

Ontario Association of Architects

Meeting #285 Open

MINUTES

January 19, 2023

The two hundred and eighty fifth meeting of the Council of the Ontario Association of Architects, held under the *Architects Act*, took place on Thursday January 19, 2023 at OAA Headquarters, 111 Moatfield Drive, Toronto and virtually via Zoom.

Present:	Susan Spiegel	President
	Settimo Vilardi	Senior Vice President and Treasurer
	Christina Karney	Vice President Strategic
	Jennifer King	Vice President Communications
	Natasha Krickhan	Vice President Education (<i>virtual</i>)
	William (Ted) Wilson	Vice President Practice
	Loloa Alkasawat	Councillor
	Ida Badre	Councillor (<i>virtual</i>)
	Kimberly Fawcett-Smith	Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointee (<i>virtual</i>)
	Michelle Longlade	Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointee
	Lara McKendrick	Councillor
	Elaine Mintz	Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointee
	Deo Paquette	Councillor
	Clayton Payer	Councillor (<i>virtual</i>)
	Greg Redden	Councillor (<i>virtual</i>)
	Kristiana Schuhmann	Councillor
	Gaganjot Singh	Lieutenant Governor in Council Appointee
	Thomas Yeung	Councillor
	Marek Zawadzki	Councillor
	Kristi Doyle	Executive Director
	Christie Mills	Registrar
	Tina Carfa	Executive Assistant, Executive Services
Regrets:	Farida Abu-Bakare	Councillor
	J. William Birdsell	Councillor
Guests:	Camelia Boston	Administrator, Licence (<i>part attendance</i>)

The President noted a land acknowledgement video *Indigenous Climate Action: Community-based solutions rooted in decolonization* by Climate Atlas of Canada <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YooCa3A9c-0> would be shared with Council as an acknowledgement and recognition of the indigenous land and its people.

The President welcomed new members of Council, Loloa Alkasawat, Ida Badre, and Thomas Yeung to their first meeting.

The President welcomed staff in attendance at the meeting.

DECLARATION RE CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The President called for declaration of any conflicts of interest.

AGENDA APPROVAL

9526. The President reported that the no new items will be added to the agenda.

It was moved by McKendrick and seconded by Schuhmann that the agenda for the January 19, 2023 open meeting be approved as circulated.

-- CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

9527. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Draft minutes of the November 24, 2022 Open Council meeting.

The draft minutes of the November 24, 2022 Open Council meeting were reviewed.

It was moved by Mintz and seconded by Wilson that the minutes of the November 24, 2022 Open Council meeting be approved as circulated.

-- CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

9528. There was no business arising from the minutes.

ITEMS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL

9529. Election of Officers (*oral*)

Camelia Bostan, OAA Administrator Licence joined the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

The Registrar conducted the Election of Officers. As no Members-at-Large were present, the Registrar introduced two staff as possible scrutineers Executive Assistant, Executive Services, Tina Carfa and Administrator, Licence, Camelia Bostan for Council's confirmation.

The Scrutineers for the election were confirmed by Council.

Mills reported that all of the positions on Executive Committee were acclaimed as follows:

President	Settimo Vilardi
SVP and Treasurer	Ted Wilson
Vice President	Christina Karney
Vice President	Kristiana Schuhmann

Mills noted that the Chair, Susan Speigel expressed her interest to serve on the Executive Committee.

Ballots were circulated and virtual attendees emailed their vote to the Registrar and receipt was confirmed by the scrutineers.

Mills noted that LGICs are not permitted to vote on this position as outlined in the legislation.

Council voted to approve the appointment of Susan Speigel to serve on the Executive Committee as Immediate Past President.

Mills and Council congratulated the members of Executive for 2023.

Bostan left the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

9530. *Reference Materials Reviewed:* Memorandum from Manager, Education & Development, Ellen Savitsky dated January 10, 2023 re. Report on the process of selecting Continuing Education Sessions for the OAA Conference 2023 and attached supporting documentation. **(APPENDIX 'A')**

The Vice President Education reported.

It was moved by Krickhan and seconded by Schuhmann that Council approve the roster of Continuing Education sessions for the OAA Conference 2023 as presented on January 19, 2023, subject to presenter availability and final arrangements and logistics to be confirmed.

-- CARRIED

9531. *Reference Materials Reviewed:* Memorandum from Vice President Strategic, Christina Karney dated January 13, 2023 re. Appointments to Workforce 2030 and Compass Advisory Boards. **(APPENDIX 'B')**

The Vice President Strategic reported.

It was moved by Karney and seconded by McKendrick that Council sunset the OAA's representation on the Compass Advisory Board and the Workforce 2030 Advisory Board.

-- CARRIED

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

9532. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Registrar, Christie Mills dated January 9, 2023 re. *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act (FARPACKTA)* – Canadian Experience Requirement (CER) Prohibition. **(APPENDIX 'C')**

Mills reported that she has prepared the draft exemption request for the OAA's Canadian Experience Requirement (CER) prohibition to the Ministry through the Ontario Fairness Commissioner as directed by Council. She noted that she is now seeking direction from Council to move forward with the proposed submission.

Mills noted that in the event the Ministry rejects the exemption request, Council will need to examine the licensure process that allows international experience as an alternate qualification to domestic experience. The transition deadline is set for December 2023.

It was moved by Karney and seconded by Vilardi that Council approve the draft submission to the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development via the Office of the Fairness Commissioner which requests an exemption of the Canadian Experience Requirement under the *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act (FARPACKTA)*.

-- CARRIED

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

9533. *Reference Material Reviewed:* President's Activities for the months of November-January. **(APPENDIX 'D')**

The report was noted for information.

9534. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Report from Executive Director, Kristi Doyle dated January 10, 2023 re. Executive Director Report to Council. **(APPENDIX 'E')**

The report was noted for information.

9535. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Senior Vice President and Treasurer, Settimo Vilardi dated January 12, 2023 re. Unaudited Financial Statements for the Twelve Months Ended November 30, 2022 and attached background documentation. **(APPENDIX 'F')**

The report was noted for information.

9536. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from the Governance Committee dated January 13, 2023 re. Update on recent activities of the Governance Committee and attached background documentation. **(APPENDIX 'G')**

The report was noted for information.

9537. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Vice President Strategic, Christina Karney dated January 9, 2023 re. Update on the activities under the Vice President Strategic portfolio and attached background documentation. **(APPENDIX 'H')**

The report was noted for information.

9538. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from the Vice President Communications, Jennifer King dated January 3, 2023 re. Communications Update. **(APPENDIX 'I')**

The report was noted for information.

9539. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Registrar, Christie Mills dated January 11, 2023 re. Office of the Registrar Statistical Report to Council and attached background information. **(APPENDIX 'J')**

The report was noted for information.

9540. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Vice President Practice, Ted Wilson dated January 10, 2023 re. Report from Vice President Practice. **(APPENDIX 'K')**

The report was noted for information.

9541. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from the Vice President Practice, Ted Wilson dated January 10, 2023 re. Overall Statistics of the PAS Hotline, Practice Advisory E-newsletters and Update on Requests for Proposals (RFPs) Monitoring and attached background information. **(APPENDIX 'L')**

The report was noted for information.

9542. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Vice President Education, Natasha Krickhan dated January 11, 2023 re. Activities and Initiatives of the Comprehensive Education Committee. **(APPENDIX 'M')**

The report was noted for information.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

9543. *Reference Material Reviewed:* Memorandum from Manager of Policy and Government Relations dated January 9, 2023 re. Update to Council about the OAA's appeal of the Toronto Citywide Zoning By-law 569-2013. **(APPENDIX 'N')**

The report was noted for information.

OTHER BUSINESS

9544. The President took a few moments to reflect on her past two years on Council as President and thanked Council and staff for their insight and assistance during her term.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

9545. The next regular meeting of Council is Thursday March 2, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. at the OAA Headquarters, 111 Moatfield Drive, Toronto, Ontario.

The OAA Strategic Plan Review & Council Governance Workshop is scheduled for Thursday February 2, 2023 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Friday February 3, 2023 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the OAA Headquarters, 111 Moatfield Drive, Toronto, Ontario. It was noted that the session is being conducted in person only.

ADJOURNMENT

9546. **It was moved by Mintz and seconded by Singh that the meeting be adjourned at 2:40 p.m.**
-- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

President

Date