



## **Council Meeting 131**

September 12, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m.  
Sheraton Eau Claire, Calgary  
Wolf Willow Room

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Lora Mattie– Chair  
Satpreet (Sunny) Grewal, DD – Vice Chair  
Tim Kohlen, DD  
Karen Galloway, DD  
Joe Gagliardi, public member  
David Fedechko, DD  
Munira Peermohamed, public member  
Robin Erickson, public member  
Lesley Williams, public member

Dacia Richmond, Executive Director &  
Registrar  
Andrea Thorrougood, Reg & Corp Services  
Coordinator

### **Guests**

DAA Executive (Item 2.8)  
Andrea Snow, Complaints Director

### **Regrets**

Troy Thompson, DD

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## **1 CALL TO ORDER**

Lora Mattie, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

### **1.1 Approval of the agenda**

**Motion:** To approve the agenda.

**Moved by:** David Fedechko

**Seconded by:** Lesley Williams

**Carried**

### **1.2 Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the May 30, 2025 Council meeting minutes.

**Moved by:** Robin Erickson

**Seconded by:** Sunny Grewal

**Carried**

### **1.3 Declarations of conflicts of interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

## **2 NEW BUSINESS**

### **2.1 Providing care to yourself**

In July, the Registrar was contacted by Lindy Vanamburg, the Director General, Policy and Engagement, Oral Health Branch, Health Canada. Ms. Vanamburg oversees the Canadian

Dental Care Plan. She reached out on the advice of the Chief Dental Officer of Health to ask a question of all denturist regulators in Canada.

Her office had been contacted to inquire if “a provider is personally enrolled in the CDCP and requires treatment (e.g., a new denture), can they treat themselves and submit the claim under their own provider number? Or must the treatment be performed and submitted by another authorized provider?”

Ms. Vanamburg recognized this as a regulatory question. All provincial denturist regulators were contacted, and the responses were collated.

The ultimate response from Ms. Vanamburg was:

*The CDCP will decline claims where the provider and the patient are the same. We understand this aligns with common industry practice. As a result, we'd suggest that providers who need care seek it (and thus have it billed for) through a different provider.*

With this, Council discussed amending the Standards of Practice when they are reviewed.

## 2.2 Financial Reporting

Council was presented with a balance sheet and draft income statement for Q2 with projections for the 2025 fiscal year.

## 2.3 Council Selection

There are candidates applying for the two vacant Council seats (for regulated members) commencing January 1, 2026. The Selection Committee will move forward with interviews for candidates and will then make recommendations to Council at the November meeting.

## 2.4 Policy Review

Council was presented with the following policies for scheduled review:

- ☐ GOV-04 – Code of Conduct
- ☐ GOV-05 – Governance Principles
- ☐ GOV-10 – Council-Registrar Relationship
- ☐ GP-09 – English Language Proficiency
- ☐ GP-20 – Retention of College Records
- ☐ GP-21 – Advertising
- ☐ PC-04 – Publication
- ☐ R-02 – Publicly available member information
- ☐ R-04 – Substantial equivalence

Council was also presented with the following policy for rescindment.

- ☐ GP-24 – Pandemic Remuneration of College Staff

**Motion:** To approve all reviewed policies as presented and rescind policy GP-24.

**Moved by:** Sunny Grewal

**Seconded by:** Robin Erickson

**Motion:** To amend policy GP-20 to keep records of hearing indefinitely

Moved by: Karen Galloway  
Seconded by: Robin Erickson

## 2.5 Professional Conduct Reporting

Andrea Snow, Complaints Director, presented the professional conduct statistics for January to June 2025.

## 2.6 Exam update

Council was presented with an update on exam activities since the last Council meeting.

The multijurisdictional objective structured clinical examination (OSCE) was successfully administered in Calgary in June 2025 with support and involvement of five provinces (BC, AB, SK, MB, and NS).

In August of this year, CDO removed themselves from the MCQ.

Moving forward, we continue with exam development in conjunction with BC, SK, MB, NB, and NS. OSCE and MCQ development workshops are being held this fall with continued planning into 2026.

The existing engaged provinces are looking forward to continuing collaborative work and are open to discussion with ON should they decide that they would like to participate again. In the meantime, work moves forward.

In 2026, the multi-jurisdictional MCQ exam is being held on February 3 and June 2 via remote proctoring and the OSCE on June 20 in Calgary.

## 2.7 Ad hoc Committee (Social Programs) Update

Many social programs exist in Alberta, and nationwide, that provide support for the oral healthcare of Albertans. With rising costs of doing business and supplies needed to make a dental prosthesis, some denturists are choosing to not provide care to these patients accessing the social programs because the reimbursement the denturist receives for the service is not enough to cover the costs of providing the service.

In response, last October, the public members of Council wrote to the Minister of Health with their concerns. The College received a response from the minister on April 8, 2025.

In May, a cabinet shuffle resulted in essentially four health ministers (overseeing different aspects of the new health structure.) The Honorable Adriana LaGrange's new portfolio is the Ministry of Primary and Preventative Health Services. Also, the Honorable Jason Nixon oversees the Ministry of Assisted Living and Social Services. He has authority over social programs such as AISH and ADSC.

The committee met in August and subsequent letters were sent to Ministers LaGrange and Nixon.

*Council went in camera at 11:35 a.m.*

*Council came out of camera at 12:07 p.m.*

## 2.8 DAA/CAD Joint Meeting

The DAA executive joined Council in person and virtually to discuss topics of mutual interest.

#### Update on social services

CAD shared that further letters had been sent to government, and the DAA was asked if they had any input on the topic.

The DAA advised that they are currently in active negotiations with government on fee schedules; however, a nondisclosure agreement was signed so they were not able to disclose any details, but they are hoping to provide an update soon.

#### Update on negotiations on the fee guide

Concerning the CDCP, the DAA will bring up the issue on billing during one of their meetings and are looking into billing practices. They assured CAD that fee guide negotiations are happening but are unable to disclose anything at this time. They did state that possible updates may be coming out at the AGM.

#### Training on soft skills

Council brought up common current themes of complaints and asked if there were any speakers who could address the soft skills of denturists at convention. DAA will look into securing some speakers.

#### Update on PLI

The DAA has secured a new third-party insurance provider who will be able to offer a multi-tiered approach to PLI coverage to be implemented for members in time for the 2026 renewals.

#### Update on College fees

Council shared their decision that there will be no increase to registration fees for 2026.

### **2.9 Practice Permit Fees – 2026**

Council discussed a preliminary 2026 budget with considerations to practice permit fees and exam fees.

**Motion:** To keep the registration fees unchanged (\$2450) for 2026.

**Moved by:** David Fedechko  
**Seconded by:** Sunny Grewal  
**Carried**

## **3 IN CAMERA**

Council went in camera at 11:35 a.m.

Council came out of camera at 12:07 p.m.

## **4 NEXT MEETINGS**

4.1 Next council meeting.

4.1.1 November 20, 2025 - Edmonton

November 21, 2025 – Joint Council Education, Edmonton

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting

Moved by: David Fedechko  
Seconded by: Karen Galloway  
Carried

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lora Mattie", is displayed within a light gray rectangular box.

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Lora Mattie  
Chair