

## Public Board of Directors Meeting

Held via Zoom

March 24, 2026

12 p.m. ET

Minutes

### BOARD MEMBERS:

Ruth McHugh, Chair  
Iris Almeida-Côté  
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  
Vicci Sakkas, Administrative Coordinator

### ABSENT:

Amber Batool  
Karima Bawa

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.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.

Scott Jolliffe declared a conflict of interest.

**On a motion duly moved and seconded, it was resolved that the agenda for the March 24, 2026 meeting of CPATA's Board of Directors be adopted.**

#### 2. **Consent Agenda**

**On a motion duly moved and seconded, it was resolved that the consent agenda was adopted, and the Minutes of the December 10, 2025 meeting approved.**

**On a motion duly moved and seconded, it was resolved that the duration of Scott Jolliffe's appointment to the CEO & Registrar's Annual performance and Compensation work until the 2026 Annual General Meeting to be held in June 2027 was approved.**

Scott Jolliffe recused himself from the above vote.

Victoria Rees gave a brief oral summary of the Investigations Committee report. Jen Slabodkin gave a brief oral summary of the Registration Committee Report. Tom Conway gave a brief oral summary of the Governance Committee Report. Bob Plamondon gave a brief oral summary of the Audit and Risk Committee Report.

**On a motion duly moved and seconded, the Regulatory Principles that Guide our Work was approved.**

3. **Fiscal Responsibility**

3.1 **2025 Audited Financial Statements**

Bob Plamondon, the Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee, and Sean Walker CFO spoke to the work of the Audit and Risk Committee and to the Audited Financial Statements.

**On a motion duly moved and seconded, it was resolved that the Board approves CPATA's Audited Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2025 as provided in this meeting package;**

**Further, it was resolved that the Chair of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer are authorized to sign the statements on behalf of the College and the CEO is authorized to publish the statements on CPATA's website and distribute them as required.**

4. **Adjournment**

**With agreement from all directors the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:33 p.m. ET.**



**Ruth McHugh**

Chair of the Board of Directors

Minutes approved on June 4, 2026