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Hon. Jeremy Harrison
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Hon. Everett Hindley
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Ms. Vicki Mowat
Saskatoon Fairview

Ms. Alana Ross
Prince Albert Northcote

[The board met at 09:00.]

The Chair: — I'd like to start the Board of Internal Economy off, just go around and do some introductions. In attendance today from the government is the Hon. Jeremy Harrison, Hon. Everett Hindley, Mr. Terry Dennis, and Ms. Alana Ross. And from the opposition Vicki Mowat and Matt Love.

So the first order of business is the approval of the proposed agenda. And the motion reads:

That the proposed agenda for meeting 2-22 be approved as presented.

Have a mover?

Hon. Mr. J. Harrison: — I so move.

The Chair: — Hon. Harrison. A seconder? Ms. Mowat.

The second motion reads:

That the minutes for meeting 1-22 be adopted as presented.

A mover, please?

Mr. Dennis: — I so move.

The Chair: — Mr. Terry Dennis. Seconder? Ms. Vicki Mowat.

There's a number of items I'd like to table.

Item 1, the third quarter financial report, 2021-2022, for the Legislative Assembly Service of Saskatchewan.

Item 2, the third quarter financial report, 2021-2022, for the Office of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner and lobbyist registrar.

Item no. 3, the third quarter financial report, 2021-2022, for the Office of the Ombudsman and the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner.

Item 4, the third quarter financial report, 2021 and 2022, for the Office for the Advocate for Children and Youth.

Item 5, the third quarter financial report, 2021-2022, for the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Elections Saskatchewan.

Item 6, the third quarter financial report, 2021-2022, for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

Item no. 7, the updates to the human resource and financial management policy for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner.

Item no. 8, discussion and decision item, appointment of the Acting Ombudsman and the appointing of the Acting Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner.

Would someone like to make a motion to move in camera please? Hon. Hindley. Seconder? Ms. Mowat. What time is it? We are

going in camera at 9:04.

[The board continued in camera from 9:04 until 9:13.]

The Chair: — Coming out of camera at 9:13 a.m. So we had item 9, discussion and decision item, recruiting process for position of Ombudsman . . . Oh sorry. Yeah, the discussion and decision item for the appointment of the Acting Ombudsman and the appointment of Acting Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner. So we have two motions.

And the first motion is:

That effective May 7th, 2022, Greg Sykes be appointed to hold office as Acting Ombudsman for Saskatchewan pursuant to section 6 of *The Ombudsman Act, 2012*.

A mover, please.

Ms. A. Ross: — I so move.

The Chair: — Ms. Alana Ross. Seconder? Ms. Vicki Mowat.

The second motion reads:

That effective May 7th, 2022, Greg Sykes be appointed to hold office as Acting Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner for Saskatchewan pursuant to section 31 of *The Public Interest Disclosure Act*.

A mover, please.

Hon. Mr. J. Harrison: — So moved.

The Chair: — Mr. Harrison. Seconder? Ms. Vicki Mowat.

Now the next order of business is the motion:

That an open competition be authorized for the position of Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner, and further,

That the 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 recommend a preferred candidate or candidates to the board for consideration;
5. That the name of the candidate approved by the board be transmitted to the Legislative Assembly by the Speaker.

Mover please?

Mr. Dennis: — I so move.

The Chair: — Mr. Dennis. Secunder? Ms. Mowat.

And we've been forgetting to vote on all these motions, so is everyone in favour of all the motions?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

A Member: — Start again. We've got to go one by one.

The Chair: — Are you serious?

A Member: — No, I'm not serious.

The Chair: — We can. We don't want to be coming back again later. That's it? Is there any other business? Seeing none, this meeting is adjourned.

Motion to adjourn, please? Mr. Hindley. Do we need a seconder? All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Adjourned.

[The board adjourned at 09:17.]