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Nina Tangri, MPP (Mississauga—Streetsville), Associate Minister of Small Business (centre left), met PEO GLP Rep **Ariej Ibrahim**, P.Eng. (right), in Mississauga on May 3.

Photo credit: Minister Tangri's LinkedIn.

PEO MISSISSAUGA CHAPTER GLP REP SPEAKS WITH MINISTER AT LOCAL EVENT

MISSISSAUGA - PEO Mississauga GLP Rep **Ariej Ibrahim**, P.Eng., met with Associate Minister of Small Business **Nina Tangri**, MPP (Mississauga—Streetsville) at an Alectra Utilities event on May 3.

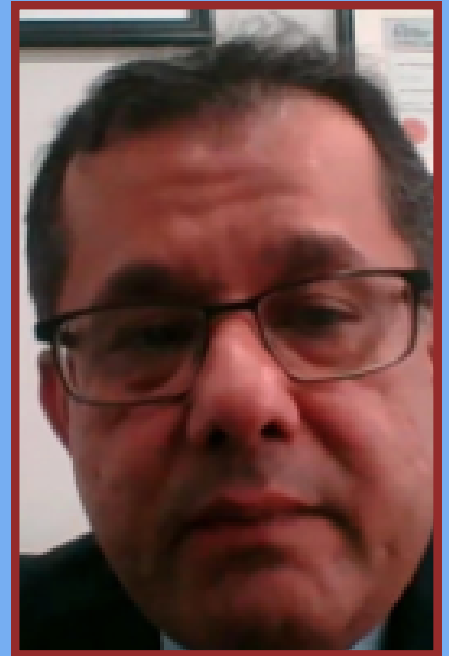
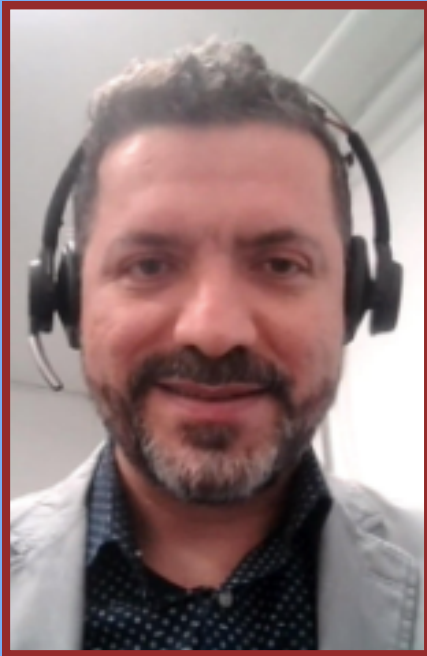
Ms. Ibrahim, a Standards Engineer at Alectra, told the *PEO GLP Weekly Times* that she had the opportunity to speak with Minister Tangri about the work she is doing as a professional engineer and her role as a GLP Rep.

Minister Tangri previously hosted Ms. Ibrahim and Mississauga GLP Chair **Jeannette Chau**, P.Eng., at the Minister's constituency office on February 7.

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TWO PEO YORK CHAPTER GLP REPS DISCUSS LICENSING WITH MINISTER



PEO GLP Reps **Reza Mahmoudipour**, P.Eng. (left), and **Kashif Siddiqui**, P.Eng (right) virtually met with Minister **Michael Tibollo** (centre) on May 3.

Michael Tibollo, MPP (Vaughan—Woodbridge), Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions met with his new PEO GLP Rep **Kashif Siddiqui** at a virtual meeting on May 3.

The meeting provided an opportunity for Mr. Siddiqui to introduce himself to the Minister and brief him on recent PEO updates. This included PEO's regulatory mandate, legislative initiatives such as Continuing Professional Development/PEAK, the new *Fair Access to Regulated Professions and Compulsory Trades Act* (FARPACTA)-compliant licensing process, and upcoming Chapter events.

Also participating in the meeting were York Chapter GLP Chair **Reza Mahmoudipour**, P.Eng., and Government Relations Consultant **Howard Brown**.

Minister Tibollo regularly participates in PEO events and expressed his interest in participating in more. He was first elected in 2018 and previously served as the Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services and the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

PEO COUNCIL APPOINTS NEW COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MEMBERS

PEO Council held its 563th meeting on May 3. It was chaired by 2024-25 PEO President **Gregory P. Wowchuk**, P.Eng., who was confirmed as the Chair as the meeting's first order of business.

Council also made the following appointments:

- Vice-President: East Central Region Councillor **Nanda Layos Lwin**, P.Eng.
- Regional Councillors Chair: West Central Region Councillor **Pappur Shankar**, P.Eng.



Gregory P. Wowchuk,
P.Eng., President and Chair



Nanda Layos Lwin,
P.Eng., Vice-President



Pappur Shankar, P.Eng.,
Regional Councillors
Committee Chair

Council also made the following appointments as members of the Executive Committee for the 2024-2025 Council year:



**Shahandeh Hannah
Ehtemam**, P.Eng.



Ahmed Elshaer, P.Eng.



Vicki Hilborn, P.Eng.



Uditha Senaratne,
P.Eng.

Glen Schjerning,
P.Eng.



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Council also approved all members of the four Governance Committees, with the Chair appointments for each being:

- Audit and Finance Chair: Lieutenant Governor Appointee **Lorne Cutler**, P.Eng.
- Governance and Nominating Chair: Western Region Councillor **Susan MacFarlane**, P.Eng.
- Human Resources and Compensation Chair: Northern Region Councillor **Luc Roberge**, P.Eng.
- Regulatory Policy and Legislation Chair: Western Region Councillor **Vicki Hilborn**, P.Eng.

Congratulations to all the PEO Councillors on their appointments!

For details on the dispositions from the Council meeting, please see [here](#).



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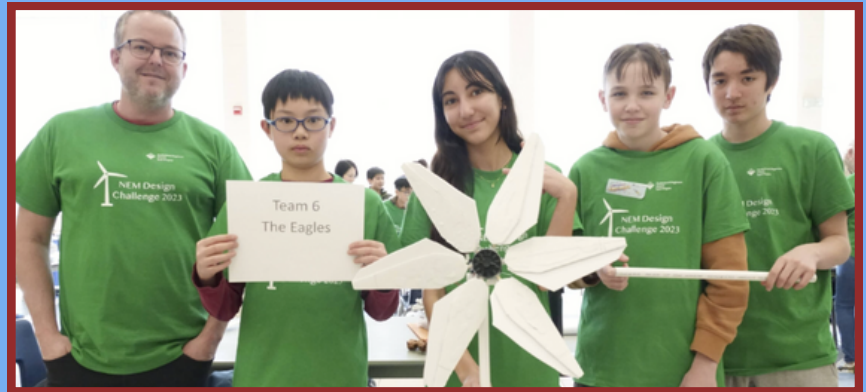
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UPCOMING EVENT

PEO YORK CHAPTER TO HOST 2024 DESIGN CHALLENGE COMPETITION

PEO York Chapter will be hosting their 2024 Design Challenge Competition on May 11 at Sir William Mulock Secondary School in Newmarket.

The grade seven and eight student participants will participate in a challenge to create a structure capable of supporting the heaviest load without causing structural failure using only straws, spaghetti, painter's tape, and string.



2023 Design Challenge Competition participants with their design.

For more information, please visit the PEO York Chapter [website](#).

WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF PEO GOVERNMENT LIAISON PROGRAM?



The goals of PEO's Government Liaison Program (GLP) are:

- To ensure that the government, PEO licence holders and the public continue to recognize its regulatory mandate, in particular its contributions to maintaining the highest level of professionalism among engineers working in the public interest.
- To have the government view PEO as a partner and understand and support PEO's policy direction.

Through the *Professional Engineers Act*, PEO governs more than 91,500 licence and certificate holders and regulates and advances engineering practice in Ontario to protect the public interest. Professional engineering safeguards life, health, property, economic interests, the public welfare and the environment.

Past issues are available on the PEO Government Liaison Program (GLP) website at <https://www.peo.on.ca/about-peo/glp-weekly-newsletter>

Deadline for submissions is Thursday the week prior to publication. Our next issue will be May 17.

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