



Minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting

Zoom Meeting

**Friday, June 6, 2025
11 AM Ottawa time**

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NOTE: These minutes reflect the business of the meeting only. They do not reflect what was said, except in special circumstances, or where required to support motions.



AGM Agenda–June 6, 2024

1. Welcome/Call to Order

President Bill Berryman called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

- a) Land Acknowledgement
- b) Welcomed delegates and observers to the 33rd Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- c) Members introduced
- d) Regrets–Alyson Hillier, John Greene and Arnie Lambert
- e) A reminder that only the executive and directors can move and second a motion

2. Agenda

- a) Approval of Agenda - [AGM24-T2-001](#)

**Moved by Katherine Snow seconded by Helen Sukovieff
THAT the agenda be adopted as amended –CARRIED**

- b) Conflict of Interest–none reported

3. Adoption of the minutes of the special 2024 AGM

- a) Approval of 2024 Special AGM Minutes - [AGM25-T3-001a](#)

Corrections identified

#2b–changes to the ACER-CART the Bylaws by replacing it with Constitution
page 9–email for Jayesh Maniar to be amended to jayeshmaniar@gmail.com

**Moved by Katherine Snow seconded by Helen Sukovieff
THAT the minutes of the 2024 ACER-CART Special AGM held June 6, 2024, be approved as
presented–CARRIED**

- b) Approval of 2024 AGM Minutes - [AGM25-T3-001b](#)

**Moved by Katherine Snow seconded by Helen Sukovieff
THAT the minutes of the 2024 ACER-CART AGM held June 7, 2024, be approved as
presented–CARRIED**

4. Business Arising from Minutes

- a) Disposition of the 2024 AGM Resolutions–[AGM25-T4-001](#)

There were no action resolutions that were passed at the 2024 AGM.

- b) Strategic Plan–[AGM25-T4-002](#)

Reviewed outcomes for 2025-2028, and place them under the Advocacy, Communication and Organizational Excellence pillars.



Moved by Katherine Snow seconded by Helen Sukovieff
THAT the Strategic Plan 2025-2028 be approved as presented—CARRIED

5. Correspondence

- a) List of correspondence sent/received was shared with participants—[AGM25-T5-001](#)

6. Financial

- a) 2023-24 Year-End Final Financial Report - [AGM25-T6-001a](#)

Roger Régimbal shared that the financial situation is in good standing and provided a copy of the year-end financial report—no questions.

Moved by Katherine Snow seconded by Helen Sukovieff
THAT the Year End 2025-26 financial report be received—CARRIED

- b) 2024-25 Year to date Financial Report - [AGM25-T6-001b](#)

- i. Roger Régimbal presented the 2024-25 financial report dated May 22, 2025.

Moved by Katherine Snow seconded by Helen Sukovieff
THAT the 2024-2025 Year to Date Financial Report dated May 22, 2025, be received as presented—CARRIED

- c) Presentation of the Budget 2025-26—[AGM25-T6-003](#)

Roger Régimbal presented the 2024-25 Budget and provided a copy of the report for review—approval of the budget will take place under item 13.

Questions:

- i. Is ACER-CART expecting any expenditures for web maintenance?

Reply: Not currently.

- ii. How much of the current surplus will be spent?

Reply: The amount is \$124,540 and it will be addressed in the treasurer's report.

- d) Membership Statistics - [AGM25-T6-004](#)

Roger Régimbal presented 2024-2025 data. We have **92,533** members across the Country, and this represents an increase of **4,299** members. Statistics for the period 2012-2025 was provided for information.

7. Executive Reports

- a) President - [AGM25-T7-001a](#)

Bill Berryman presented the highlights of the report. A special thank you to Gerry, Marilyn, Sharon, Katherine, Helen and Lawrence for their tremendous leadership on the Executive and Committee Chairs over the past year, in particular with respect to the Federal Election and all of the work involved. Special thanks were also extended to the Directors, Alternates, Presidents and Executive Directors for their participation in the November 5, 2024; February 4, 2025, and April



15, 2025, Directors' meetings. Appreciation was extended to Roger Régimbal, Executive Director for his diligence, experience, knowledge, and respectful advice over the past year.

A special reminder of the Annual General Meeting participants are looking forward to the regional conferences in Saskatoon and Fredericton June 9-11, 2025. Thank you to Helen Sukovieff and her team in the planning and development of the western conference and Rod Campbell and Françoise Beaulieu and their team in their planning and development of the eastern conference.

Letter to Prime Minister Mark Carney dated May 28, 2025, regarding the elimination of the standalone Minister of Seniors position in the recent cabinet announcement was shared.

Questions:

- i. Who makes up the Alberta Pharmacare working group?

Reply: It is a number of interested individuals under the leadership of Judyledehv.

- ii. Has there been any contact been made with the Cabinet Minister for seniors?

Reply: No, not at this time, we will be in contact with her and we will follow up with a letter to Prime Minister Mark Carney.

- iii. Special thanks to Bill Berryman for the professionalism shown with communication on behalf of the members.

b) Executive Director—[AGM25-T7-002](#)

Roger Régimbal presented his report and highlighted the matter of potential fee increases and more discussion on this matter will take place in upcoming meetings. If a fee increase is recommended, a motion will be presented at next year's AGM. Special thank you was extended to members and the Executive for their diligence and friendship.

Moved by Katherine Snow seconded by Helen Sukovieff

THAT the executive reports be received - [CARRIED](#)

Moved by Katherine Snow seconded by Helen Sukovieff

THAT the actions of the ACER-CART Executive since the 2024 AGM be approved.

[CARRIED](#)

8. Member Association Resolutions - [AGM25-T8-001](#)

- a) M-1 2025 RTANL—Formal motion is being presented in support of all seniors which is of great concern given the demographics and the anticipated large increase in the number of retirees going forward. Our aging population needs more than ever, to have representation in the Cabinet and the elimination of the standalone Minister of Seniors position will negatively impact these individuals.

Moved by Joe Lafitte Seconded by Sharon Penney

THAT ACER-CART engages with Members of Parliament to advocate for the reinstatement of the position of Minister for Seniors - [CARRIED \(unanimous\)](#)



- b) M-2 2025 RTANL—Supporting Canadian business is imperative in light of the current political environment.
 - i. Friendly amendment to add the words “where possible.”

Moved by Joe Lafitte Seconded by Sharon Penney

THAT ACER-CART be charged with using Canadian resources and sources for all business conducted by ACER-CART where possible - **CARRIED**

- c) M-3 2025 RTANL—Proposed in light of the current political environment with the United States President looking to have Canada joining the US as the 51 state.
 - i. Members expressed that the time has passed for this motion to be approved.
 - ii Several members voiced their support of the motion and feel that it is a statement that should appear on the ACER-CART website as our official voice on behalf of seniors.

Moved by Joe Lafitte Seconded by Sharon Penney

THAT ACER-CART make an official statement in support of Canadian sovereignty - **CARRIED**

9. Member Reports

- a) Retired Teachers' Association of Newfoundland and Labrador (RTANL)—[AGM25-T09-001](#)—Joseph LaFitte presented his report.
- b) Retired Teachers Organization of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union (RTO-NSTU)—[AGM25-T09-002](#)—Patricia Hillier presented her report.
- c) New Brunswick Society of Retired Teachers (NBSRT) - [AGM25-T09-003](#)—Rod Campbell presented his report. NBSRT is celebrating their 50th anniversary and a variety of activities were planned for the branches and more is being planned in the future.
- d) Société des enseignantes et enseignants retraités francophones du Nouveau-Brunswick (SERFNB) — [AGM25-T09-004](#) — Françoise Beaulieu presented her report. SERFNB will be celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2026 and will be taking the opportunity to introduce a new logo.
- e) Prince Edward Island Retired Teachers' Association (PEIRTA) - [AGM25-T09-005](#) - Lise Morin presented her report.
- f) Québec Provincial Association of Retired School Educators/Association provinciale du personnel d'enseignement retraité du Québec (QPARSE/APPERQ) – [AGM25-T09-006](#) Katherine Snow presented her report.
- g) Québec Association of Retired Teachers (QART)—[AGM25-T09-007](#) no report presented.
- h) Retired Teachers Association of Manitoba (RTAM) - [AGM25-T09-008](#)—Jayesh Maniar presented his report.
- f) Superannuated Teachers of Saskatchewan (STS) - [AGM25-T09-009](#) - Helen Sukovieff presented her report.
- g) Alberta Retired Teachers' Association (ARTA) - [AGM25-T09-010](#)—Lawrence Hrycan and Deb Gerow presented their report. Bill 55 is new since this member report was submitted. Alberta is



seeing healthcare funding redirected to private entities who are charging substantially more for medical procedures. Bill 55 supports the government work to refocus the healthcare system to ensure patients receive care when they need it the most. Key changes would strengthen health foundations by streamlining governance functions, such as bylaw approval and board member appointment processes, clarify public health's role in the refocused system, and ensure legislation accurately reflects how hospitals will be managed and operated.

- h) British Columbia Retired Teachers' Association (BCRTA) - [AGM25-T09-011](#)—David Denyer presented his report. A reminder that BCRTA will be hosting the ACER-CART in-person AGM on June 8, 9 and 10, 2026.
- i) Eastern Officer Report- [AGM25-T09-0112](#)—Katherine Snow presented her report.

General discussions:

- i. No discussion.

Moved by Katherine Snow seconded by Helen Sukovieff

THAT Member reports and the Eastern Officer Report be received—CARRIED

10. Committee Reports

- a) Communications Committee - [AGM25-T10-001](#)

Marilyn Bossert Chair of Communication committee presented the report and shared pertinent information on the website.

- i. Shared that since the last AGM, they welcomed committee member Françoise Beaulieu who replaced Robert Primeau (both of New Brunswick). Special thanks was extended to Robert for his contributions during his time on the committee.
- ii. Brief update was provided related to the website and the 2025 Federal Elections.
- iii. New Mode changes have presented some challenges and it brought attention to the fact that group messaging to political parties or other is not being taken as seriously as we anticipated they would be. We are seeking some input from Directors on the steps ahead of the end of our subscription which ends in February 2026.

Discussion:

- I. Messaging from New Mode is not being taken seriously by the receiver.
- ii. The New Mode donation page was not appropriate.
- iii. It might be wise to send a message to the New Mode vendor that their product is not helpful and they need to review and revise their offering.
- iv. Any questions and/or comments related to New Mode can be sent to Bill Berryman and these will be discussed at a future meeting.

- b) Health Services Committee - [AGM25-T10-002](#)

Sharon Penney presented the report and highlighted the terms of reference and presented two motions for consideration.

Moved by Sharon Penney seconded by Helen Sukovieff

THAT ACER-CART actively advocate for the reinstatement of the position of Minister for



Seniors as a full Cabinet appointment—CARRIED (unanimous)

Moved by Sharon Penney seconded by Helen Sukovieff

THAT ACER-CART strongly encourages Members to actively advocate for the reinstatement of the position of Minister for Seniors as a full Cabinet appointment—CARRIED (unanimous)

a) Political Advocacy Committee - [AGM25-T10-003](#)

Lawrence Hrycan, Chair of PAC presented the report and shared information on the National Pharmacare and the Dental Program; Aging in Place, the federal election and the Friends of Medicare.

b) Pension and Retirement Income Committee—[AGM25-T10-004a](#)

Gerry Tiede Chair of Pension and Retirement Income Committee presented the report and shared that achieving full cost-of-living-provisions continues to be an issue of concern for the Pension and Retirement Income Committee. While inflation has somewhat abated this past year, many of our members do not receive full indexing and their pensions continue to lose purchasing power. Information detailing an annual survey showing cost-of-living increases for Members across Canada was shared.

1. Provincial Teachers Pension Plan CPI adjustments 2025—[AGM25-T10-004b](#)
Details (as available) by the province were shared.

c) Legislation Committee - [AGM25-T10-005a](#)

Bill Berryman Chair of the Legislation Committee presented the report and shared that the Executive Committee approved Protocol 12, Roles and Responsibilities of ACER-CART Standing Committee Chairs at the Board meeting on March 20, 2025.

1. Protocol 12—[AGM25-T10-005b](#)
Overall responsibilities and meeting protocols were shared.

d) Nominations and Election Committee - [AGM25-T10-006](#)

No report was presented as there were no elections at the AGM..

Moved by Katherine Snow seconded by Helen Sukovieff

THAT the Committee reports be received—CARRIED

11. Resolutions

a) Procedural Resolutions—[AGM25-T11-001](#)

All procedural resolutions were dealt with during the AGM

b) Executive Resolutions—[AGM25-T11-002](#)

All executive resolutions were dealt with during the AGM



12. Priorities 2025-2026

1. Priorities—AGM25-T12-001

ACER-CART will continue elevating the profile of our National Association in our provincial associations and at all levels of government through ongoing advocacy and lobbying to achieve our priorities.

Priority

ACER-CART will, in collaboration with like-minded organizations develop and advocate for strategies for aging at home.

Strategies

- a. Advocate for the development and implementation of a National Seniors' Strategy which includes aging at home strategies, a universal national Pharmacare program and policies to combat the move towards privatization.
- b. Advocate for initiatives that will ensure all seniors are properly supported in their efforts to achieve financial stability to enable aging in the right place.
- c. Advocate for a public healthcare system that prioritizes appropriately supported care in seniors' own homes and in their own community for as long as possible. d. Continue to advocate for a standalone Federal Minister of Seniors.
- d. (NEW) Continue to advocate for a standalone Federal Minister of Seniors.

Moved by Katherine Snow, seconded by Helen Sukovieff

**Recommend that the Executive adopt changes to the 2025-26 priorities as presented—
CARRIED**

13. Adoption of the Budget—AGM25-T6-003

Moved by Katherine Snow, seconded by Helen Sukovieff

THAT the amended Budget 2025-26 be adopted as presented - CARRIED

14. New Business

- i. Special thanks to individuals for their support of this successful AGM.

Moved by Katherine Snow, seconded by Helen Sukovieff

**THAT ACER-CART express special thanks to individuals for their support of this
successful AGM - CARRIED**

15. Closing remarks, Bill Berryman expressed that we continue to be a powerful voice for our members.

We should all be especially appreciative of the work of our Executive Director, Roger Régimbal for his wise counsel, his expertise and knowledge of the organization and his respectful advice. I greatly



admire his organizational skills in organizing this Annual General Meeting and acting as the ZOOM coordinator for the Executive, Director and Committee meetings.

I would also like to thank the members of our various committees who have worked diligently to prepare advice for the Executive and whose reports you have read in the AGM materials. This was the first year of restructured Political Advocacy campaigns using the New Mode software.

Our hope is that the information emanating from these meetings will filter down to all of our members to show that ACER-CART is a strong and unified organization.

Congratulations to Tim Anderson on his retirement.

16. Meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

**Moved by Katherine Snow, seconded by Helen Sukovieff
THAT the ACER-CART 2025 assembly be adjourned—CARRIED**

The next in-person ACER-CART AGM will be held in British Columbia on June 8, 9 and 10, 2026



AGM 2025/AGA 2025
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