



MINUTES

The 569th MEETING of the COUNCIL of PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS ONTARIO (PEO) was a hybrid meeting held at 40 Sheppard Avenue West, 8th Floor, Toronto on Friday, May 2, 2025, at 8:30 a.m.

Present:

(In-Person) G. Wowchuk, P.Eng., Past President (and Council Chair, effective at minute 12864)
F. Saghezchi, P.Eng., President
L. Notash, P.Eng., President-elect, P.Eng.
S. A. Khan, P.Eng., Vice President (elected)
R. Walker, P.Eng., Vice President (appointed, effective at minute 12866) and Councillor-at-Large
C. Chiddle, P. Eng., Eastern Region Councillor
L. Cutler, P.Eng., Lieutenant Governor-in-Council Appointee
S. Decloux, P. Eng., Councillor-at-Large
A. Dryland, CET, Lieutenant Governor-in-Council Appointee
H. Ehtemam, P.Eng., East Central Region Councillor
A. Elshaer, P.Eng., Northern Region Councillor
V. Hilborn, P.Eng., Western Region Councillor (minutes 12860-12868 and 12871-12872)
P. Klink, P. Eng., Councillor-at-Large
N. Lwin, P.Eng., East Central Region Councillor
S. MacFarlane, P.Eng., Western Region Councillor
P. Mandel, CPA, CBV, Lieutenant Governor-in-Council Appointee
R. Panesar, P.Eng., West Central Region Councillor
R. Prudhomme, P.Eng., Lieutenant Governor-in-Council Appointee
L. Roberge, P.Eng., Northern Region Councillor
S. Schelske, P.Eng., Lieutenant Governor-in-Council Appointee
U. Senaratne, P.Eng., Lieutenant Governor-in-Council Appointee
P. Shankar, P.Eng., West Central Region Councillor
S. J. Shi, P.Eng., Eastern Region Councillor

Present

(Virtual): V. Hilborn, P.Eng., Western Region Councillor (minutes 12869 and 12870)
S. Sung, Lieutenant Governor-in-Council Appointee

Regrets: None

Staff

(In-Person): J. Quaglietta, P.Eng., CEO/Registrar
D. Abrahams, Vice-President (VP), Policy & Governance and Chief Legal Officer
M. Solakhyan, Senior Director, Governance
M. Feres, Manager, Council Operations (Secretariat)
A. Vijayanathan, Lead, Governance Events & Special Projects (Secretariat)
E. Chor, Research Analyst (Secretariat)
A. Anowar, Council and Committee Coordinator (Secretariat)
G. Pedregosa, Council and Committee Coordinator (Secretariat)

Staff

(Virtual): A. Dixit, P. Eng., VP, Corporate Operations and Digital Transformation
A. Viola, P.Eng., VP, Regulatory Operations and Deputy Registrar



N. Brown, Director, Tribunals and Legal Counsel)
A. Kwiatkowski, Director Digital Transformation & Information Technology

Guests

(In-Person): C. Bellini, P.Eng., Ontario Director, Engineers Canada
T. Kirkby, P. Eng., Ontario Director, Engineers Canada
L. Lukinuk, Parliamentary Services

Guests

(Virtual): A. Arenja, P.Eng., Ontario Director, Engineers Canada
S. Cameron, Counsel, Ministry Attorney General
M. Sterling, P.Eng., Ontario Director, Engineers Canada

Council convened at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, May 2, 2025.

CALL TO ORDER

As the previous term's Chair, Past President Wowchuk will serve as interim Chair until one is appointed for the 2025-2026 at item 5.

Notice having been given and a quorum being present, Past President Wowchuk called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and made procedural announcements related to the conduct of the meeting.

12860 – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Past President reviewed the draft agenda.

Moved by Councillor Klink, seconded by Councillor Panesar:

That:

- a) The agenda, as presented to the meeting at C-569-2, Appendix A be approved as presented; and**
- b) the Chair be authorized to suspend the regular order of business.**

CARRIED
Unanimous consent

For: 23 **Against: 0** **Abstain: 1** **Absent: 0**

C. Chiddle

G. Wowchuk

L. Cutler

S. Decloux

A. Dryland

S. H. Ehtemam

A. Elshaer

V. Hilborn

S. A. Khan

P. Klink

N. Lwin

S. MacFarlane

P. Mandel

L. Notash

R. Panesar

R. Prudhomme

L. Roberge



F. Saghezchi
S. Schelske
U. Senaratne
P. Shankar
S. Shi
S. Sung
R. Walker

12861 – DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hilborn declared a perceived conflict of interest due to her employment with the Government of Ontario and noted that participation in the meeting is representative of herself and not the councillor's employer.

12862 – APPOINTMENT OF VOTE COUNTERS AND SCRUTINEERS

Moved by Councillor Schelske, seconded by Councillor Hilborn:

That:

Marina Solakhyan and Graham Pedregosa be appointed vote counters and scrutineers for secret ballots cast at the May 2, 2025 Council meeting.

CARRIED
Unanimous consent

<u>For: 23</u>	<u>Against: 0</u>	<u>Abstain: 1</u>	<u>Absent: 0</u>
C. Chiddle		G. Wowchuk	
L. Cutler			
S. Decloux			
A. Dryland			
S. H. Ehtemam			
A. Elshaer			
V. Hilborn			
S. A. Khan			
P. Klink			
N. Lwin			
S. MacFarlane			
P. Mandel			
L. Notash			
R. Panesar			
R. Prudhomme			
L. Roberge			
F. Saghezchi			
S. Schelske			
U. Senaratne			
P. Shankar			
S. Shi			
S. Sung			
R. Walker			



12863 – APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE INTERIM CHAIR

To allow for participation as a candidate for the position of the upcoming agenda item *Appointment of Council Meeting Chair*, Past President Wowchuk relinquished the chairing duties. Via unanimous consent, Council agreed that Vice President Khan be appointed as the alternate interim Chair until completion of the agenda item.

12864 – APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEETING CHAIR

Since 2011, Council has had a process for selecting a Council Meeting Chair, a role separate from that of President. The current role of the Chair is described in the Governance Manual approved by Council at its March 2023 meeting. The core responsibility of the Chair is to propose the agenda for, and preside over, Council meetings.

Those wishing to put their name forward for the position of Council Meeting Chair for the 2025-2026 term submitted their names prior to the meeting. At its meeting of April 15, 2025, the Governance and Nominating Committee did not make a recommendation for this position.

Vice President Khan answered several queries regarding the rules of the election and informed Council of the election procedures for both in-person and virtual participation.

It was noted that there were eight expressions of interest received:

- Chantal Chiddle, P. Eng., Eastern Region Councillor
- Vicki Hilborn, P.Eng., Western Region Councillor
- Nanda Lwin, P.Eng., East Central Region Councillor
- Leila Notash, P.Eng., President-elect, P.Eng.
- Luc Roberge, P.Eng., Northern Region Councillor
- Fred Saghezchi, P. Eng., President
- Randy Walker, P. Eng., Councillor-at-large
- Gregory Wowchuk, P. Eng., Past President

President-elect Notash and Councillors Chiddle, Hilborn, and Roberge withdrew their names from consideration. No additional nominations were received from the floor, leading to the closure of the nominations.

The four remaining candidates Councillor Lwin, President Saghezchi, Councillor Walker and Past President Wowchuk each spoke to their candidacy.

The confidential voting process was conducted through secret paper ballots for those attending in-person and the ElectionRunner platform was used for those attending virtually. After the election was closed, it was announced that the successful candidate was Past President Wowchuk.

Council then voted to ratify the election result.

Moved by Councillor Elshaer, seconded by Councillor Senaratne:

That:

Gregory P. Wowchuk, P.Eng., be appointed the Council Meeting Chair for the 2025-2026 Council year or until his successor is appointed.

CARRIED
Unanimous consent



For: 23 **Against: 0** **Abstain: 1** **Absent: 0**

C. Chiddle
L. Cutler
S. Decloux
A. Dryland
S. H. Ehtemam
A. Elshaer
V. Hilborn
S. A. Khan
P. Klink
N. Lwin
S. MacFarlane
P. Mandel
L. Notash
R. Panesar
R. Prudhomme
L. Roberge
F. Saghezchi
S. Schelske
U. Senaratne
P. Shankar
S. Shi
S. Sung
R. Walker

G. Wowchuk

A motion was proposed regarding the destruction of the ballots.

Moved by Councillor Panesar, seconded by Councillor Shi:

That the secret ballots be destroyed following the meeting.

CARRIED
Unanimous consent

For: 23 **Against: 0** **Abstain: 1** **Absent: 0**

C. Chiddle
L. Cutler
S. Decloux
A. Dryland
S. H. Ehtemam
A. Elshaer
V. Hilborn
S.A. Khan
P. Klink
N. Lwin
S. MacFarlane
P. Mandel
L. Notash
R. Panesar
R. Prudhomme

G. Wowchuk



L. Roberge
F. Saghezchi
S. Schelske
U. Senaratne
P. Shankar
S. Shi
S. Sung
R. Walker

Past President Wowchuk assumed his duties as the newly elected Council meeting Chair.

12865 – APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF REGIONAL COUNCILLORS COMMITTEE

The Regional Councillors Committee (RCC) has been designated as a board committee. The Terms of Reference for the RCC prescribe that the committee be composed of the ten elected members from each of the five regions. Because of the composition, its membership and operations are aligned to the Council year. Non-board committees are aligned with the calendar year.

The Terms of Reference also require that the chair is to be elected by and from among members of the RCC for a one-year term. The Committees and Task Forces Policy requires that chairs of committees be ratified by Council.

Following the Annual General Meeting, the RCC appoints a Chair for the ensuing Council year and the appointment is ratified by Council at its first meeting of the new term.

Moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Schelske:

That Chantal Chiddle, P.Eng., be appointed as Chair of the Regional Councillors Committee, effective immediately and to hold office until the close of business at the 2026 Annual General meeting.

CARRIED
Unanimous consent

<u>For: 23</u>	<u>Against: 0</u>	<u>Abstain: 1</u>	<u>Absent: 0</u>
C. Chiddle		G. Wowchuk	
L. Cutler			
S. Decloux			
A. Dryland			
S. H. Ehtemam			
A. Elshaer			
V. Hilborn			
S. A. Khan			
P. Klink			
N. Lwin			
S. MacFarlane			
P. Mandel			
L. Notash			
R. Panesar			
R. Prudhomme			
L. Roberge			
F. Saghezchi			
S. Schelske			
U. Senaratne			
P. Shankar			



S. Shi
S. Sung
R. Walker

12866 – APPOINTMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT

Clause 3(1)2 of Regulation 941 under the Professional Engineers Act requires that Council appoint a Vice President from among the Councillors who are members of the Association - that is either elected by the members under s.3(2)(a) of the Act or appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council under s.3(2)(b) of the Act.

Those wishing to be considered for the position of Vice President (appointed) submitted their names prior to the meeting. On April 15, 2025 the Governance and Nominating Committee (GNC) met to consider expressions of interest but made no recommendation.

The Chair advised that there were seven expressions of interest received:

- Chantal Chiddle, P. Eng., Eastern Region Councillor
- Hannah Ehtemam, P.Eng., East Central Region Councillor
- Ahmed Elshaer, P.Eng., Northern Region Councillor
- Nanda Lwin, P.Eng., East Central Region Councillor
- Luc Roberge, P.Eng., Northern Region Councillor
- Susan J. Shi, P.Eng., East Central Region Councillor
- Randy Walker, P. Eng., Councillor-at-large

Councillors Chiddle, Ehtemam, Elshaer, Lwin, and Shi removed their names from consideration. Councillors Roberge and Walker remained on the ballot. The Chair asked for further nominations. None being received, nominations were then declared closed.

Councillors Roberge and Walker each spoke to their candidacy. Council voted by secret paper ballot in-person and the ElectionRunner platform was used for those attending virtually. After the election was closed, it was announced that the successful candidate was Councillor Walker.

Council voted to ratify the results of the confidential vote.

Moved by Councillor Hilborn, seconded by Councillor Dryland:

That Randy Walker, P.Eng., be appointed as Vice President for the 2025-2026 Council year.

CARRIED
Unanimous consent

<u>For: 23</u>	<u>Against: 0</u>	<u>Abstain: 1</u>	<u>Absent: 0</u>
C. Chiddle		G. Wowchuk	
L. Cutler			
S. Decloux			
A. Dryland			
S. H. Ehtemam			
A. Elshaer			
V. Hilborn			
S. A. Khan			
P. Klink			
N. Lwin			



S. MacFarlane
P. Mandel
L. Notash
R. Panesar
R. Prudhomme
L. Roberge
F. Saghezchi
S. Schelske
U. Senaratne
P. Shankar
S. Shi
S. Sung
R. Walker

12867 – APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILLORS TO GOVERNANCE COMMITTEES FOR 2025-2026

At its meeting on April 30, 2021, Council formally approved the establishment and initial mandates of four (4) new governance committees. The current terms of reference are described in Section 2.3.3.2 of the PEO Governance Manual approved by Council at its March 2023 meeting. Councillors were invited to specify preferences for serving on governance committees. The President, President-elect, and Past President are ex officio members of each governance committee.

On April 15, 2025 the Governance and Nominating Committee (GNC) met to consider expressions of interest and agreed on recommendations to each committee. Individual preferences were accommodated to the extent possible and efforts were made to ensure a reasonable (though not precisely even) distribution of Councillors on each committee. Councillors were provided with the opportunity to revise their preferences before Council finalized the appointments.

Audit and Finance Committee (AFC)

Council discussed the proposed membership of the Audit and Finance Committee, consisting of four (4) Councillors as well as the three (3) ex officio members.

Councillor Shi requested that her name be added to the AFC and be removed from the proposed HRCC membership.

As a result, the proposed appointments to the Audit and Finance Committee are: Lorne Cutler, P.Eng., Paul Mandel, Susan Shi, P.Eng., Sherlock Sung, and Randy Walker, P.Eng., for the 2025-2026 Council year.

The Chair noted that ratification of this membership will occur after appointments have been made to all four governance committees.

Governance and Nominating Committee (GNC)

Council discussed the proposed membership of the Governance and Nominating Committee, consisting of six (6) Councillors as well as the three (3) ex officio members.

As a result, the proposed appointments to the Governance and Nominating Committee are: Sean Decloux, P.Eng., Paula Klink P.Eng., Nanda Lwin, P.Eng., Susan MacFarlane, P.Eng., Ravinder Panesar, P.Eng., and Rachel Prudhomme P.Eng., for the 2025-2026 Council year.



The Chair noted that ratification of this membership will occur after appointments have been made to all four governance committees.

Human Resources and Compensation Committee (HRCC)

Council discussed the proposed membership of the Human Resources and Compensation Committee, consisting of five (5) Councillors as well as the three (3) ex officio members.

As a result, the proposed appointments to the Human Resources and Compensation Committee are: Andy Dryland, CET, Luc Roberge, P.Eng., Scott Schelske, P.Eng., Uditha Senaratne, P.Eng., and Pappur Shankar, P.Eng., for the 2054-2026 Council year.

The Chair noted that ratification of this membership will occur after appointments have been made to all four governance committees.

Regulatory Policy and Legislation Committee (RPLC)

Council discussed the proposed membership of the Regulatory Policy and Legislation Committee, consisting of five (5) Councillors as well as the three (3) ex officio members.

As a result, the proposed appointments to the Regulatory Policy and Legislation Committee are: Chantal Chiddle, P.Eng., Hannah Ehtemam, P.Eng. Ahmed Elshaer. P.Eng., Vicki Hilborn, P.Eng., and Sarder Asif Khan, P.Eng., for the 2025-2026 Council year.

Moved by Councillor Chiddle, seconded by Councillor Hilborn:

That:

- 1. The Audit and Finance Committee be composed of Council members Lorne Cutler, P.Eng., Paul Mandel, CPA, CBV, Susan Shi, P.Eng., Sherlock Sung, and Randy Walker, P.Eng., for the 2025-2026 Council year.**
- 2. The Governance and Nominating Committee be composed of Council members Sean Decloux, P.Eng., Paula Klink, P.Eng., Nanda Lwin, P.Eng., Susan MacFarlane, P.Eng., Ravinder Panesar, P.Eng., and Rachel Prudhomme, P.Eng., for the 2025-2026 Council year.**
- 3. The Human Resources and Compensation Committee be composed of Council members Andy Dryland, CET, Luc Roberge, P.Eng., Scott Schelske, P.Eng., Uditha Senaratne, P.Eng., and Pappur Shankar, P.Eng., for the 2025-2026 Council year.**
- 4. The Regulatory Policy and Legislation Committee be composed of Council members Chantal Chiddle, P.Eng., Hannah Ehtemam, P.Eng. Ahmed Elshaer, P.Eng., Vicki Hilborn, P.Eng., and Sardar Asif Khan, P.Eng., for the 2025-2026 Council year.**

CARRIED
Unanimous consent

For: 23

C. Chiddle
L. Cutler
S. Decloux
A. Dryland
S. H. Ehtemam
A. Elshaer

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

G. Wowchuk

Absent: 0



V. Hilborn
S. A. Khan
P. Klink
N. Lwin
S. MacFarlane
P. Mandel
L. Notash
R. Panesar
R. Prudhomme
L. Roberge
F. Saghezchi
S. Schelske
U. Senaratne
P. Shankar
S. Shi
S. Sung
R. Walker

Councillor MacFarlane requested that her name be added to the membership of the Regulatory Policy and Legislation Committee.

Moved by President-elect Notash, seconded by Vice President Khan:

That Susan MacFarlane, P. Eng., be added to the membership of the Regulatory Policy and Legislation Committee.

CARRIED
Unanimous consent

For: 23 **Against: 0** **Abstain: 1** **Absent: 0**
C. Chiddle G. Wowchuk

L. Cutler
S. Decloux
A. Dryland
S. H. Ehtemam
A. Elshaer
V. Hilborn
S. A. Khan
P. Klink
N. Lwin
S. MacFarlane
P. Mandel
L. Notash
R. Panesar
R. Prudhomme
L. Roberge
F. Saghezchi
S. Schelske
U. Senaratne
P. Shankar
S. Shi
S. Sung



R. Walker

12868 – APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRS

As set out in each committee's Charter, Council appoints the Chairs for each of the four governance committees. On April 15, 2025 the Governance and Nominating Committee (GNC) met to discuss expressions of interest received and made no recommendations.

AFC Chair

Councillors Cutler, Roberge, and Walker initially submitted their names for consideration prior to the meeting. Earlier in the meeting, Councillor Roberge withdrew his candidacy followed by Councillor Walker who also withdrew his candidacy. There were no additional self-nominations from the floor for the position AFC Chair, and nominations were officially closed. As a result, Councillor Cutler was acclaimed as AFC Chair.

The Chair noted that ratification of this appointment will occur after all elections have concluded for governance committee chairs.

GNC Chair

Councillors MacFarlane and Senaratne had initially submitted their names for consideration. Councillor Senaratne withdrew his candidacy. The Chair then inquired whether there were any self-nominations from the floor for the position of GNC Chair. No additional nominations were presented. The nominations were then declared closed. As a result, Councillor MacFarlane was acclaimed as GNC Chair.

The Chair noted that ratification of this appointment will occur after all elections have concluded for governance committee chairs.

HRCC Chair

Councillor Roberge was noted as the sole candidate, having expressed interest in the position of HRCC Chair prior to the meeting. The Chair asked if there were any self-nominations from the floor for the position of HRCC Chair. No further expressions of interest were received and Councillor Roberge was acclaimed as HRCC Chair.

The Chair noted that ratification of this appointment will occur after all elections have concluded for governance committee chairs.

RPLC Chair

Councillors Chiddle and Hilborn were recognized as having expressed their interest in the position of RPLC Chair prior to the meeting. Councillor Chiddle withdrew her name from consideration. The Chair inquired if there were any self-nominations from the floor for the same position. No additional expressions of interest were received, nominations were officially closed, and Councillor Hilborn was acclaimed as RPLC Chair.

Council proceeded to the ratification of the appointments by acclamation of the AFC, GNC, HRCC, and RPLC Chairs.

Moved by Councillor Prudhomme, seconded by Vice President Khan:

That:

1. Lorne Cutler, P.Eng., be appointed Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee for the 2025-2026 Council year or until his successor is appointed.



2. Susan MacFarlane, P.Eng., be appointed Chair of the Governance and Nominating Committee for the 2025-2026 Council year or until her successor is appointed.

3. Luc Roberge, P.Eng., be appointed Chair of the Human Resources and Compensation Committee for the 2025-2026 Council year or until his successor is appointed.

4. Vicki Hilborn, P.Eng., be appointed Chair of the Regulatory Policy and Legislation Committee for the 2025-2026 Council year or until her successor is appointed.

CARRIED
Unanimous consent

For: 23

C. Chiddle
L. Cutler
S. Decloux
A. Dryland
S. H. Ehtemam
A. Elshaer
V. Hilborn
S. A. Khan
P. Klink
N. Lwin
S. MacFarlane
P. Mandel
L. Notash
R. Panesar
R. Prudhomme
L. Roberge
F. Saghezchi
S. Schelske
U. Senaratne
P. Shankar
S. Shi
S. Sung
R. Walker

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

G. Wowchuk

Absent: 0

12869 – APPOINTMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee is required by sections 10 and 11 of the *Professional Engineers Act*. It has the powers and duties set out in section 11 of the Act and section 29 of Regulation 941 under the Act.

[V. Hilborn left the meeting at 9:40 a.m.]

The composition of the Executive Committee is set out in section 28 of the Act. It includes the president, the president-elect, the immediate past president, the two vice presidents and one or more members of Council which Council appoints from time to time. Pursuant to s.28(1.1), if only one additional member of Executive Committee is appointed, that person must be a member of Council appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGA). That person may be either a member or a non-member of the Association. If more than one member is to be appointed, at least one must be an LGA.

Moved by Councillor Senaratne, seconded by Councillor Roberge:



That:

The number of Executive positions to be appointed from amongst the members of Council under s.28(1)(e) of Regulation 941 be *more than (1)*, and in this circumstance, at least one position must be filled by a member of Council appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

CARRIED

For: 20

L. Cutler
S. Decloux
A. Dryland
S. H. Ehtemam
A. Elshaer
S. A. Khan
P. Klink
N. Lwin
S. MacFarlane
P. Mandel
L. Notash
R. Panesar
R. Prudhomme
L. Roberge
S. Schelske
U. Senaratne
P. Shankar
S. Shi
S. Sung
R. Walker

Against: 2

C. Chiddle
F. Saghezchi

Abstain: 1

G. Wowchuk

Absent: 1

V. Hilborn

[V. Hilborn re-joined the meeting virtually at 10:00 a.m.]

There was a proposal for and discussion regarding two additional appointments to the committee, at least one of which must be an appointed LGA.

Moved by Councillor Klink, seconded by Councillor Chiddle:

That:

The number of Executive positions to be appointed from amongst the members of Council under s.28(1)(e) of Regulation 941 be *fixed at two (2)*, and in this circumstance, at least one position must be filled by a member of Council appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

CARRIED

Unanimous consent

For: 23

C. Chiddle
L. Cutler
S. Decloux
A. Dryland
S. H. Ehtemam

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

G. Wowchuk

Absent: 0



A. Elshaer
V. Hilborn
S. A. Khan
P. Klink
N. Lwin
S. MacFarlane
P. Mandel
L. Notash
R. Panesar
R. Prudhomme
L. Roberge
F. Saghezchi
S. Schelske
U. Senaratne
P. Shankar
S. Shi
S. Sung
R. Walker

It was noted that the first election will relate to satisfying the requirement that one appointment must be a Lieutenant Governor in Council (LGA) appointee. Council was advised that, of the expressions of interest received, four (4) are LGA's and are thus eligible candidates, namely Councillors Cutler, Prudhomme, Schelske, and Senaratne.

The Chair asked if there were any self-nominations from the floor for the LGA appointment to the Executive Committee. No further expressions of interest were received. Councillors Prudhomme and Senaratne withdrew their names from consideration. Nominations were declared closed. Councillors Cutler and Schelske spoke to their candidacies.

Council voted by secret paper ballot in person and the ElectionRunner platform was then used for those attending virtually. After the close of the election, Councillor Cutler was declared the successful candidate.

The Chair noted that the ratification of this election will occur after determining all appointments to the Executive Committee.

The second phase of the discussion related to Council's decision to make one additional appointment over the minimum requirement. Councillors Lwin, MacFarlane, Panesar, Shankar, and Walker withdrew their candidacies. Council was advised of the remaining eligible candidates: Councillors Ehtemam, Elshaer, Hilborn, Roberge, and Schelske. The Chair asked if there were any self-nominations from the floor for the additional appointment to the Executive Committee. No further expressions of interest were received. Nominations were declared closed. The nominees each spoke to their candidacy.

Council voted by secret paper ballot in-person and the ElectionRunner platform was then used for those attending virtually. After the close of the election, Councillor Ehtemam was declared the successful candidate.

Council proceeded to the ratification of the election results.

Moved by Councillor Klink, seconded by Councillor Senaratne:

That:



Lorne Cutler, P.Eng. and Lieutenant Governor Appointee, and Shahandeh Hannah Ehtemam, P.Eng., be appointed as members of the Executive Committee for the 2025-2026 Council year, in accordance with ss.28(1)(e) and 28(1.1) of Regulation 941.

**CARRIED
Unanimous consent**

<u>For: 23</u>	<u>Against: 0</u>	<u>Abstain: 1</u>	<u>Absent: 0</u>
C. Chiddle		G. Wowchuk	
L. Cutler			
S. Decloux			
A. Dryland			
S. H. Ehtemam			
A. Elshaer			
V. Hilborn			
S. A. Khan			
P. Klink			
N. Lwin			
S. MacFarlane			
P. Mandel			
L. Notash			
R. Panesar			
R. Prudhomme			
L. Roberge			
F. Saghezchi			
S. Schelske			
U. Senaratne			
P. Shankar			
S. Shi			
S. Sung			
R. Walker			

12870 – APPOINTMENT OF ELECTED COUNCILLOR TO THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

[C. Bellini joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m.]

The Discipline Committee exercises a core regulatory function defined under the *Professional Engineers Act* and must do so in accordance with the Act, the *Statutory Powers and Procedures Act* and the general requirements of administrative law. Its required membership is set out in the *Professional Engineers Act*. Council is responsible for appointing members of the committee in some categories, subject to the approval of the Attorney General.

The requirement for Council to appoint an elected councillor to the Discipline Committee to comply with s.27(1)1 of the Act is the sole exception to Council's 2021 direction that, as of the 2022 AGM, Councillors would no longer serve on non-governance committees. On April 15, 2025 the Governance and Nominating Committee (GNC) met to discuss expressions of interest from elected councillors and made no recommendation.

President-elect Notash, Vice President Khan, and Councillors Klink, Roberge, and Shankar submitted their names for consideration. Subsequently, President-elect Notash and Vice President Khan withdrew their candidacies. The Chair asked if there were any self-nominations from the floor. There were none and nominations were declared closed. The remaining nominees each spoke to their candidacy.



Council voted by secret paper ballot in-person and the ElectionRunner platform was used for those attending virtually. After the close of the election, Councillor Klink was declared the successful candidate.

Moved by Councillor Elshaer, seconded by Councillor Shi:

That Paula Klink, P.Eng., be appointed as a member of the Discipline Committee for the 2025-2026 Council year, in accordance with s.27(1)1 of the *Professional Engineers Act*.

CARRIED
Unanimous consent

For: 23 **Against: 0** **Abstain: 1** **Absent: 0**

C. Chiddle
L. Cutler
S. Decloux
A. Dryland
S. H. Ehtemam
A. Elshaer
V. Hilborn
S.A. Khan
P. Klink
N. Lwin
S. MacFarlane
P. Mandel
L. Notash
R. Panesar
R. Prudhomme
L. Roberge
F. Saghezchi
S. Schelske
U. Senaratne
P. Shankar
S. Shi
S. Sung
R. Walker

G. Wowchuk

Moved by Vice President Walker, seconded by Councillor Roberge:

That:

That the secret ballots be destroyed following the meeting.

CARRIED
Unanimous consent

For: 23 **Against: 0** **Abstain: 1** **Absent: 0**

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12871 – COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

There was discussion related to Councillors' questions, including the following areas:

AGM Feedback

Councillors provided feedback on the AGM related to costs; methods of voting; the waiting list for in-person attendance; other programming during the day, including the potential to hold the kick-off meeting for the new term.

The Chair and staff answered queries. The CEO/Registrar noted that a report on AGM matters will be provided at Council's September 2025 meeting.

Amendment to the Special Rules

Suggestions were presented regarding an amendment to the special rules as it relates to the process for "calling the question" during meetings. To further explore this matter, staff noted the option to make a Councillor submission via the established protocol.

PEO Satellite Offices

There was a suggestion that PEO establish offices at university campuses across Ontario to create more awareness of their regulatory functions in Engineering departments.

Staff answered that PEO is actively involved in pre-licensing outreach to all the universities in the province and colleges with engineering programs. PEO has designated staff who travel to universities to interact with students who are interested in licensure. PEO is in regular contact with Deans of Engineering programs and there has been no expression of interest in having a temporary or permanent presence of PEO on campuses. Staff further informed Council that the External Relations department are exploring the formation of a Student Advisory Group which may determine the needs in this area.

Industrial Exemption

There was a suggestion that Council should address the issue of the Industrial Exemption, a regulatory policy of the provincial government. It was noted that the governance committee work plans for 2025-2026 will be presented at the June meeting; and Councilors will review and decide on the priorities for the term.



Council Costs

There was a suggestion that Council should consider a separate budget line item to capture the costs of Council's activities, including those related to future compensation should that get approved. It was noted that further discussion of this topic may occur in the context of the Council Remuneration Framework item which will be addressed in 2025-2026.

Other Discussions:

- There was a query for an update on the Futures of Engineering Accreditation Program. It was noted that a report on the progress of the program will be included in the next Engineers Canada Report at the June Council meeting.
- The RCC Chair noted that the RCC will bring forward a proposal to GNC regarding a more formal and structured role for the position of RCC Chair.
- The AFC Chair encouraged the Council's participation in a cybersecurity simulation tabletop exercise.
- A query was made seeking clarification on the seal and the omission of the engineering discipline. Staff clarified that licensure is not done by discipline.

12872 – MOTION TO MOVE IN CAMERA

Moved by Councillor Roberge, seconded by Councillor Schelske:

That Council move in camera at 11:20 a.m.

CARRIED
Unanimous Consent

For: 23

Against: 0

Abstain: 1

Absent: 0

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G. Wowchuk

All guests left the meeting except L. Lukinuk.



There being no further business, the meeting concluded at approximately 2:50 p.m.

These minutes consist of 19 pages and minutes 12860 to 12872 inclusive.

“Gregory P. Wowchuk”

Gregory P. Wowchuk, P.Eng., Chair