

MINUTES OF MEETING #1/25
BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
January 21, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.
Room 8, Legislative Building

Present: Members of the Board of Internal Economy

Hon. Todd Goudy, Chair
Hon. Tim McLeod
Hon. Lori Carr
MLA Sean Wilson
MLA Kevin Weedmark
MLA Matt Love
MLA Nicole Sarauer

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
Judith Majkut, Senior Manager, Financial Services

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
Kathy Willerth, Assistant Deputy Ombudsman
Jim Pratt, Knowledge Keeper- Carrier and Elder's Helper
Ryan Kennedy, Manager of Outreach

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

Michael Boda, Chief Electoral Officer
Jennifer Colin, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, and Chief Operating Officer
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

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

Marci Macomber, Director of Investigations and Systemics

Jacki Peters, Director of Advocacy

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

AGENDA Moved by Ms. Sarauer and seconded by Ms. Carr, that the proposed agenda for meeting 1/25, be approved as presented.

The question being put, it was agreed to. Minute # 2342

MINUTES Moved by Mr. McLeod and seconded by Mr. Love, that the minutes from Meeting 3/24, be adopted as presented.

The question being put, it was agreed to. Minute # 2343

ITEM 1: **Tabling Item:** The Chair tabled the Mid-Year Report on Progress for the period of April 1 to September 30, 2024, for the Legislative Assembly Service.

ITEM 2: **Decision Item:** Review of the 2025-2026 budget for the Office of the Ombudsman and the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner, (Vote 056).

Sharon Pratchler, Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner with the assistance of Charlene Mouly, Manager of Corporate Services, Kathy Willerth, Assistant Deputy Ombudsman, Jim Pratt, Knowledge Keeper- Carrier and Elder's Helper and Ryan Kennedy, Manager of Outreach, presented her budget to the board.

ITEM 3: **Decision Item:** Review of the 2025-2026 budget for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, (Vote 055).

Ron Kruzeniski, Information and Privacy Commissioner, with the assistance of Diane Aldridge, Deputy Commissioner and Tristan Hungle, Director of Corporate Services, presented his budget to the board.

ITEM 4: Decision Item: Review of the 2025 -2026 budge for the Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth, (Vote 076).

Lisa Broda, Advocate for Children and Youth with the assistance of Caroline Sookocheff, Manager of Finance and Administration, Leeann Palmer, Deputy Advocate, Marci Macomber, Director of Investigations and Systemics, and Jacki Peters, Director of Advocacy, presented her budget to the board.

The board recessed for a period of time.

ITEM 5: Decision Item: Review of the 2025-2026 budget for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, (Vote 034).

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

ITEM 6: Decision Item: Review of the 2025-2026 budge for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and the Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists, (Vote 057).

Maurice Herauf, Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Registrar of Lobbyist, with the assistance of Saundra Arberry, Deputy Registrar of Lobbyist and Executive Operations Officer presented his budget to the board.

The Board broke for lunch from 11:59 a.m. to 12:58 p.m.

ITEM 7: Decision Item: Review of the 2025-2026 budget for the Legislative Assembly Service, (Vote 021).

- 1) **Decision Item:** Refurbishment Asset Replacement Fund proposal for furniture restoration and purchases and projects focused on technology modernization
- 2) **Decision Item:** Legislative Assembly Budgetary and Statutory Expenditure Estimates and Revenue Estimates

Iris Lang, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, with the assistance of her Officials, Cindy Hingley, Executive Director Corporate Services and Judith Majkut, Senior Manager, Financial Services presented the Legislative Assembly budget to the board.

Moved by Ms. Sarauer and seconded by Mr. Weedmark, that the board move in camera at 1:22 p.m.

The board came out of camera at 2:56 p.m.

ITEM 2: Motion for the 2025-2026 budget for the Office of the Ombudsman and the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner.

Moved by Ms. Carr and seconded by Ms. Sarauer:

That the 2025-26 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 056 – Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner be approved in the amount of 4,914,000, as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$4,652,000

Statutory: \$ 262,000

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to. Minute # 2344

ITEM 3: Motion for the 2025-2026 budget for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

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

That the 2025-26 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 055 – Information and Privacy Commissioner be approved in the amount of \$2,916,000, as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$2,654,000

Statutory: \$ 262,000

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to. Minute # 2345

ITEM 4: Motion for the 2025-2026 budget for the Office of the Advocate for Children and Youth.

Moved by Mr. Weedmark and seconded by Ms. Sarauer:

That the 2025-26 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 076 – Advocate for Children and Youth be approved in the amount of \$3,261,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$2,999,000

Statutory: \$ 262,000

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to Minute # 2346

ITEM 5: Motion for the 2025-2026 budget for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Elections Saskatchewan

Moved by Ms. Carr and seconded by Mr. Love:

That the 2025-26 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 034 – Chief Electoral Officer be approved in the amount of \$4,994,000, as follows:

Statutory: \$4,994,000

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to. Minute # 2347

ITEM 6: Motion for the 2025-2026 budget for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and the Office of the Registrar of Lobbyists

Moved by Ms. Sarauer and seconded by Ms. Carr:

That the 2025-26 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 057 – Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Registrar of Lobbyists be approved in the amount of \$595,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$595,000

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to Minute # 2348

ITEM 7: (1) Motions for the 2025-2026 budget for the Legislative Assembly Service

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

That, for the 2025-26 fiscal year, the Refurbishment and Asset Replacement Fund be approved for:

Furniture Restoration and Procurement, and Technological Modernization Projects	\$350,000
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The question being out, it was agreed to. Minute # 2349

Item 7: (2) Moved by Ms. Sarauer and seconded by Mr. Weedmark:

That the 2025-26 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 021 – Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$34,740,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted:	\$11,908,000
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Statutory:	\$22,832,000
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That the 2025-26 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 # 2350

ITEM 8: Other Business: Re-appointment of Advocate for Children and Youth

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

That the Board of Internal Economy recommends Lisa Broda be re-appointed as the Advocate for Children and Youth for one additional term of five- years in accordance with subsection 3(5) of *The Advocate for Children and Youth Act* effective April 1, 2025; and further

That this recommendation be transmitted by the Chair to the Legislative Assembly in accordance with subsection 3(3) of *The Advocate for Children and Youth Act*.

The question being put, it was agreed to Minute # 2351

Moved by Mr. Wilson that the board adjourn to the call of the Chair.
The board adjourned at 3:06 p.m.