

File # 21-08

Respondent: Registered Professional Biologist

Complaint Submitted: Received September 15, 2021

Date of Decision: September 15, 2022

Complaint Summary:

A complaint was submitted against a member of the College alleging unethical conduct. In particular, the allegations were that the subject member breached the following Principles of the Code of Ethics:

Professional Conduct:

- Principle 1: Provide objective, science-based, unfettered, forthright and intellectually honest opinion, advice and reports in applied biology.
- Principle 2: Undertake assignments and offer opinions only in areas in where training and ability make the registrant professionally competent.
- Principle 3: Ensure they meet a professional standard of care by practicing applied biology with attention, caution, prudence, and due diligence.
- Principle 4: Provide a professional standard of service to clients and employers by conducting business practices fairly, avoiding conflict of interest and respecting client/employer confidentiality.
- Principle 7: Maintain a standard of personal and professional conduct that does not reflect adversely on the College or its registrants.
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- Principle 8: Avoid injuring the reputation of others through malice or negligence.
- Principle 9: Recognize the duty to address poor conduct and/or practice of another professional under the *Professional Governance Act* in order to protect the public interest, the profession, and the reputation of the College as a regulator.

The complaint alleged the respondent injured the complainant's reputation by providing misinformation to the College, did not adhere to applicable laws, scientific standards or the College's Guidance for Members Employed in Formal Decision-Making Roles.



Decision:

The Investigations Committee (the Committee) reviewed detailed submissions from the complainant, and the respondent, the Committee determined that the complaint was made in bad faith. Therefore, in accordance with Bylaw 9-5(1)(b), the Investigations Committee has dismissed the complaint and the file is closed

