Public Board of Directors Meeting
Held via Zoom
June 4, 2026
9 a.m. ET
Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS:
Ruth McHugh, Chair
Amber Batool
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
Dana Dragomir, Director of Communications
Andrés Diaz, Director of Operations
Anne-Thiphaine Camus, Administrator – Registration & Education
Emily Liang, Registration and Examinations Coordinator
Vicci Sakkas, Administrative Coordinator

ABSENT:
Karima Bawa

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:02a.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.

On a motion duly moved and seconded, it was resolved that the agenda for the June 4, 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 March 24, 2026 meeting approved.

3. **Committee and Other Reports**

Victoria Rees gave a brief oral summary of the Investigations Committee and Discipline Committee reports. Mark Pioro gave a brief oral summary of the Registration Committee Report. Tom Conway gave a brief oral summary of the Governance Committee Report.

4. **Committee Appointments**

On a motion duly moved and seconded, it was resolved that the following individuals are reappointed to their respective committees for a two year term.
i. Bob Plamondon (Chair), Maureen Rogers and Iris Almeida–Côté to the Audit & Risk Committee;
ii. Thomas G. Conway (Chair), Karima Bawa, Peter Cowan and Amber Batool to the Governance Committee;
iii. Kristin Dangerfield (Chair), Jean-Sébastien Brière, Pierre Cantin, Barb Murchie, Kiril (Liam) Grigoriev, Len Polsky, Karol Pawlina and Theresa (Terry) Jaenen to the Investigations Committee;
iv. Marcel Mongeon (Chair), Charles Boulakia, Benoit Yelle, Jean Whittow, Susan Boulter, Sam Lanctin and Raj Anand* to the Discipline Committee. *Mr. Anand is reappointed until new appointments are made to the Discipline Committee, and shall continue to serve until no later than December 31, 2026.
v. Mark Pioro (Chair), Natalie de Paulsen, Hilary Rose, Heidi Jensen, Alessandro Colonnier and Craig Macmillan to the Registration Committee.

On a motion duly moved and seconded, it was resolved that Jonathan Auerbach be appointed to the Registration Committee for a two year term.

5. **Fiscal Responsibility**

Licence Fees for 2027-2028

On a motion duly moved and seconded, it was resolved that the Board approves fees in accordance with the Schedule 1 attached at Appendix A to come into effect January 1, 2027, conditional on CPATA's By-Laws, which are drafted in conjunction with the Department of Justice, being amended in time for such changes to come into effect.

Appointment of Auditors

On a motion duly moved and seconded, it was resolved that Board reappoints Doane Grant Thornton LLP as External Auditor for CPATA's 2026 year-end audit.

6. **Other Business**

No other business was raised.

7. **Adjournment**

With agreement from all directors the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:57 a.m. ET.

Ruth McHugh
Chair of the Board of Directors

Minutes approved on September 24, 2026