

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Readout¹ - Board of Directors Meeting February 21 & 22, 2025

In late February, the CPA's Board of Directors met virtually for their winter Board meeting, where the Board:

- Received a Presidential update, which included updates on two working groups: Loneliness in Canada, and Equitable Access to Internet and digital health services that are still in the populating stage.
- Received an operational update and risk management report from the CPA's Chief Executive Officer.
 - A final update was provided on the CPA's head office move to 1101 Prince of Wales Drive at the end of 2024 and the positive changes for staff were highlighted.
- Received written and/or verbal updates from each of the CPA's partner representatives (Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science; Council of Professional Associations of Psychology; Council of Canadian Departments of Psychology; Canadian Council of Professional Psychology Programs).
- Continued discussions on the development the CPA's next Strategic Plan.
 - o CEO provided an overview of process and shared feedback received
 - Discussion of feedback received and consideration regarding revisions to proposed vision, mission, and goals.
 - Identified next steps for consultation and ongoing work on the development of the Strategic Plan
- Proposed By-law changes discussed:
 - o Update on process and next steps including recommendations from legal counsel.
 - o Town hall(s) to be held to consult with membership.
 - Special meeting of the members in late fall to approve by By-law changes.
- Received updates on the activities of the CPA's various committees and working groups.
 - Approved the 2025 Student Section budget.
 - o Approved the Accreditation Panel workplan as presented.
 - Approved the formation of a Working Group to ascertain advances in research and assessment in the clinical assessment of police candidates and develop an updated principles and guidelines document
 - Approved the formation of Working Group, overseen by the CPA's Educational and School Psychology Section to update the existing 2007 Professional Practice Guidelines for School Psychologists in Canada.
- Received Dr. Kimberly Watson's resignation from the CPA Board of Directors effective March 17th,
 2025, due to professional and personal obligations. The Board thanked her for her service to the

¹ Readout: a document that summarizes the content of a meeting; official statement

CPA. A call for nominations for the Director at Large seat will be included in the April notice to the CPA membership.

Many thanks to the Board and Partner representatives for their ongoing work on behalf of the CPA and for psychology.

Should you have any questions about the Board meeting or the Board's work, please direct your questions to governance@cpa.ca.

The Board will meet virtually in May 2025 to review the 2024 audited financial statements and in person June 10th, 11th & 14th during the CPA annual convention in St John's, Newfoundland.

Sincerely,

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