

College of Occupational Therapists of Manitoba
(formerly known as Association of Occupational Therapists of Manitoba)

Board Members:

Roster of Public representatives

Karen Debreceen, East St. Paul[^]

Lorraine Polet, Winnipeg [^]

Ms. Apneet Thindh, Winnipeg [^]

Thomas Paxton, Winnipeg [^]

Patricia Locken, Winnipeg [^]

[^] government appointment

Mandate:

COTM is the governing organization for occupational therapists in the province of Manitoba. The College receives its regulatory authority from *The Occupational Therapists Act of Manitoba*.

The legislated mandate of the College is to carry out its activities and govern its members in a manner that serves and protects the public interest. It is carried out by the following objectives:

- to regulate the practice of the profession and govern its members,
- to regulate entry to practice requirements,
- to assure quality of professional practice,
- to promote continuing competence,
- to set ethical standards

Responsibilities:

Council

The council is established as a governing body of the College. The Council shall manage and conduct the business and affairs of the College. Council members contribute to policy development and governance of the College.

Investigation Committee

The Investigation Committee receives and reviews complaints brought against a COTM member and attempts to informally resolve the matter.

Inquiry Committee

Upon receipt of a notice of appeal by a complainant, the Inquiry Committee considers the matter, the recommendation of the Investigation Committee and the report on the preliminary investigation and directs that no further action be taken or directs that the matter be dealt with and proceeds to an inquiry.

Membership:

Roster of Public Representatives

The minister shall appoint a roster of persons who are not registered under this Act, and who are not and have never been occupational therapists, who may be appointed as public representatives of the Council, the Investigation and the Inquiry committees.

Council

The Council is comprised of twelve members who are either members of the college or public reps. 1/3 of the members of the council must be public reps.

Investigation Committee

The Investigation Committee is comprised of three members including the Chair.

Inquiry Committee

The Inquiry Committee is comprised of five members including the Chair.

Length of Terms:

3 year terms; maximum 2 terms or six years.

Desirable Expertise:

- Concern or knowledge of the affairs of the practice of Occupational Therapy is desirable;
- Previous board experience would be an asset, but not essential;
- Public interest members are critical to COTM's ability to meet their responsibility of public protection in professional regulation;
- Further experience in a board or committee setting, particularly in an Investigation/Inquiry committee capacity, would be an asset;
- Must have the ability and time to attend meetings and contribute to thoughtful discussion of the issues.

Time Commitment:

Council

The Council meets every two months. Board members are also encouraged to sit on other sub-committees.

Investigation & Inquiry Committees

Meetings of the Investigation and Inquiry Committees for the purpose of reviewing a written complaint are called as needed – typically three to six times per year.

Meetings:

Meetings are held at the COTM head office at 120 Maryland Street in Winnipeg. Meetings are held after 5:00 p.m.

Remuneration:

No remuneration.

Reimbursement for expenses is provided in accordance with COTM policy.