RCC members and staff.

# 12717 - APPOINTMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT

Clause 3(1)2 of Regulation 941 under the Professional Engineers Act requires that Council appoint a Vice President from among the Councillors who are members of the Association - that is either elected by the members under s.3(2)(a) of the Act or appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council under s.3(2)(b) of the Act.

Those wishing to be considered for the position of Vice President (appointed) submitted their names prior to the meeting. On April 15, 2024 the Governance and Nominating Committee (GNC) met to consider expressions of interest but made no recommendation.

The Chair advised that four expressions of interest were received. Councillors Chiddle, Roberge and Shankar removed their names from consideration. Councillors Lwin, MacFarlane and Walker remained on the ballot. The Chair asked for further nominations. None being received, nominations were then declared closed.

Councillors Lwin, MacFarlane and Walker spoke to their candidacy. The Election Runner platform was then used to conduct the secret vote. After the election was closed, it was announced that the successful candidate was Councillor Lwin.

Council voted to ratify the results of the confidential vote.



Moved by Councillor Elshaer, seconded by Councillor Shankar:

Against: 0

That Nanda Lwin, P.Eng., be appointed as Vice President for the 2024-2025 Council year.

Absent: 0

Abstain: 0

CARRIED

**Unanimous consent** 

For: 24 G. Boone

C. Chiddle

L. Cutler

A. Dryland

S. H. Ehtemam

A. Elshaer

R. Fraser

V. Hilborn

M. Liu

N. Lwin

P. Mandel

S. MacFarlane

G. Nikolov

L. Notash

R. Panesar

L. Roberge

F. Saghezchi

S. Schelske

G. Schjerning

U. Senaratne

P. Shankar

S. Sung

R. Walker

G. Wowchuk

### 12718 - APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO GOVERNANCE COMMITTEES FOR 2024-2025

At its meeting on April 30, 2021, Council formally approved the establishment and initial mandates of four (4) new governance committees. The current terms of reference are described in Section 2.3.3.2 of the PEO Governance Manual approved by Council at its March 2023 meeting. Councillors were invited to specify preferences for serving on governance committees. The President, President-elect, and Past President are ex officio members of each governance committee.

On April 15, 2024 the Governance and Nominating Committee (GNC) met to consider expressions of interest and agreed on recommendations to each committee. Individual preferences were accommodated to the extent possible and efforts were made to ensure a reasonable (though not precisely even) distribution of Councillors on each committee. Councillors were provided with the opportunity to revise their preferences before Council finalized the appointments.



## Audit and Finance Committee (AFC)

Council discussed the proposed membership of the Audit and Finance Committee, consisting of five (5) Councillors as well as the three (3) ex officio members.

Councillor Hilborn requested that her name be added for consideration of membership on the Audit and Finance Committee.

Moved by Councillor Chiddle, seconded by Councillor Mandel:

That Vicki Hilborn, P. Eng., be added to the proposed membership for the Audit and Finance Committee.

CARRIED

**Unanimous consent** 

For: 24 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0
G. Boone
C. Chiddle
L. Cutler
A. Dryland
S. H. Ehtemam

V. Hilborn

A. Elshaer R. Fraser

- M. Liu
- N. Lwin
- P. Mandel S. MacFarlane
- G. Nikolov
- L. Notash
- R. Panesar
- L. Roberge
- F. Saghezchi
- S. Schelske
- G. Schjerning
- U. Senaratne
- P. Shankar
- S. Sung
- R. Walker
- G. Wowchuk

Council then voted on the original motion, as amended.

Moved by Councillor Senaratne, seconded by Councillor Chiddle:

That the Audit and Finance Committee be composed of Council members Lorne Cutler, P.Eng., Vicki Hilborn, P.Eng., Paul Mandel, George Nikolov, P.Eng., Sherlock Sung, and Randy Walker, P.Eng., for the 2024-2025 Council year.

CARRIED Unanimous consent, as amended



For: 24 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

G. Boone

C. Chiddle

L. Cutler

A. Dryland

S. H. Ehtemam

A. Elshaer

R. Fraser

V. Hilborn

M. Liu

N. Lwin

P. Mandel

S. MacFarlane

G. Nikolov

L. Notash

R. Panesar

L. Roberge

F. Saghezchi

S. Schelske

G. Schjerning

U. Senaratne

P. Shankar

S. Sung

R. Walker

G. Wowchuk

# **Governance and Nominating Committee (GNC)**

Council discussed the membership of the Governance and Nominating Committee as proposed the committee at its April 15, 2024 meeting, consisting of four (4) Councillors as well as the three (3) ex officio members, as well as the governance committees' expression of interest (EoI) from Councillor Elshaer, appointed at the April 5, 2024 Council meeting and whose EoI was submitted after the GNC meeting. It was proposed that Councillor Elshaer be considered for appointment to the GNC.

Moved by Councillor Roberge, seconded by Councillor Shankar:

That the Governance and Nominating Committee be composed of Council members Ahmed Elshaer, P.Eng., Nanda Lwin, P.Eng., Susan MacFarlane, P.Eng., Ravinder Panesar, P.Eng., and Glen Schjerning, P.Eng., for the 2024-2025 Council year.

CARRIED Unanimous consent

For: 24 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

G. Boone

C. Chiddle

L. Cutler

A. Dryland

S. H. Ehtemam

A. Elshaer

R. Fraser



- V. Hilborn
- M. Liu
- N. Lwin
- P. Mandel
- S. MacFarlane
- G. Nikolov
- L. Notash
- R. Panesar
- L. Roberge
- F. Saghezchi
- S. Schelske
- G. Schjerning
- U. Senaratne
- P. Shankar
- S. Sung
- R. Walker
- G. Wowchuk

# **Human Resources and Compensation Committee (HRCC)**

Council discussed the proposed membership of the Human Resources and Compensation Committee, consisting of five (5) Councillors as well as the three (3) ex officio members.

Moved by Councillor MacFarlane, seconded by Councillor Sung:

That the Huan Resources and Compensation Committee be composed of Council members Andy Dryland, CET, Luc Roberge, P.Eng., Scott Schelske, P.Eng., Uditha Senaratne, P.Eng., and Pappur Shankar, P.Eng., for the 2024-2025 Council year.

CARRIED

**Unanimous consent** 

For: 24	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Absent: 0
G. Boone			
C. Chiddle			
L. Cutler			
A. Dryland			
S. H. Ehtemam			
A. Elshaer			
R. Fraser			
V. Hilborn			
M. Liu			
N. Lwin			
P. Mandel			
S. MacFarlane			

G. Nikolov L. Notash R. Panesar L. Roberge F. Saghezchi



- S. Schelske
- G. Schjerning
- U. Senaratne
- P. Shankar
- S. Sung
- R. Walker
- G. Wowchuk

### **Regulatory Policy and Legislation Committee (RPLC)**

Council discussed the proposed membership of the Regulatory Policy and Legislation Committee, consisting of six (6) Councillors as well as the three (3) ex officio members.

Moved by Councillor Cutler, seconded by Councillor Shelkse

That the Regulatory Policy and Legislation Committee be composed of Council members Guy Boone, P.Eng., Chantal Chiddle, P.Eng., Hannah Ehtemam, P.Eng., Vicki Hilborn, P.Eng., Michelle Liu, P.Eng., and Leila Notash, P.Eng., for the 2024-2025 Council year.

CARRIED Unanimous consent

For: 24 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0
G. Boone
C. Chiddle
L. Cutler
A. Dryland
S. H. Ehtemam
A. Elshaer
R. Fraser
V. Hilborn

- M. Liu N. Lwin
- P. Mandel
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- S. MacFarlane
- G. Nikolov
- L. Notash
- R. Panesar
- L. Roberge
- F. Saghezchi
- S. Schelske
- G. Schjerning
- U. Senaratne
- P. Shankar
- S. Sung
- R. Walker
- G. Wowchuk



#### 12719 – APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

As set out in each committee's Charter, Council appoints the Chairs for each of the four governance committees. On April 15, 2024 the Governance and Nominating Committee (GNC) met to discuss expressions of interest received and made no recommendations.

## **AFC Chair**

Councillors Cutler, Mandel, and Walker initially submitted their names for consideration. Subsequently, Councillor Mandel withdrew his candidacy. There were no additional self-nominations from the floor for the position AFC Chair, and nominations were officially closed. Both Councillors Cutler and Walker then presented their qualifications and visions in support of their candidacies.

The Election Runner platform was then used to conduct the secret vote. After the election was closed, it was announced that the successful candidate was Councillor Cutler.

The Chair noted that ratification of this election will occur after all elections have concluded for governance committee chairs.

### **GNC Chair**

Councillor McFarlane and Notash had initially submitted their names for consideration. However, Councillor Notash withdrew her candidacy as she was not a member of the GNC. The Chair then inquired whether there were any self-nominations from the floor for the position of GNC Chair. No additional nominations were presented. The Nominations were then declared closed. As a result, Councillor MacFarlane was unanimously acclaimed as GNC Chair.

Councillor MacFarlane expressed her gratitude to the Council and shared remarks focused on continuing the committee's successful efforts and fostering collaboration with both GNC members and staff.

The Chair noted that ratification of this appointment will occur after all elections have concluded for governance committee chairs.

### **HRCC Chair**

Councillor Roberge was noted as the sole candidate having expressed interest in the position of HRCC Chair. The Chair asked if there were any self-nominations from the floor for the position of HRCC Chair. No further expressions of interest were received.

Councillor Roberge was acclaimed as HRCC Chair. He thanked Council and made remarks related to building on the committee's successes to date and working in collaboration with the members of the HRCC and staff.

The Chair noted that ratification of this appointment will occur after all elections have concluded for governance committee chairs.

#### **RPLC Chair**

Councillors Chiddle, Hilborn, and Notash were recognized as having expressed their interest in the position of RPLC Chair. Councillors Chiddle and Notash withdrew their names from consideration. The Chair inquired if there



were any self-nominations from the floor for the same position. No additional expressions of interest were received and nominations were officially closed.

Councillor Hilborn was acclaimed as RPLC Chair. She expressed her gratitude to her fellow Council members and delivered remarks emphasizing her commitment to building upon the committee's existing successes and enhancing collaboration with both RPLC members and staff.

Council proceeded to the ratification of the election of the AFC Chair and the appointments by acclamation of the GNC, HRCC, and RPLC Chairs.

Moved by Vice President Boone, seconded by Councillor Mandel:

- 1. That Lorne Cutler, P.Eng., be appointed Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee for the 2024-2025 Council year or until his successor is appointed.
- 2. That Susan MacFarlane, P.Eng., be appointed Chair of the Governance and Nominating Committee for the 2024-2025 Council year or until her successor is appointed.
- 3. That Luc Roberge, P.Eng., be appointed Chair of the Human Resources and Compensation Committee for the 2024-2025 Council year or until his successor is appointed.
- 4. That Vicki Hilborn, P.Eng., be appointed Chair of the Regulatory Policy and Legislation Committee for the 2024-2025 Council year or until her successor is appointed.

CARRIED

**Unanimous consent** 

For: 24 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 0

G. Boone

C. Chiddle

L. Cutler

A. Dryland

S. H. Ehtemam

A. Elshaer

R. Fraser

V. Hilborn

M. Liu

N. Lwin

P. Mandel

S. MacFarlane

G. Nikolov

L. Notash

R. Panesar

L. Roberge

F. Saghezchi

S. Schelske

G. Schjerning

U. Senaratne

P. Shankar

S. Sung



- R. Walker
- G. Wowchuk

#### 12720 - APPOINTMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee is required by sections 10 and 11 of the *Professional Engineers Act*. It has the powers and duties set out in section 11 of the Act and section 29 of Regulation 941 under the Act.

The composition of the Executive Committee is set out in section 28 of the Act. It includes the president, the president-elect, the immediate past-president, the two vice-presidents and one or more members of Council which Council appoints from time to time. Pursuant to s.28(1.1), if only one additional member of Executive Committee is appointed, that person must be a member of Council appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGA). That person may be either a member or a non-member of the Association. If more than one member is to be appointed, at least one must be an LGA.

[G. Nikolov left the meeting at 10:15 a.m.]

Council discussed its options to appoint only one (1) additional member in order to satisfy the legal requirement, or to appoint more than the minimum required.

Moved by Councillor Shelske, seconded by Councillor Roberge:

- 1. That the number of Executive positions to be appointed from amongst the members of Council under s.28(1)(e) of Regulation 941 be:
- a) fixed at one (1), who for greater clarity must be a member of Council appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council;

OR

b) fixed at two (2), and in this circumstance, at least one position must be filled by a member of Council appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council;

OR

c) fixed at five (5), and in this circumstance, at least one position must be filled by a member of Council appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

1 c) CARRIED Recorded vote

One: 3	<u>Two: 2</u>	<u>Five: 17</u>	Abstain: 1	Absent: 1
C. Chiddle	S. MacFarlane	G. Boone	G. Wowchuk	G. Nikolov
P. Mandel	R. Walker	L. Cutler		
F. Saghezchi		A. Dryland		
		S. H. Ehtemam		
		A. Elshaer		
		R. Fraser		
		V. Hilborn		
		M. Liu		



- N. Lwin
- L. Notash
- R. Panesar
- L. Roberge
- S. Schelske
- G. Schjerning
- U. Senaratne
- P. Shankar
- S. Sung

It was noted that the first election will relate to satisfying the requirement that one appointment must be a Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGA) appointee. Council was advised that, of the expressions of interest received, three (3) are LGA's and are thus eligible candidates, namely Councillors Cutler, Schelske, and Senaratne.

The Chair asked if there were any self-nominations from the floor for the LGA appointment to the Executive Committee. No further expressions of interest were received. Councillor Cutler withdrew his name from consideration. Nominations were declared closed. Councillors Schelske and Senaratne spoke to their candidacies.

The Election Runner platform was then used to conduct the secret vote. After the close of the election, Councillor Senaratne was declared the successful candidate.

The Chair noted that ratification of this election will occur after determining all appointments to the Executive Committee.

The second phase of the discussion related to Council's decision to make four additional appointments over the minimum requirement. Council was advised of the remaining eligible candidates, namely: Councillors Chiddle, Cutler, Ehtemam, Elshaer, Hilborn, MacFarlane, Notash, Panesar, Roberge, Schjerning, Shankar and Walker.

The Chair asked if there were any self-nominations from the floor for the additional appointment to the Executive Committee. No further expressions of interest were received. Nominations were declared closed. Councillors Chiddle, Cutler, MacFarlane, Notash, Roberge, and Walker withdrew their names from consideration. The remaining nominees spoke to their candidacies.

The Election Runner platform was then used to conduct the secret vote. After the close of the election, the results showed that the four successful candidates were Councillors Ehtemam, Elshaer, Hilborn, Schjerning.

Council proceeded to the ratification of the elections to determine the composition of the Executive Committee.

Moved by Councilor Roberge, seconded by Councillor Notash:

That Shahandeh Hannah Ehtemam, P.Eng., Ahmed Elshaer, P.Eng., Vicki Hilborn. P.Eng., Glen Schjerning, P.Eng., and Uditha Senaratne, P.Eng., be appointed as members of the Executive Committee for the 2024-2025 Council year, in accordance with ss.28(1)(e) and 28(1.1) of Regulation 941.



For: 23 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 G. Nikolov

G. Boone

C. Chiddle

L. Cutler

A. Dryland

S. H. Ehtemam

A. Elshaer

R. Fraser

V. Hilborn

M. Liu

N. Lwin

P. Mandel

S. MacFarlane

L. Notash

R. Panesar

L. Roberge

F. Saghezchi

S. Schelske

G. Schjerning

U. Senaratne

P. Shankar

S. Sung

R. Walker

G. Wowchuk

A motion was subsequently proposed to ensure due process by mandating the destruction and clearance of all ballots.

Moved by Councillor Sung, seconded by Councillor Senaratne:

That the electronic ballots used for all secret voting be deleted following the meeting.

**CARRIED Unanimous consent** 

For: 23 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1 G. Nikolov

G. Boone

C. Chiddle

L. Cutler A. Dryland

S. H. Ehtemam

A. Elshaer

R. Fraser

V. Hilborn

M. Liu

N. Lwin

P. Mandel

S. MacFarlane

L. Notash



- R. Panesar
- L. Roberge
- F. Saghezchi
- S. Schelske
- G. Schjerning
- U. Senaratne
- P. Shankar
- S. Sung
- R. Walker
- G. Wowchuk

#### 12721 – APPOINTMENT OF ELECTED COUNCILLOR TO THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

The Discipline Committee exercises a core regulatory function defined under the *Professional Engineers Act* and must do so in accordance with the Act, the *Statutory Powers and Procedures Act* and the general requirements of administrative law. Its required membership is set out in the *Professional Engineers Act*. Council is responsible for appointing members of the committee in some categories, subject to the approval of the Attorney General.

The requirement for Council to appoint an elected Councillor to the Discipline Committee to comply with s.27(1)1 of the Act is the sole exception to Council's 2021 direction that, as of the 2022 AGM, Councillors would no longer serve on non-governance committees. On April 15, 2024 the Governance and Nominating Committee (GNC) met to discuss expressions of interest from elected councillors and made no recommendation.

Past President Fraser and Councillor Roberge submitted their names for consideration. The Chair asked if there were any self-nominations from the floor. There were none and nominations were declared closed. Past President Fraser removed their name from consideration.

Councillor Roberge was formally recognized as the appointed member to the Discipline Committee. During his acceptance speech, Councillor Roberge articulated his reasons for wishing to serve on the committee.

Moved by Councillor Schelske, seconded by Councillor Chiddle:

That Luc Roberge, P.Eng., be appointed as a member of the Discipline Committee for the 2024-2025 Council year, in accordance with s.27(1)1 of the *Professional Engineers Act*.

Fo	<u>r: 23</u>	Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Absent: 1
G.	Boone			G. Nikolov
C.	Chiddle			
L.	Cutler			
A.	Dryland			
S.	H. Ehtemam			
A.	Elshaer			
R.	Fraser			
٧.	Hilborn			
M	. Liu			
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- G. Schjerning
- U. Senaratne
- P. Shankar
- S. Sung
- R. Walker
- G. Wowchuk

### 12722 - COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

There were responses and discussion related to Councillors' questions, including the following areas:

#### **Engineering Dimensions Magazine**

Councillors questioned whether there had been discussions about reintroducing hard copies of the Engineering Dimensions magazine while continuing to preserve its digital presence. In response, staff confirmed that the reintroduction of hard copies of the magazine is under consideration, alongside budgetary reviews to determine the costs and logistics involved in this process.

### **AGM Feedback**

AGM details were requested regarding the attendance numbers and costs associated with 2023's AGM and 2024's AGM. Staff provided a brief overview of the 2023's AGM vs the 2024 AGM costs and attendance, outlined below:

2023 Annual General Meeting (virtual only)

- 403 Attendees
- Cost: \$22 249

2024 Annual General Meeting (virtual and in-person)

- 108 Attendees (In person)
- 349 Attendees (Virtual)
- \$270 000

### **Executive Committee**

Suggestions were presented to explore ways in which the Executive Committee could enhance its effectiveness and efficiency in meeting the needs of the Council.

Staff advised the Council that this topic could be addressed both at the Governance and Nominating Committee (GNC) and the Executive Committee. It was noted, however, that between the committees only the GNC was positioned to deliver a recommendation for Council's consideration.

The newly appointed Chair for the GNC also informed Council that a proposal for a new process to have Councillors bring their submissions to any governance committee would also be discussed at the GNC.



#### **Plenary Sessions**

A request had been made to ensure that the plenary schedule be established in advance and that it adhere to the time allocations specified in the 2024 election guide.

President Wowchuk indicated a preference for fewer plenary sessions for this term. He indicated that he would like to understand Council's needs before scheduling any plenary sessions.

## **Expense Reimbursement Policy**

It was suggested that the meal reimbursement policy for councillors be updated to align with current practices. Additionally, it was noted that the existing policy does not comprehensively detail all the options available to councillors.

Staff confirmed that they would review this policy at the AFC as it is will be proposed for inclusion on the committee's work plan for the 2024-2025 term.

### **EIT Program**

There was also interest in the possibility continuing the discussions or receiving additional feedback regarding the status of the EIT program. It was also noted that members were dissatisfied with the lack of communication on this matter. Staff confirmed that the EIT program has been included on a draft RPLC workplan for 2024-2025, scheduled for Council approval at its June meeting.

Councillors expressed concerns about postponing the plenary discussion for this to later in the year. It was proposed that the plenary session could commence earlier than initially suggested in the Fall. Additionally, it was mentioned that different timings for the plenary session could be beneficial.

### **Councillor Training**

It was noted that it would be beneficial for councillors to be equipped with additional training resources upon their appointments to their governance committees.

### **Past Initiatives**

It was noted that councillors would like to have the opportunity to review previous initiatives that were not brought forward to Council meetings in the past.

### **Reporting Harassment and Violence**

Councillors inquired about the established procedures for addressing any incidents of harassment or violence they might encounter during their tenure on Council.

The current President and staff advised councillors that any incidents of harassment or violence in the workplace should be promptly reported directly to the President or the CEO Registrar.

#### 12723 - MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA

Moved by Councillor Mandel, seconded by Councillor Sung:

That Council move in-camera at 1:21 p.m.

CARRIED Unanimous consent

For: 23Against: 0Abstain: 0Absent: 1G. BooneG. Nikolov

C. Chiddle





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A. Dryland
S. H. Ehtemam
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All staff and guests left the meeting except J. Quaglietta and L. Lukinuk.
There being no further business, the meeting concluded at approximately 3:55 p.m.
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These minutes consist of 19 pages and minutes 12713 to 12723 inclusive.
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