



## College of Chiropractors of BC – Board Meeting Minutes [FINAL]

Wednesday, May 15, 2020

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (via videoconference)

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**Location:** Zoom Videoconference

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Attendees:**

Dr. Johnny Suchdev	Board Chair
Mr. Ken Kramer, Q. C.	Board Vice-Chair
Dr. Chris Anderson	Board Member
Mr. Colin Bennett	Board Member
Dr. Linda Gordon	Board Member
Dr. Larissa Juren	Board Member
Mr. Piotr Majkowski	Board Member
Dr. Hafeez Merani	Board Member
Dr. Stephen Mogatas	Board Member
Mrs. Michelle Da Roza	Registrar
Dr. Douglas Wright	Deputy Registrar
Ms. Sophia Christoforakis	Director of Quality Assurance
Mr. Richard Simpson	Policy Advisor
Ms. Sandra Bao	Office Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

**Regrets:**

Dr. Paul Dhaliwal	Board Member
Ms. Deanie Kolybabi	Board Member

**Guest:** Mr. Don Lebars      Legal Counsel

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Johnny Suchdev, Chair of the Board of the College of Chiropractors of BC (CCBC), called the meeting of the Board to order at 10:03 a.m.

### 2. TRANSITIONING TO PHASE 2 OF THE COVID-19 RESTART PLAN

- 1) Letter from the PHO to Health professionals:** The Registrar informed the Board that Health regulatory colleges were requested by Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry to disseminate a letter to their registrants no later than May 15<sup>th</sup>. The College was holding off on sending/posting this letter to registrants as some specific links in the letter are not active at the moment and could cause confusion. The plan is to distribute the letter, along with the BCHR Guidance, to registrants once the links are updated.



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- 2) **BCHR Guidance, adapted for the CCBC context:** CCBC understands registrants are looking for specific and clear direction; however, as information regarding COVID-19 is constantly developing and changing, it is not possible for the College to provide updates and detailed information in a timely manner. Therefore, registrants will be referred to the PHO, BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) and WorkSafe BC for guidance. The College expects registrants to use their professional judgement to conduct risk assessments and determine what is in their patient's best interest.

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Questions regarding the screening and patient prioritization processes were discussed. One board member raised his concerns about registrants not thoroughly understanding or adhering to the College's guidance package before resuming patient treatment. A proactive approach, employing Continuing Education, may help to mitigate this issue.

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- 3) **Repeal of the Temporary Standards for In-person Chiropractic Care during the COVID-19 Pandemic (approved April 29):** The Board was requested to repeal the Temporary Standards that are currently in place, effective at the start of Phase 2 of BC's Restart Plan on May 19 and to guide registrants to now follow the PHO's updated directions.

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- 4) **Future steps:** The CCBC's current guidelines and advice on infection control practices are insufficient. Staff have started gathering information on this topic as well as discussing whether to establish a revised set of these guidelines that will be in place post-pandemic.

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**It was MOVED (Hafeez Merani)**

To approve the documents (Letter from the PHO to Health professionals and BCHR Guidance) and have them distributed to registrants when they are ready to be sent out.

**CARRIED (068/19-20)**

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**It was MOVED (Chris Anderson)**

To repeal the Temporary Standards for the COVID-19 pandemic, which was approved on April 29.

**CARRIED (069/19-20)**



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### CONCLUSION

#### It was MOVED (Johnny Suchdev)

That the May 15, 2020 College of Chiropractors of BC Board Meeting now conclude.

**CARRIED (070/19-20)**

(Time: 10:41 a.m.)

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### *Future Meeting Dates*

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| • Wednesday, June 17, 2020      | Board Meeting               |
| • Wednesday, September 23, 2020 | Board Meeting               |
| • Wednesday, October 28, 2020   | Board Videoconference       |
| • Wednesday, December 2, 2020   | CCBC Annual General Meeting |
| • Thursday, December 3, 2020    | Board Meeting               |