

**MINUTES OF MEETING #1/20  
BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY**

**January 21, 2020 - 8:30 a.m.**

**Room 8, Legislative Building**

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**Present: Members of the Board of Internal Economy**

Hon. Mark Docherty Speaker, Chair  
Hon. Jeremy Harrison  
Hon. Paul Merriman  
Randy Weekes  
Everett Hindley  
Cathy Sproule  
Carla Beck

**Staff**

Ms. Sheila Sterling – Secretary to the Board  
Ms. Hayley Lucas – Staff Speaker’s Office

**Officials in Attendance**

**Legislative Assembly Service**

Gregory Putz, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly  
Kenneth Ring, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel  
Iris Lang, Principal Clerk of the Legislative Assembly  
Terry Quinn, Sergeant-At- Arms  
Dawn Court, Executive Director of Member & Corporate Services  
Mike Halayka, Director of Member Services  
Cindy Hingley, Director of Financial Services  
Ginette Michaluk, Director of Human Resources  
Darcy Hislop, Director of Information Technology Services  
Sarah Wood, Manager of Visitor Services  
Melissa Bennett, Legislative Librarian  
Theo Tsechelidis, Senior Manager, Financial Services

**Officials in Attendance**

**Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Registrar of Lobbyists**

Ms. Sandra Arberry, Deputy Registrar of Lobbyist

**Office of the Ombudsman**

Ms. Mary McFadyen Ombudsman

Ms. Andrea Smandych, Manager of Corporate Services

**Office of the Chief Electoral Officer**

Mr. Michael Boda, Chief Electoral Officer

Ms. Jennifer Colin, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, Corporate Services

Ms. Bonnie Schenher, Director of Electoral Operations

**Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner**

Mr. Ron Kruzeniski, Information and Privacy Commissioner

Ms. Pam Scott, Director of Operations

Ms. Diane Aldridge, Director of Compliance

**Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth**

Ms. Lisa Broda, Advocate for Children and Youth

Ms. Wanda George, Executive Assistant

Meeting called to order at 8:35am.

**AGENDA** Moved by Mr. Merriman and seconded by Mr. Hindley, that the proposed Agenda for meeting 1/20 be adopted as presented.

The question being put, it was agreed to. Minute # 2192

**MINUTES** Moved by Mr. Weekes, and seconded by Ms. Beck , that the minutes from Meeting 5/19, 6/19 & 7/19 be approved.

The question being, put, it was agreed to. Minute # 2193

**ITEM 1:** **Table Item:** The Chair tabled the Legislative Assembly Service, Mid- Year Report on Progress for the period of April 1 to September 30, 2019.

**ITEM 2:** **Table Item:** The Chair tabled the Information and Privacy Commissioner's 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report for the fiscal year 2019-2020.

**ITEM 3:** **Table Item:** The Chair tabled the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and the Registrar of Lobbyists 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report for the fiscal year 2019-2020.

**ITEM 4:** **Table Item:** The Chair tabled the Ombudsman and the Office of the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner's, 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report for the fiscal year 2019-2020.

- ITEM 5:** **Table Item:** The Chair tabled the Chief Electoral Officer, Elections Saskatchewan's 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report for the fiscal year 2019-2020.
- ITEM 6:** **Table Item:** The Chair tabled the Advocate for Children and Youth's 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report for the fiscal year 2019-2020.
- ITEM 7:** **Table Item:** The Chair tabled the Audit letter for the Board of Internal Economy from the Provincial Auditor.
- ITEM 8:** **Table Item:** The Chair tabled the letter of response from the Board of Internal Economy to the Provincial Auditor.
- ITEM 9:** **Decision Item: Review of the 2020-2021 budget and motion to approve statutory estimates for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer.**
- Michael Boda, Chief Electoral Officer with the assistance of Ms. Jennifer Colin, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, Corporate Services and Ms. Bonnie Schenher, Director of Electoral Operations presented his budget to the Board.
- ITEM 10:** **Decision Item: Review of the 2020-2021 budget and motion to approve budgetary and statutory expenditure estimates for the Ombudsman and the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner.**
- Mary McFadyen, Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner with the assistance of Ms. Andrea Smandych, Manager of Administration presented her budget to the board.
- ITEM 11:** **Decision Item: Review of the 2020-2021 budget and motion to approve budgetary expenditure estimates for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar.**
- In the absence of Ron Barclay, Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Lobbyist Registrar, Sandra Arberry, Deputy Registrar of Lobbyist presented his budget to the board.
- ITEM 12:** **Decision Item: Review of the 2020- 2021 budget and motion to approve budgetary expenditures estimates for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.**
- Ron Kruzeniski, Information and Privacy Commissioner, with the assistance of Dianne Aldridge Director of Compliance and Pam Scott, Director of Operations presented his budget to the board.

**The Board recessed, reconvening at 11:03**

**ITEM 13: Decision Item: Review of the 2020 -2021 budget and motion to approve budgetary and statutory expenditure estimates for the Advocate for Children and Youth.**

Lisa Broda, Advocate for Children and Youth presented her budget to the board.

**ITEM 14: Decision Item: Review of the 2020-2021 budget for the Legislative Assembly.**

- a) Motion to approve expenditure from the Refurbishment and Asset Replacement fund for projects.
- b) Motion to approve budgetary and statutory expenditure estimates and revenue estimates.

Gregory Putz, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, with the assistance of his officials Kenneth Ring, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel, Iris Lang, Principal Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Terry Quinn, Sergeant-At- Arms, Dawn Court, Executive Director of Member & Corporate Services, Mike Halayka, Director of Member Services, Cindy Hingley, Director of Financial Services, Ginette Michaluk, Director of Human Resources, Darcy Hislop, Director of Information Technology Services, Sarah Wood, Manager of Visitor Services, Melissa Bennett, Legislative Librarian and Theo Tsechelidis, Senior Manager, Financial Services, presented the Legislative Assembly budget to the board.

The Board recessed for lunch 11:37 – 12:50

The Board moved in camera at 12:51 and out of camera at 13:16.

**ITEM 9: Decision Item: Approval of the 2020-2021 Budget for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Elections Saskatchewan.**

Moved by Ms. Sproule, and seconded by Mr. Harrison:

That the 2020-2021 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 034 – Chief Electoral Officer be approved in the amount of \$ 24,689,000 as follows:

Statutory: \$24,689,000

And further,

That such Estimates be forwarded to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

The question being, put, it was agreed to. Minute # 2194  
**ITEM 10: Decision Item:** Approval of the 2020-2021 Budget for the Office of the Ombudsman and the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner.

Moved by Mr. Weekes and seconded by Ms. Beck:

That the 2020-2021 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 056 – Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner be approved in the amount of \$4,249,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted:	\$ 4,015,000
Statutory:	\$ 234,000

And further,

That such Estimates be forwarded to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

The question being put, it was agreed to. Minute # 2195

**ITEM 11: Decision Item:** Approval of the 2020-2021 Budget for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and the Office of the Lobbyist Registrar.

Moved by Mr. Merriman, and seconded by Ms. Sproule:

That the 2020-2021 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 057 – Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Registrar of Lobbyist be approved in the amount of \$582,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted:	\$582,000
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And further,

That such Estimates be forwarded to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

The question being put, it was agreed to. Minute # 2196

**ITEM 12: Decision Item:** Approval of the 2020-2021 Budget for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

Moved by Mr. Hindley, and seconded by Ms. Beck:

That the 2020-2021 Expenditure Estimates for vote 055 – Information and Privacy Commissioner be approved in the amount of \$ 2,237,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$2,003,000

Statutory: \$ 234,000

And further,

That such Estimates be forwarded to the Minister of Finance by the Chair.

The question being put, it was agreed to. Minute #2197

**ITEM 13: Decision Item:** Approval of the 2020 -2021 Budget for the Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth.

Moved by Ms. Sproule, and seconded by Mr. Harrison:

That the 2020-2021 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 076 – Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth be approved in the amount of \$2,844,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$2,610,000

Statutory: \$ 234,000

And further,

That such Estimates be forwarded to the Minister of Finance by the Chair

The question being put, it was agreed to. Minute # 2198

**ITEM 14 (a) Decision Item:** Approval of the 2020-2021 Budget for the Legislative Assembly.

Moved by Mr. Merriman, and seconded by Ms. Beck:

That, for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the following Refurbishment and Asset Replacement Fund projects be approved:

Security System	\$80,000
Active Work Stations	\$75,000
De-acidification of Legislative Library Collections	\$75,000
Meeting Room Recording Equipment	\$45,000
Office Space Refurbishment	\$45,000
Computer Monitor Refresh	\$30,000
For a total amount of \$350,000	

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2199

**ITEM 14(b):** Approval of the Legislative Assembly Budgetary and Statutory Expenditure Estimates and Revenue Estimates for Vote 21.

The Board deferred this item to the next meeting.

**ITEM 15: Other Business**

Moved by Mr. Weekes, and seconded by Ms. Beck:

That an open competition be authorized for the Position of Conflict of Interest Commissioner & Registrar of Lobbyists; and further,

That each competition shall be conducted as follows:

1. That a budget of \$25,000 be authorized;
2. That a subcommittee of the Board of Internal Economy (Board) to be chaired by the Speaker and consisting of a Government Member of the Board, and an Opposition Member of the Board, be established as the selection panel;
3. That the Legislative Assembly Service provide Human Resource assistance to the selection panel;
4. That the selection panel may identify a member of the public with subject matter expertise to provide assistance;
5. That the selection panel recommend a preferred candidate, or candidates, to the Board for Consideration;
6. That the name of the candidate approved by the Board be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly by the Speaker.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2200

Moved by Mr. Weekes and seconded by Ms. Beck that the Board adjourn and reconvene on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

The Board adjourned at 13:25

