

MINUTES OF MEETING #1/24
BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
January 23, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.
Room 8, Legislative Building

Present: Members of the Board of Internal Economy

Hon. Randy Weekes, Chair
Hon. Jeremy Harrison
Hon. Tim McLeod
Alana Ross
Terry Dennis
Matt Love
Terry Dennis
Absent: Nicole Sauer

Staff

Sheila Sterling – Secretary to the Board
Nulee Menegbo, Staff Speaker's Office

Officials in Attendance

Legislative Assembly Service

Iris Lang, Clerk Legislative Assembly
Cindy Hingley, Executive Director, Corporate Projects, and Financial Services
Krista Halayka, Principal Director, Member Services
Kari Olsen, Acting Director of Parliamentary Publications
Melissa Bennett, Legislative Librarian
Kathy Burianyk, Deputy Clerk, Legislative Assembly
Ken Ring, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel
Marieke Knight, Executive Advisor

Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Registrar of Lobbyists

Maurice Herauf, Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Registrar of Lobbyists,
Saundra Arberry, Deputy Registrar of Lobbyists and Executive Operations
Officer

Office of the Ombudsman

Sharon Pratchler, Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner
Charlene Mouly, Manager of Corporate Services

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

Michael Boda, Chief Electoral Officer
Jennifer Colin, Chief Operating Officer, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer for
Corporate Services and Electoral Finance
Richard Hall, Executive Director for the Office of the CEO
Aaron Thompson, Director of Finance

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

Ron Kruzeniski, Information and Privacy Commissioner

Diane Aldridge, Deputy Commissioner

Tristan Hungle, Executive Director of Corporate Services

Alyx Larocque, Executive Director of Research and Compliance

Richard Yachiw, Director of Compliance

Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth

Lisa Broda, Advocate for Children and Youth

Caroline Sookocheff, Manager of Finance and Administration

Leeann Palmer, Deputy Advocate

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA Moved by Mr. Harrison and seconded by Mr Love, that the proposed Agenda for meeting 1/24, be approved as presented.

The question being put, it was agreed to. Minute # 2305

MINUTES Moved by Mr. Dennis and seconded by Mr. Love, that the minutes from Meeting 6/23, be adopted as presented.

The question being put, it was agreed to. Minute # 2306

ITEM 1: **Tabling Item:** The Chair tabled the Mid-Year Report on Progress for the period of April 1 to September 30, 2023, for the Legislative Assembly Service.

ITEM 2: **Tabling Item:** The Chair tabled the Annual Statement for the Independent Member for the fiscal year 2022-2023

ITEM 3: **Decision Item:** Review of the 2024-2025 budget and motion to approve budgetary expenditure estimates for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and the Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists.
Maurice Herauf, Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Registrar of Lobbyist, with the assistance of Sandra Arberry, Deputy Registrar of Lobbyist and Executive Operations Officer presented his budget to the board.

ITEM 4: **Decision Item:** Review of the 2024-2025 budget and motion to approve budgetary and statutory expenditure estimates for the Office of the Ombudsman and the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner.
Sharon Pratchler, Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner with the assistance of Charlene Mouly, Manager of Corporate Services presented her budget to the board.

ITEM 5: Decision Item: Review of the 2024- 2025 budget and motion to approve budgetary and statutory expenditures estimates for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

Ron Kruzeniski, Information and Privacy Commissioner, with the assistance of Dianne Aldridge, Deputy Commissioner and Tristan Hungle, Director of Corporate Services, Alyx Laroque, Executive Director of Research and Compliance and Richard Yachiw, Director of Compliance presented his budget to the board.

ITEM 6: Decision Item: Review of the 2024 -2025 budget and motion to approve budgetary and statutory expenditure estimates for the Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth.

Lisa Broda, Advocate for Children and Youth with the assistance of Caroline Sookocheff, Manager of Finance and Administration and Leanne Palmer, Deputy Advocate presented her budget to the board.

The board recessed for a period of time

ITEM 7: Decision Item: Review of the 2024-2025 budget and motion to approve statutory estimates for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer.

Michael Boda, Chief Electoral Officer with the assistance of Jennifer Colin, Chief Operating Officer and Deputy Chief Electoral Officer for Corporate Services and Electoral Finance, and Richard Hall, Executive Director, and Arron Thompson, Director of Finance presented his budget to the board.

ITEM 8: Decision Item: Review of the 2024-2025 budget for the Legislative Assembly Service.

a) Decision Item: Approval of the Refurbishment Asset Replacement Fund for furniture restoration and technology modernization projects.

b) Decision Item: Approval of the Assembly Budgetary and Statutory Expenditure Estimates and Revenue Estimate

Iris Lang, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, with the assistance of her Officials, Cindy Hingley, Executive Director Corporate Services and Financial Services, Krista Halayka, principal director, members services, Judith Maijkut, Senior Manager, Financial Services, Kari Olson, Acting Director of Parliamentary Publications, Melissa Bennett, Legislative Librarian, Kathy Burianyk, Deputy Clerk, Ken Ring, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel and Marieke Knight, Executive Adviser, presented the Legislative Assembly Service budget to the board.

The Board broke for lunch from 11:25 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Harrison that the board move in camera at 12:32 p.m.
The board came out of camera at 12:42 p.m.

ITEM 3: Approval of the 2024-2025 budget for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and the Office of the Registrar of Lobbyist

Moved by Ms. A. Ross and seconded by Mr. T. McLeod:

That the 2024-25 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 057 – Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Registrar of Lobbyists be approved in the amount of \$569,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$569,000

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to Minute # 2307

ITEM 4: Approval of the 2024-2025 budget for the Office of the Ombudsman and the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner.

Moved by Mr. T. McLeod and seconded by Mr. Love:

That the 2024-25 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 056 – Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner be approved in the amount of \$4,694,000, as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$4,455,000

Statutory: \$ 239,000

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to. Minute # 2308
(This motion was later rescinded)

ITEM 5: Approval of the 2024 – 2025 budget for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

Moved by Mr. Harrison and seconded by Mr. Love:

That the 2024-25 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 055 – Information and Privacy Commissioner be approved in the amount of \$2,703,000, as follows:

Budgetary to be voted:	\$2,464,000
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Statutory:	\$ 239,000
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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 # 2309

ITEM 6: Approval of the 2024-2025 budget for the Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth.

Moved by Mr. Dennis and seconded by Mr. Love:

That the 2024-25 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 076 – Advocate for Children and Youth be approved in the amount of \$3,041,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted:	\$2,802,000
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Statutory:	\$ 239,000
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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 # 2310

ITEM 7: Approval of the 2024-2025 budget for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Elections Saskatchewan

Moved by Ms. A. Ross and seconded by Mr. Love:

That the 2024-25 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 034 – Chief Electoral Officer be approved in the amount of \$29,241,000, as follows:

Statutory:	\$29,241,000
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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 # 2311

ITEM 8: (1) Approval of the 2024-2025 budget for the Legislative Assembly Service

Moved by Mr. T. McLeod and seconded by Mr. Love:

That, for the 2024-25 fiscal year, the Refurbishment and Asset Replacement Fund be approved for:

Furniture Restoration and Technology	\$350,000
Modernization	

The question being out, it was agreed to. Minute # 2312

Item 8: (2) Moved by Mr. Harrison and seconded by Mr. Love:

That the 2024-25 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 021 – Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$33,063,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted:	\$11,041,000
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Statutory:	\$22,022,000
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That the 2024-25 Revenue Estimates for Vote 021 – Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$10,000 as follows:

Revenue to be voted:	\$10,000
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And further,

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

Then question being put, it was agreed to. Minute # 2313

ITEM 9: Discussion and Decision Item: Proposed changes to Directives

(1) Moved by Mr. Dennis and seconded by Mr. Love:

That Directive # 3.1 – *MLA Travel and Living Expenses* subclause 11(d) be amended by removing:

“, which shall be available for examination by the public during normal business hours at the Clerk’s Office”

And further,

That the statutory declaration form be amended by removing:

“Note: This declaration shall be available for examination by the public during normal business hours at the Clerk’s Office.”

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2314

(2) (a) Moved by Ms. A. Ross and seconded by Mr. Love:

That Directive # 4.1 – *Constituency Service Expenses* clause 4 be amended by inserting after install:

“, repair”

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #2315

(2) (b) Moved by Mr. T. McLeod and seconded by Mr. Love:

That Directive # 4.1 – *Constituency Service Expenses* clause 21 be amended by replacing Financial with:

“Member”

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2316

(3) Moved by Mr. Harrison and seconded by Mr. Love:

That the Members’ Capital Asset and Disposal Policy be amended to clarify that the policy applies to all Member assets with a purchase price of \$350 or more and that assets less than \$350 will be removed from the Members’ Capital Asset Listing.

And further,

That all instances of “Financial Services” be replaced with “Member Services”.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2317

(4) (a) Moved by Mr. Dennis and seconded by Mr. Love:

That Directive # 19 – *Board of Internal Economy Indemnity and Expenses* clause 1 be amended by removing:

“the Chair of the Board of Internal Economy and”

Inserting after excluding:

“the Chair of the Board of Internal Economy and”

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2318

(4) (b) Moved by Ms. A. Ross and seconded by Mr. Love:

That Directive # 19 – *Board of Internal Economy Indemnity and Expenses* Clause 6 be amended by removing:

“ a Minister of the Crown (cabinet minister), who serves on the Board of Internal Economy, is”

Inserting the following:

“the Chair of the Board of Internal Economy and Ministers of the Crown (cabinet ministers), who serve on the Board of Internal Economy, are”

The question being out, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2319

(5) Moved by Mr. McLeod and seconded by Mr. Love:

That Directive # 23 – *Caucus Accountability and Disclosure* Subclause 3(a) be amended by removing:

“generally accepted accounting principles”

And inserting:

“Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations”

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2320

Rescinding of Motion Item 4:

Moved by Mr. Harrison and seconded by Mr. Love:

That Item 4, Approval of the 2024 – 2025 Budget for the Office of the Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner voted earlier today be rescinded.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2321

Item 4: revisited

Moved by Mr. Dennis and seconded by Mr. Love:

That the 2024-25 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 056 – Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner be approved in the amount of \$4,563,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted:	\$4,324,000
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Statutory:	\$ 239,000
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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 # 2322

Moved by Ms. Ross that the board adjourn to the Call of the Chair.

The Board adjourned at 13:12

