

MINUTES OF MEETING 1/26
BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
January 26, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.
Room 8, Legislative Building

Board Members

Present

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

Regrets

MLA Brad Crassweller

Staff

Twyla Wilson – Secretary to the Board

Officials in Attendance

Legislative Assembly Service

Iris Lang, Clerk Legislative Assembly
Judith Majkut, Principal Director, Financial Services
Krista Halayka, Executive Director, Member Services
Marieke Knight, Executive Advisor, Office of the Clerk
Rob Park, Deputy Clerk
Danielle Humble Selinger, Principal Clerk
Marie Shalashniy, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel
Jerry Arnold, Manager, Financial Services
Shannon McMillan, Director, Member 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
Niki Smith, Assistant Deputy Ombudsman
Kathy Willerth, Assistant Deputy Ombudsman

Office of the Chief Electoral Officer

Michael Boda, Chief Electoral Officer
Jennifer Colin, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer
Richard Hall, Executive Director
Aaron Thompson, Director of Finance

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner

Grace Hession David, 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
Terri Chatterson, Regional Advocate
Brittani Rumble, Regional Advocate

AGENDA: Moved by MLA Carr and seconded by MLA Love, that the proposed agenda for meeting 1/26, be approved as presented.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2374

MINUTES: Moved by MLA Sarauer and seconded by Min. McLeod, that the minutes from Meeting 5/25, be adopted as presented.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute # 2375

TABLING ITEMS:

The Chair tabled Items 1 through 10

ITEM 1: Tabling of the Mid-Year Report on Progress for the period of April 1 to September 30, 2025, for the Legislative Assembly Service.

ITEM 2: The 3rd Quarter Financial Report, for fiscal year 2025-2026 for Ombudsman Saskatchewan and Office of the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner.

ITEM 3: The 3rd Quarter Financial Report, for fiscal year 2025-2026 for the Saskatchewan Advocate for Children and Youth.

ITEM 4: The 3rd Quarter Financial Report, for fiscal year 2025-2026 for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner/Registrar of Lobbyists.

- ITEM 5:** The 3rd Quarter Financial Report, for fiscal year 2025-2026 for the Legislative Assembly Service.
- ITEM 6:** The 3rd Quarter Financial Report, for fiscal year 2025-2026 for the Elections Saskatchewan.
- ITEM 7:** The 3rd Quarter Financial Report, for fiscal year 2025-2026 for the Office of the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner.
- ITEM 8:** Audit Letter from the Provincial Auditor to the Board of Internal Economy and Letter of Response from the Board of Internal Economy to the Provincial Auditor.
- ITEM 9:** Office of the Provincial Auditor 2026-2027 expenditure estimates approved by the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.
- ITEM 10:** a) Opposition Caucus Addendum to Sessional Paper 119.
b) Opposition Caucus Addendum to Sessional Paper 273.

REVIEW ITEMS:

- ITEM 11:** a) **Review of the 2026-2027 Budget for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner/Registrar of Lobbyist (Vote 57).**

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.

b) Review of the Estimates Book Narrative Changes.

Commissioner Herauf presented proposed wording changes to the Subvote Description as required by the implantation of the GEM (Government Enterprise Management) which cannot support italicized text.

- ITEM 12:** a) **Review of the 2026-2027 Budget for the Ombudsman Saskatchewan and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner (Vote 56).**

Sharon Pratchler, Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner, with the assistance of Niki Smith, Assistant Deputy Ombudsman and Kathy Willerth, Assistant Deputy Ombudsman presented her budget to the board.

b) Review of the Estimates Book Narrative Changes.

Commissioner Pratchler presented proposed wording changes to the Subvote Description as required by the implantation of the GEM (Government Enterprise Management) which cannot support italicized text.

ITEM 13: Review of the 2026-2027 Budget for the Office of the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner (Vote 55).

Grace Hession David, Information and Privacy Commissioner, with the assistance of Diane Aldridge, Deputy Commissioner and Tristan Hungle, Director of Corporate Services, presented her budget to the board.

The Board recessed for a period of time.

ITEM 14: Review of the 2026-2027 Budget for the Office for the Saskatchewan Advocate for Children and Youth (Vote 76).

Lisa Broda, Advocate for Children and Youth with the assistance of Leeann Palmer, Deputy Advocate, Caroline Sookocheff, Manager of Finance and Administration, and staff member's Terri Chatterson and Brittani Rumble presented her budget to the board.

ITEM 15: a) Review of the 2026-2027 Budget for Elections Saskatchewan (Vote 34).

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

b) Review of the Estimates Book Narrative Changes.

Michael Boda did not speak to the materials submitted for consideration.

Moved by Minister Carr, that the Board move in camera at 12:51 p.m.

The Board came out of camera at 1:08 p.m.

The Board broke for lunch from 1:08 p.m. to 1:57 p.m.

ITEM 16: Review of the 2026-2027 Business Plan and Legislative Assembly Proposal (Vote 21).

Iris Lang, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, with the assistance of her Officials, Judith Majkut, Principal Director, Financial Services and Krista Halayka, Executive Director, Member Services presented the Legislative Assembly budget to the board.

Moved by Minister McLeod, that the Board move in camera at 2:13 p.m.

The Board came out of camera at 3:15 p.m.

DECISION ITEMS:

ITEM 11: a) Motion for the 2026-2027 Budget for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner/Registrar of Lobbyist (Vote 57).

Moved by Min. McLeod and seconded by MLA Love:

That the 2026-27 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 057 – Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Registrar of Lobbyists be approved in the amount of \$589,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$589,000

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to Minute # 2376

b) Motion for the Estimates Book Narrative Changes.

Moved by Min. Carr and seconded by MLA Sarauer:

That the Estimates Subvote Description/Mandate Statement for the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Registrar of Lobbyists read as follows:

Subvote CC01 – Conflict of Interest Commissioner

Subvote Description – Coordinates disclosure of assets held by Members, provides advice on conflict of interest issues, conducts inquiries and provides opinions on compliance if requested by a Member, the President of the Executive Council or the Legislative Assembly. The Conflict of Interest Commissioner also serves as the Lobbyist Registrar which oversees the lobbyist registry, promotes and educates the general public, stakeholders and the lobbyist community and ensures compliance and conformity of lobbyists to the legislation.

Vote 057 – Conflict of Interest Commissioner

Mandate Statement – The Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner, who is an Officer of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, is mandated to coordinate disclosure of assets held by Members, provide advice on conflict of interest issues, conduct inquiries and provide opinions on compliance with *The Members' Conflict of Interest Act* if requested by a Member, the President of the Executive Council or the Legislative Assembly. Under the provisions of *The Lobbyists Act*, the Conflict of Interest Commissioner will promote transparency about people and organizations who are attempting to influence government decision making.

And further,

That such Estimates amendments be forwarded to the Treasury Board Secretariat by the Chair.

The question being put, it was agreed to

Minute # 2377

ITEM 12: a) Motion for the 2026-2027 Budget for the Ombudsman Saskatchewan and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner (Vote 56).

Moved by MLA Sarauer and seconded by MLA Weedmark:

That the 2026-27 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 056 – Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner be approved in the amount of \$4,865,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$4,603,000

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 # 2378

b) Motion for the Estimates Book Narrative Changes.

Moved by MLA Love and seconded by Min. McLeod:

That the Estimates Subvote Description/Mandate Statement for the Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner read as follows:

Subvote OM01 – Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner

Subvote Description – The Ombudsman has the authority to investigate or informally address complaints of unfairness in provincial and municipal government actions. The Ombudsman also acts as the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner, with the authority to provide advice to and investigate disclosures from public servants with allegations of wrongdoings or reprisal within their provincial government institutions.

Vote 056 – Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner

Mandate Statement – The Ombudsman, an Independent Officer of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, helps to ensure that provincial and municipal governments are accountable and fair when they provide services to the public. This authority is provided under *The Ombudsman Act, 2012*. As Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner, the Ombudsman also helps to ensure the provincial government provides a workplace where wrongdoings can be safely

raised and appropriately addressed. This authority is provided under *The Public Interest Disclosure Act*.

And further,

That such Estimates amendments be forwarded to the Treasury Board Secretariat by the Chair.

The question being put, it was agreed to

Minute # 2379

ITEM 13: Motion for the 2026-2027 Budget for the Office of the Saskatchewan Information and Privacy Commissioner (Vote 55).

Moved by Min. McLeod and seconded by Min. Carr:

That the 2026-27 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 055 – Information and Privacy Commissioner be approved in the amount of \$2,887,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$2,634,000

Statutory: \$ 253,000

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to

Minute # 2380

ITEM 14: Motion for the 2026-2027 Budget for the Office for the Saskatchewan Advocate for Children and Youth (Vote 76).

Moved by Min. McLeod and seconded by MLA Love:

That the 2026-27 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 076 – Advocate for Children and Youth be approved in the amount of \$3,228,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted: \$2,966,000

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 # 2381

ITEM 15: a) Motion for the 2026-2027 Budget for Elections Saskatchewan (Vote 34).

Moved by MLA Weedmark and seconded by MLA Sarauer:

That the 2026-27 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 034 – Chief Electoral Officer be approved in the amount of \$5,493,000 as follows:

Statutory: \$ 5,493,000

And further,

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

The question being put, it was agreed to Minute # 2382

b) Motion for the Estimates Book Narrative Changes.

Moved by Min. Carr and seconded by MLA Sarauer:

That the Estimates Subvote Description/Mandate Statement for the Chief Electoral Officer read as follows:

Subvote CE01 – Chief Electoral Officer

Subvote Description – Plans and administers provincial elections and by-elections for the Legislature, enumerations other than during an election, and provincial election finances. The Office maintains the province's political contributions tax credit disclosure regime, administers plebiscites and referendums and Time votes.

Vote 034 – Chief Electoral Officer

Mandate Statement – The mandate of the Office is to provide impartial administration of provincial elections, by-elections and election finances under *The Election Act, 1996* to ensure public confidence in the integrity of the electoral process for the Saskatchewan electorate. The Office maintains the province's political contributions tax credit disclosure regime under *The Political Contributions Tax Credit Act*, administers plebiscites and referendums under *The Referendum and Plebiscite Act* and Time votes conducted under *The Time Act*.

And further,

That such Estimates amendments be forwarded to the Treasury Board Secretariat by the Chair.

The question being put, it was agreed to Minute # 2383

ITEM 16: a) Motion for Refurbishment and Asset Replacement Fund (RARF)

Moved by MLA Sarauer and seconded by Min. McLeod:

That, for the 2026-27 fiscal year, the Refurbishment and Asset Replacement Fund be approved for:

Restoration and Refurbishment of Legislative	\$350,000
Building spaces, and Technological	
Modernization and Security Projects	

The question being put, it was agreed to Minute # 2384

b) Motion for the 2026-2027 Budget for Legislative Assembly (Vote 21)

Moved by MLA Love and seconded by MLA Weedmark:

That the 2026-27 Expenditure Estimates for Vote 021 – Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$33,235,000 as follows:

Budgetary to be voted:	\$11,675,000
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Statutory:	\$21,560,000
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That the 2026-27 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 # 2385

ITEM 17: Other Business

There was none.

Moved by MLA Sarauer, that the Board adjourn to the call of the Chair.

The Board adjourned at 3:23 p.m.