



Adjudicative Tribunals Accountability, Governance and Appointments Act, 2009

Ontario Review Board

Member Accountability Framework

Introduction

The *Good Government Act, 2009* (GGA), received Royal Assent on December 15, 2009. Schedule 5 to the GGA enacted the new *Adjudicative Tribunals Accountability, Governance and Appointments Act, 2009* (ATAGAA). The purpose of the ATAGAA is to ensure that adjudicative tribunals are accountable, transparent and efficient in their operations, while remaining independent in their decision-making.

The Ontario Review Board has developed documents to meet the legislative requirements of the ATAGAA.

Section 7 of the ATAGAA requires that every adjudicative tribunal shall develop a member accountability framework. The framework must contain a description of the functions of the Members, the Chair and the Vice-Chairs if any; a description of the skills, knowledge, experience, other attributes and specific qualifications required of a person to be appointed as a member of the tribunal; a code of conduct for the members of the tribunal; and any other matter specified in the regulations or in a directive of the Management Board of Cabinet.

The Ontario Review Board (the Board) is an independent adjudicative tribunal created pursuant to Part XX.1 of the *Criminal Code of Canada*. It is a specialized Board which has forensic expertise, and adjudicates matters of public safety and personal liberty in relation to persons found not criminally responsible of criminal offences on account of mental disorder under section 16 of the *Criminal Code*, or persons found unfit to stand trial because of mental disorder.

The Board's practices and procedures are established to support fair, open and accountable services and to maintain the principles outlined in its policies.

Member Accountability Framework

Under the direction of the Chair, the Board adopts this Member Accountability Framework that is informed by the Memorandum of Understanding, the Business Plan and the Service Standard.

The Government of Ontario appoints members to the Board to conduct adjudicative activities.

The Member Accountability Framework includes the following:

- **Position Descriptions:** The detailed description of the functions and expectations of the Chair, Alternate Chairs and Members of the Boards;
- **Competencies:** The skills, knowledge, experience, other attributes and qualifications required of a person appointed to be a member of either Board;
- **Code of Conduct:** The governing responsibilities of Members of the Boards for the duration of their term of appointment and where applicable, after the term of appointment has expired.

Adoption

The Member Accountability Framework for the Ontario Review Board was adopted by the Chair, The Hon. Mr. Justice Richard D. Schneider, on October 1, 2012.

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