

Public Board of Directors Meeting
Held via Zoom
June 5, 2025
9 a.m. ET
Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS:

Ruth McHugh, Chair
Iris Almeida-Côté
Amber Batool
Karima Bawa
Tom Conway
Anne-Abigaïl Fils-Aimé
Steve Garland
Dennis Haszko
Scott Jolliffe

STAFF:

Juda Strawczynski, CEO and Registrar
Jennifer Slabodkin, Director of Registration and Education, Deputy Registrar
Victoria Rees, General Counsel, Professional Regulation
Sean Walker, CFO
Andrés Diaz, Director of Operations
Dana Dragomir, Director of Communications
Anne-Thiphaine Camus, Administrator – Registration & Education
Vicci Sakkas, Administrative Coordinator

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Bob Plamondon, Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee
Marcel Mongeon, Chair of Discipline Committee
Mark Pioro, Chair of the Registration Committee
Kris Dangerfield, Chair of the Investigations Committee

1. **Introductory Matters/Call to Order/Approval of Agenda/Conflicts of Interest**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. ET.

The Chair made opening remarks and acknowledged that CPATA is the federal regulator of patent agents and trademark agents in Canada, the traditional and ancestral territory of many Indigenous Peoples. The Chair welcomed two new directors to the Board: Anne-Abigaïl Fils-Aimé and Dennis Haszko, and expressed thanks to outgoing elected directors Brigitte Chan and Andrew Currier for their expertise and dedication.

Scott Jolliffe, Steve Garland and Ruth McHugh declared conflicts of interest due to the motions regarding appointments.

On a motion duly moved and seconded, it was resolved that the agenda for the June 5, 2025 meeting of CPATA's Board of Directors be adopted.

2. **Consent Agenda**

On a motion moved and seconded, it was resolved that the Minutes of the March 24, 2025 Board meeting be approved.

3. **Election of the Chair of the Board of Directors & Committee Appointments**

Scott Jolliffe, Steve Garland and Ruth McHugh recused themselves from the meeting.

On a motion moved and seconded, it was resolved that Ruth McHugh be reappointed as Chair of CPATA's Board of Directors until the Annual General Meeting in 2027. Should Ruth McHugh's term of office not be extended by the Minister, the Board will appoint a new Chair at the earliest opportunity.

On a motion moved and seconded, it was resolved that Scott Jolliffe be appointed to the Audit and Risk Committee and that Steve Garland be appointed to the Governance Committee until the Annual General Meeting in 2027.

Scott Jolliffe, Steve Garland and Ruth McHugh returned to the meeting.

4. **Reports**

Committee Reports

Kris Dangerfield gave an oral report on the work of the Investigations Committee.

Marcel Mongeon gave an oral report on the work of the Discipline Committee.

Mark Pioro gave an oral report on the work of the Registration Committee.

Tom Conway gave an oral report on the work of the Governance Committee.

Bob Plamondon gave an oral report on the work of the Audit and Risk Committee.

CEO Report

Juda Strawczynski gave an oral CEO report that focused on the 2025 work plan to date.

Program Reports

Victoria Rees gave an oral report on Professional Responsibility.

Dennis Haszko joined the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

5. **Pathways to Licensure**

Jennifer Slabodkin provided an update on the consultation on apprenticeships, including the key findings and next steps.

6. **Fiscal Responsibility**

Appointment of Auditors

On a motion duly moved and seconded, it was resolved that the Board reappoint Doane Grant Thornton LLP as External Auditor for CPATA's 2025 year-end audit.

Travel and Reimbursement Policy

On a motion duly moved and seconded, it was resolved that the revised Travel and Reimbursement Policy be approved and the CFO authorized to update Appendix A as necessary to reflect the Government of Canada's Treasury Board mileage rate and the CRA for the Meals and Incidentals rates.

7. **Termination**

With agreement from all directors the Chair terminated the meeting at 10:48 a.m. ET.



Ruth McHugh

Chair of the Board of Directors

Minutes approved on December 10, 2025