

Policy number	GOV-06
Policy name	Council Powers and Responsibilities
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POLICY

The College is governed by a Council consisting of regulated members, elected by the regulated members of the College, and public members appointed by the government.¹ The Council governs according to the *Health Professions Act* (HPA), the *Denturists Profession Regulation*, and the Bylaws, abiding by regulatory and governance policies and procedures. Council focuses on organizational oversight rather than operational or day-to-day management of the College or responding to regulated members' individual and/or collective interests.

The Council creates distinction between the Council and the Executive Director & Registrar, allowing the Executive Director & Registrar to manage the operations of the College. Any overlap is approached with the utmost respect, collegiality, partnership, and collaboration.

Council Powers and Responsibilities

Council:

- ▣ establishes and adheres to the Mission, Vision, and Values of the College.
- ▣ leads the profession and the College by determining the strategic direction, developing supporting policies and adhering to the Bylaws.
- ▣ manages and conducts the activities of the College, exercises the rights, powers, and privileges and carries out the duties of the College in the name of and on behalf of the College and carries out the powers and the duties of the Council under the HPA and the Bylaws².
- ▣ carries out its duties and functions in a manner that protects the public interest³.
- ▣ provides direction to and regulates the practice of denturists.
- ▣ establishes, maintains, and enforces standards for registration and of continuing competence and standards of practice of the regulated profession³.
- ▣ establishes, maintains, and enforces the College's Code of Ethics.
- ▣ monitors and evaluates its own process, policies, and performance regularly.
- ▣ ensures policy conforms to the accepted governance principles.
- ▣ considers the impact of policy on the public, government, the College, regulated members, and other stakeholders.

¹ Health Professions Act (2000) s.5

² Health Professions Act (2000) s.6

³ Health Professions Act (2000) s.3

- ☐ may establish a panel of Council to hear reviews under Part 2 or appeals under Part 4 of the HPA⁴.
- ☐ ensures that the business of the College is conducted in a legal and ethical manner.
- ☐ sets policy that allows the Executive Director & Registrar to manage the day-to-day operations of the College within an approved policy framework.
- ☐ ensures that Council and committees conduct themselves with professionalism, respect, and collegiality.
- ☐ ensures that deliberations and decisions reflect the public protection mandate of the College.
- ☐ holds itself to the highest standards of self-governance including ensuring Council members:
 - i. are fully prepared for meetings.
 - ii. attend all meetings unless advance notice of absence has been given to the Chair.
 - iii. respect Council and administration roles.
 - iv. “speak with one voice”.
 - v. adhere to the principles of good governance by monitoring and correcting themselves when necessary.

DEFINITIONS

none

APPENDICES

none

REFERENCES

CAD Bylaws

DOCUMENT HISTORY

Date	Action	Rationale
27/05/22	New	Provide Clarity
15/09/23	Reviewed	As scheduled
20/11/25	Reviewed	As scheduled

⁴ Health Professions Act (2000) s.18