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[The board met at 08:30.]

Chair Goudy: — I would like to call the meeting 2/26 to order at 8:30 a.m. Joining us today from executive government is Hon. Tim McLeod. From government caucus is MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly] Kevin Weedmark and Brad Crassweller. And from opposition caucus is MLA Nicole Sarauer.

Approval of proposed agenda.

Hon. Tim McLeod: — I'll so move.

Chair Goudy: — Secunder? Nicole. All in favour? Carried.

Approval of minutes from first meeting of 2026. Nicole Sarauer. Secunder?

Kevin Weedmark: — I'll second that.

Chair Goudy: — Mr. Weedmark. All in favour? Carried.

I'd like to table the following:

Item 1, opposition caucus addendum to the addendum to sessional paper 273.

Item 2, the updated third quarter financial report for fiscal year 2025-2026 for the Elections Saskatchewan.

Item 3, the fourth quarter financial report for fiscal year 2025-2026 for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Registrar of Lobbyists and a letter advising of no changes to the human resources and financial management policies.

Item 4, the fourth quarter financial report for fiscal year 2025-2026 for the Legislative Assembly Service and a letter advising of no changes to the human resources and financial management policies.

Item 5, the fourth quarter financial report for fiscal year 2025-2026 for the Elections Saskatchewan and letter advising of no changes to the human resources and financial management policies.

Item 6, the fourth quarter financial report for fiscal year 2025-2026 for the Office of the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner and the changes to the human resources and financial management policies.

Item 7, the fourth quarter financial report for the fiscal year 2025-2026 for Ombudsman Saskatchewan and Office of the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner and a letter advising of no changes to the human resources and financial management policies.

Item 8, the fourth quarter financial report for fiscal year 2025-2026 for the Saskatchewan Advocate for Children and Youth and a letter advising of no changes to the human resources and financial management policies.

Item 9, the LAS [Legislative Assembly Service] 2025-2026

year-end report on progress.

Item 10, correspondence and notice of by-election directives from Chief Electoral Officer.

We'll move on to decision items now. Item 11, directive #4.1, amendment: honorarium, tobacco, or protocol gift. Moved by Nicole Sarauer. Need an effective date . . .

Nicole Sarauer: — No, I've got a . . . I'll move a motion:

That directive 4.1, Constituency Service Expenses, clause 6, be amended by inserting:

(h) honorarium, tobacco, or protocol gifts for events and ceremonies with Indigenous, First Nation and Métis people, communities, and organizations to a maximum of \$150 per event or ceremony. Any amounts exceeding \$150 must be approved by the Speaker;

And further,

That this amendment is effective immediately.

Chair Goudy: — Can we have discussion on this just real quick if it's not too late? When I have somebody pray as well, you know, there are other things like that. I didn't bring that up earlier, but sometimes when you have people come to do different prayers on openings . . . Is it just for First Nations, Métis?

Nicole Sarauer: — Indigenous, First Nations, and Métis people.

Hon. Tim McLeod: — Communities and organizations.

Nicole Sarauer: — Oh yeah, sorry.

Hon. Tim McLeod: — Are you proposing an amendment?

Chair Goudy: — Iris is giving me the waving.

Nicole Sarauer: — Your office is different than this.

Chair Goudy: — Probably the wrong time to bring that up is in the meeting, but I think maybe we could have considered that as well.

Okay, all in favour? Or a seconder, I guess. We need the seconder.

Hon. Tim McLeod: — I second.

Chair Goudy: — Tim seconded. All in favour? Carried.

So the second motion, Nicole, are you going to do that one as well? 11(b).

Nicole Sarauer: — Sure. I'll move:

That directive 4.1, Constituency Service Expenses, subclause 12(d) be amended by omitting "and (d)" and inserting "(d) and (h)"; and further,

That this amendment is effective immediately.

Chair Goudy: — And a seconder on that?

Kevin Weedmark: — I second that.

Chair Goudy: — All in favour? Carried.

Item 12, directive #23, amendment to Caucus Accountability and Disclosure. Mr. McLeod.

Hon. Tim McLeod: — I'll move:

That directive #23, Caucus Accountability and Disclosure, clause 6 be omitted.

Chair Goudy: — And a seconder? Nicole Sarauer. All in favour? Carried.

Item 12(b).

Hon. Tim McLeod: — I'll move:

That directive #23, Caucus Accountability and Disclosure, subclause 5(a) be amended by removing "clauses 6 and" and inserting "clause".

Chair Goudy: — And a seconder? Nicole. All in favour? Carried.

Mr. McLeod.

Hon. Tim McLeod: — And finally I move:

That directive #23, Caucus Accountability and Disclosure, amendments made today be effective April 1, 2016.

Chair Goudy: — A seconder? Nicole Sarauer. All in favour? Carried. Thank you.

Item 13, other business. I'd like to table a letter from the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly. Vote 21: Reporting of public losses for the Legislative Assembly. Is there any other business?

Kevin Weedmark: — Can I just ask a question about the letter? Iris, could you just explain a little bit about how this came to be? Can you just explain a little bit of the background about what led to this?

Iris Lang: — It was brought to our attention that a supplier hadn't been paid. And upon further investigation, it was determined that there was some fraudulent activity. Not by the supplier, not by employees, by an external . . . basically cybercrime. And as a result of that, it was reported to the police, and the police were able to retrieve a significant portion of that. Of course, it's still under investigation. And so if there is any further updates, I will advise the board accordingly.

Kevin Weedmark: — And does it look like more may be able to be recovered? Or is that 75,000 the maximum?

Iris Lang: — I'm not sure. That was what was in one of the bank accounts that we are aware of. There was a second bank account.

However to my knowledge . . . I don't know the exact details of the investigation at this time.

Kevin Weedmark: — And can I ask you one more question? What sort of additional verification processes have been implemented to avoid this in the future?

Iris Lang: — Well the LAS employees will be very vigilant about supplier information, actually phoning the supplier versus just receiving stuff electronically. We'll still receive stuff electronically; however there will be processes in place to double verify the information that is provided is correct. This was quite a devious person that went about making this fraud.

Kevin Weedmark: — Perfect. Thank you.

Chair Goudy: — Mr. Crassweller.

Brad Crassweller: — So this goes back to February 2025. So do we have anything in place that would say . . . When did we realize this, or when did we figure it out? And then do we have a sort of a timeline as to when something happens like that, we should report it within a couple of months? Or how far back does this go? And do we have anything in place to . . . This seems like it was quite a while back. I'm just curious.

Iris Lang: — Well it was only reported to us in April of this year. There was some lag in making payments. And until we actually recognized that the supplier wasn't actually paid, as soon as we received that information, it was reported to the police. And the investigation followed immediately.

Brad Crassweller: — So you were made aware of it in April, but when was the other party made aware of what was going on? Do we know that, where this happened?

Iris Lang: — In April as well, yeah.

Kevin Weedmark: — So how did you become . . . Was it the supplier reached out to LAS, or was it through the opposition caucus that you folks became aware?

Iris Lang: — The caucus reported it to us.

Nicole Sarauer: — I can add that as soon as we became aware of the fact that this supplier had not been paid — we thought that the supplier had been paid — that's when we did an extensive review of the correspondence, realized that it was clear that there was fraudulent activity externally. Once we realized that had occurred, it was immediately reported to the police and reported to the LAS.

Chair Goudy: — Any more discussion? Any other business? So do we have a mover for that? So seeing no other business, this board now adjourns to the call of the Chair at 8:44 a.m.

[The board adjourned at 08:44.]