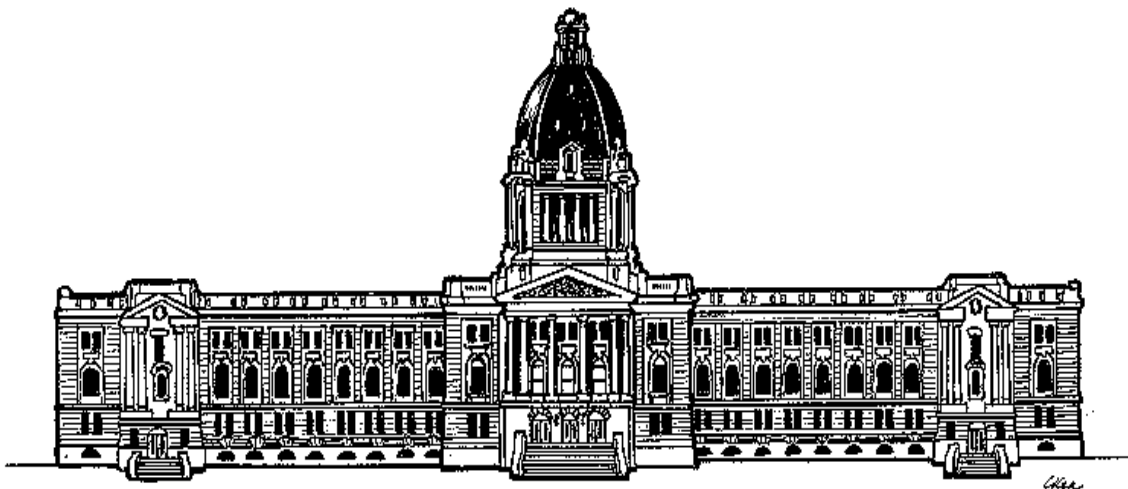




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Ms. Danielle Chartier, Chair
Saskatoon Riversdale

Mr. Larry Doke, Deputy Chair
Cut Knife-Turtleford

Ms. Tina Beaudry-Mellor
Regina University

Mr. Steven Bonk
Moosomin

Mr. Joe Hargrave
Prince Albert Carlton

Mr. Glen Hart
Last Mountain-Touchwood

Mr. Warren Michelson
Moose Jaw North

Ms. Nicole Sarauer
Regina Douglas Park

[The committee met at 08:44.]

Mr. Park: — All right. Good morning, members. This is the last committee of the morning that is scheduled, and this is the Public Accounts Committee. This is the first meeting of this committee, so our first item of business today is the election of the Chair. It is my duty as Committee Clerk to preside over the election of the Chair. I'd like to remind members of the process. I will ask for nominations. Once there are no further nominations, I will then ask a member to move a motion to have a committee member preside as Chair.

I will now call for nominations for the position of committee Chair. Mr. Michelson.

Mr. Michelson: — Yes. I would like to make a motion:

That Danielle Chartier be elected to preside as Chair of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

Mr. Park: — Are there any other nominations? Seeing none, I'd like a member to move that motion. Mr. Michelson.

Mr. Michelson: — I so move.

Mr. Park: — Mr. Michelson has nominated Ms. Chartier to the position of Chair. Mr. Michelson has moved:

That Ms. Chartier be elected to preside as Chair of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

All in favour of the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

Mr. Park: — All opposed? I declare the motion carried and invite Ms. Chartier to take the Chair.

The Chair: — Good morning, everyone. Welcome to the new members to Public Accounts. It's kind of exciting to have a few new members aboard. Our agenda this morning, we need to elect a Deputy Chair. So that's our first item of business. I want to remind members of the process. I will first ask for nominations. Once there are no further nominations, I will then ask a member to move a motion to have a committee member preside as the Deputy Chair.

I will now call for nominations for the position of Deputy Chair. Ms. Sarauer.

Ms. Sarauer: — I'd like to make a motion:

That Larry Duke be elected to preside as Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

The Chair: — Thank you, Ms. Sarauer. Ms. Sarauer has nominated Mr. Duke to the position of Deputy Chair. Are there any further nominations? Seeing none, I would now invite one of the members to move that motion.

Ms. Sarauer: — I will move it.

The Chair: — Ms. Sarauer has moved that:

Larry Duke serve as the Deputy Chair of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

All in favour of the motion.

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. We also need to establish a steering committee, and the steering committee sets the agenda. It's a member from government, from opposition, and the Clerk, and working with the auditor to establish the agenda for Public Accounts. Could I have a motion for establishment of a steering committee?

Ms. Beaudry-Mellor: —

That a steering committee be appointed to establish an agenda and priority of business for subsequent meetings, and that the membership be comprised of the Chair and the Deputy Chair;

And further, that the steering committee shall meet time to time as directed by the committee or at the call of the Chair; that the presence of all members of the steering committee is necessary to constitute a meeting; and that substitutions from the membership of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be permitted on the steering committee.

I so move.

The Chair: — Ms. Beaudry-Mellor has moved the establishment of the steering committee. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried as read.

I have some documents to table. I'd like to table:

PAC 1/28 — Ministry of Education: Responses to questions raised at the January 13th, 2016 meeting.

PAC 2/28 — Ministry of Finance: Government response to Standing Committee on Public Accounts second report, dated February 22nd, 2016.

PAC number 3/28 — Ministry of Finance: Government response to Standing Committee on Public Accounts third report, dated March 2nd, 2016.

PAC 4/28 — Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan: Fourth quarter financial forecast for the three months ending March 31st, 2016.

The committee will also . . . Our next item of business, the committee will consider its representation at the CCPAC-CCOLA, that's the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees-Canadian Council of Legislative Auditors annual conference in Yellowknife, Northwest

Territories on August 21st to 23rd, 2016. Are there any questions about this particular conference? Seeing none, could I have a motion for representation at the CCPAC/CCOLA conference in Yellowknife from August 21st to 23rd this summer? Mr. Doke.

Mr. Doke: — I move:

That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts authorize the attendance of the Chair and Deputy Chair at the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees, which is CCPAC, and the Canadian Council of Legislative Auditors, CCOLA, annual conference to be held in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories on August 21st to 23rd, 2016;

And further, that if the Chair or Deputy Chair cannot attend, they'd be authorized to designate another committee member to attend in their place.

I so move.

The Chair: — Mr. Doke has moved that we have representation at the CCPAC-CCOLA conference this summer. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Agreed as read. Carried, sorry. Carried. Is there any other business? Seeing none, could I have a motion to adjourn?

Mr. Michelson: — I so move.

The Chair: — Mr. Michelson. Is that agreed?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — All right.

[The committee adjourned at 08:50.]