

# MINUTES

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**Council Meeting  
Via Videoconference  
April 29, 2025**

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## Minutes of the Council Meeting of the Ontario College of Teachers held via Videoconference on April 29, 2025

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**Present:** Maria Vasanelli, OCT (Chair); Linda Lacroix, OCT (Registrar); Natacha Akineza, OCT; Joseph Fiorino; Valerie Fontenelle, OCT; Imran Syed, OCT; Tammy Webster, OCT

**Staff:** Elicia Persaud; Saran Rangunathan, OCT; Saeed Walji; Libbey Dresser, OCT (Recorder)

### 1. Call to Order/Welcoming Chair Remarks

The Chair, Maria Vasanelli, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. She welcomed everyone present and members of the public joining online. The Chair also shared a reflection on Earth Day and the relationship between people and the Earth.

### 2. Approval of the Agenda (GC20250429-15)

It was moved by Valerie Fontenelle, seconded by Imran Syed, and

**CARRIED,**

**That the Agenda for the April 29, 2025 Council meeting be approved.**

Preparation time of one half-day was confirmed.

### 3. Conflict of Interest

No conflicts were declared.

### 4. Council Business and Governance

#### 4.1 Selection and Nominating Subcommittee Report (GC20250429-16)

Tammy Webster, Chair, presented the report of the Selection and Nominating Subcommittee. The Chair noted that the Selection and Nominating Subcommittee met in regard to two appointments, one for the OCT vacancy on Council and another for the Accreditation Committee roster. Tammy Webster noted that the Selection and Nominating Subcommittee focused on selecting an individual for Council with diverse experiences and backgrounds to ensure that Council includes varying perspectives from across the Province.

It was moved by Natacha Akineza, seconded by Valerie Fontenelle, and

**CARRIED,**

**That Council appoint Charles Kouassi, OCT to a Council position for a 2-year term commencing April 29, 2025, in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario College of Teachers Act, 1996 and regulations made thereunder, as applicable.**

It was moved by Valerie Fontenelle, seconded by Joseph Fiorino, and

**CARRIED,**

**That Council appoint Dr. Diane Vetter, OCT to the Accreditation Committee Roster for a 2-year term of office commencing April 29, 2025, in accordance with the provisions of the Ontario College of Teachers Act, 1996 and regulations made thereunder, as applicable.**

**5. Future Meeting Date(s)**

The Chair reminded Council of the upcoming Council meeting dates.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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Signed: Tammy Webster, OCT  
Acting Chair of Council

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Signed: Linda Lacroix, OCT  
Registrar and CEO

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