

On Thursday, March 5, 2026, Council met at the CPSA Council Chambers in Edmonton for a Regular Council Meeting. The attendance record is provided below:

Council Members: Voting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Patrick Etokudo, MSc, FSCMP, Chair <i>March 5 only</i> Ian Walker, MD, MA, Vice Chair Nahla Gomaa, MBBCH, MSc, MD PhD, SFHEA, FAcadMed Member-at-Large Rhonda Laboucan Garnet Clark, MBA, CPA, CMA Pan Zhang, MBA, BSc, BA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nicole Cardinal, MD, CCFP, Hon. Robert Merrifield, PC Olumide Johnson Fatokun, MD, MIH, MSc, MMED, MCFP, PgCert, ACBOM CMA Nkolika Anyabolu, MD, FRCGP, CCFP, LMCC <i>March 5 only</i> Nkemakolam Obinna Eke, MD, PG. Cert. Ed, CCFP, FWACS, FICS Doris Sturtevant, MD, MPH, CCFP, DABFM, FRCPC
Council Members: Non-Voting	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Todd Anderson, MD, FRCP(C), FCAHS, Dean Cumming School of Medicine Brenda Hemmelgarn, MD, PhD, Dean FoMD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noam Sander, BSc(Hons), Student Observer Tamara Yee, MD, PhD, Past President, PARA
CPSA Executive Leadership Team	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Colleen Forestier, MD, MPH, MPA, CCFP(EM), CCPE Registrar & CEO Michael Neth, PEng, Chief Operating Officer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dawn Hartfield, BScMed, MPH, MD, FRCPC, Deputy Registrar & Hearings Director Tracy Simons, CPA, CA, Chief Financial Officer
CPSA/Council Support Team	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> David Moore, Director, Strategic Priorities Jason MacDonald, Director, Office of the Registrar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kerry-Ann McPherson, MSc, CAPM, Manager, Governance Kimberley Murphy, Senior Executive Assistant, Recording Secretary
External/Internal Guests	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kannin Osei-Tutu, Chair, Anti-Racism Anti-Discrimination Committee (ARADC) <i>Attended virtually</i> CPSA staff and members of the public. <i>Attended virtually</i> 	
Regrets	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logan Day 	

Thursday, March 5, 2026

IC1 Council met in-camera with the Executive Leadership Team and the CPSA/Council Support Team prior to the public session. Vice-Chair, Ian Walker, called the in-camera session to order at **0810** and adjourned at **0844**.

1.0 Call to Order of Public Session

1.1 Chair Opening Remarks & Introductions

Patrick Etokudo, Council Chair, called the meeting to order at **0853**.

1.2 Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement

Patrick Etokudo, Council Chair provided the Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement.

1.3 Conflict of Interest Declaration (Real, Potential or Perceived)

No conflicts were declared at this time.

2.0 Adoption of Public Agenda and Approval of Minutes

2.1 Adoption of Agenda

MOTION C04-26: Moved by Pan Zhang and seconded by Olumide Fatokun that the agenda be adopted. **Carried.**

2.2 Approval of Minutes

2.2.1 December 2025 CPSA Council Public Meeting Minutes

MOTION C05-26: Moved by Garnet Clark and seconded by Robert Merrifield that the December 2025 Public Minutes be approved. **Carried.**

2.2.2 Decisions from In-camera Meeting for December 2025

MOTION C06-26: Moved by Nahla Gomaa and seconded Pan Zhang that the December 2025 decisions from the in-camera meeting be approved. **Carried.**

2.2.3 Approval of January 2026 Special Meeting Minutes

MOTION C07-26: Moved by Nkolika Anyabolu and seconded by Nkemakolam Eke that the January 2026 Special Meeting Minutes be approved. **Carried.**

3.0 Consent Agenda

MOTION C08-26: Moved by Robert Merrifield and seconded by Garnet Clark that the consent agenda be approved. **Carried.**

In passing the motion, the following items are approved:

- Governance Committee: Committee Membership and Appointments
 - Appointments to Governance Committee
 - Appointments to Finance and Audit Committee

A point of clarification was raised that Pan Zhang's appointment on the Finance and Audit Committee is for 2026 only, not 2026 and 2027.

- Governance Committee: Council Learning Plan
- Governance Committee: Hearing Tribunal and Complaint Review Committee Appointment

In passing the motion, the following items were received for information

- Executive Committee: Meeting Summary Report
- Governance Committee: Meeting Summary Report
- Governance Committee: Council Orientation and Retreat Debrief
- Finance and Audit Committee: Meeting Summary Report
- Anti-Racism Anti-Discrimination Committee: Meeting Summary Report
- Indigenous Advisory Circle: Meeting Summary Report

4.0 Executive Reports

4.1 Chair's Report

Patrick Etokudo, Council Chair, provided a verbal report to Council.

4.2 Registrar's Report

Colleen Forestier, Registrar and CEO, presented a report to Council, to supplement the written Registrar's Report.

ACTION: Dr. Forestier committed to respond to a number of Council questions about the Registration department at the May Council meeting.

5.0 New Business

5.1 Legislative Changes and Direction for Council Advisory Committees

Colleen Forestier, Registrar and CEO and Michael Neth, Chief Operating Officer, opened a discussion on Bill 13 – *The Regulated Professions Neutrality Act*.

Dr. Kannin Osei-Tutu, Chair of Anti-Racism Anti-Discrimination Committee (ARADC), was welcomed as a guest presenter to Council. In his presentation, he offered, for discussion, a proposed way forward for ARADC in light of Bill 13.

ACTION: Council identified the need to further discuss ARADC’s mandate and clarify its expectations of the committee, including Council’s obligations to ARADC.

6.0 Council Committee Reports

6.1 Governance Committee

6.1.1 Non-Council Member as Committee Chair

Robert Merrifield, Chair of Governance Committee, led a discussion on the Chairing of Council Committees. The discussion centered on whether the Chair must be a Councillor, whether a non-Council member could be a Chair, and whether Chairship could be structured as a Co-Chair model.

*Council moved in-camera at **1336** for a confidential discussion related to this item and returned to the public session at **1346**.

MOTION C09-26: Moved by Robert Merrifield and seconded by Olumide Fatokun that every Committee of this Council be chaired by a Council member. **9 in Favour. Carried.**

MOTION C010-26: Moved by Robert Merrifield and seconded by Nicole Cardinal that every Committee of this Council whose function is solely advisory, be allowed a non-Council Co-Chair. **Carried.**

6.1.2 Terms of Reference Revision and Appointment - Indigenous Advisory Circle

Robert Merrifield, Chair of Governance Committee, led a discussion on the proposed Terms of Reference revision and Chair appointment for the Indigenous Advisory Circle.

ACTION: Council directed the proposed Terms of Reference revision and Appointment be returned to the Indigenous Advisory Circle for consideration and alignment with the new governance direction described in item 6.1.1.

6.1.3 Terms of Reference Revision and Appointment - Nominations Committee

Robert Merrifield, Chair of Governance Committee, led a discussion on the proposed Terms of Reference revision and Chair appointment for the Nominations Committee.

MOTION C11-26: Moved by Robert Merrifield and seconded by Pan Zhang that the proposed Terms of Reference revision of the Nominations Committee be approved.
Carried.

MOTION C12-26: Moved by Robert Merrifield and seconded by Nkemakolam Eke to approve the appointment of the proposed members to the Nominations Committee, and also to include the addition of Garnet Clark and Nicole Cardinal as Committee members.
Carried.

7.0 Departmental Updates

7.1 Annual Report Outline, Process and Timelines (for information)

The CPSA Communications team provided a brief overview of the annual report process and expectations for Council's participation in finalizing the 2025 report. The theme of the 2025 Annual report is Pathways to Progress.

Adjournment: The public session of Council was adjourned on Thursday, March 5th at **1533**.

IC2 In-camera Session

Council met for an in-camera session that was adjourned at **1705**.

Friday March 6, 2026

Council Learning & Strategy Day – Other Meeting of Council

Council convened on Friday, March 6, 2026, for a half day of learning and strategic planning.