General Optical Council

Third meeting in 2026 of the Council held on a STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL basis on Tuesday 29 September 2026 at 10am via Microsoft Teams

AGENDA

Item no.	Item	Reference	Lead	Page No.	Finish time
1.	**Welcome and apologies**	Oral	Chair		10am - 10.05am (5 mins)
2.	**Declaration of interests**	SC25(26)	Chair		
3.	**Minutes, actions and matters arising** 3.1 **Minutes – 23 June 2026** For approval 3.2 **Updated actions** For noting 3.3 **Matters arising**	 SC26(26) SC27(26)	Chair		10.05am - 10.10am (5 mins)
FOR DISCUSSION					
4.	**Corporate risk register** For discussion [Reason for inclusion: 3.15.4]	SC28(26)	Director of Corporate Services		10.10am – 10.25am (15 mins)
FOR NOTING (Council Members are asked to advise the Chair in advance if they wish to discuss any of these items)					
5.	**Audit, Finance and Risk Committee minutes – 7 July 2026 and 7 September 2026** For noting [Reason for inclusion: 3.15.5]	SC29(26)	Committee Chair		10.25am - 10.30am (5 mins)
6.	**Remuneration Committee minutes – 2 July 2026** For noting [Reason for inclusion: 3.15.1]	SC30(26)	Committee Chair		10.30am - 10.35am (5 mins)
7.	**Nomination Committee Minutes – 22 September 2026 (verbal)** For noting [Reason for inclusion: 3.15.1]	-	Committee Chair		10.35am - 10.40am (5 mins)
8.	**Council forward plan** For noting [Reason for inclusion: 3.15.5]	SC31(26)	Chair		10.40am- 10.45am (5 mins)
9.	**Any other business** For noting	-	Chair		10.45am- 10.50am (5 mins)

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 8 December 2026		
Meeting debrief – Feedback session (to take place at the end of the public Council session)	Council Associates	10.50am-10.55am (5 mins)
BREAK 10.55 – 11.30am (35 mins)		
TIAA Risk Training Session	Faye Haywood, TIAA	11.30-1.30pm (120 mins)

Reason for inclusion: Section 3.15 of Council standing orders specify:

Council is committed to open and transparent governance. All Council business will be conducted in a public meeting unless one or more of the following applies:
3.15.1 any personal matter concerning an employee, registrant, applicant for registration, Council member, panel or committee member, education visitor or advisor;
3.15.2 any matter which is deemed commercially sensitive, subject to legal professional privilege or relevant to the prevention or detection of crime and the prosecution of offenders;
3.15.3 any information given to the GOC in confidence;
3.15.4 any matter that includes a significant risk or issue where discussion in public impair the GOC's ability to protect the public; and
3.15.5 any other matter which is deemed by the Chair of Council, the Chief of Staff and Chief Executive and Registrar to require discussion in a strictly confidential meeting.