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Ms. Doreen Eagles
Estevan

Mr. David Forbes
Saskatoon Centre

Hon. Jeremy Harrison
Meadow Lake

Hon. Nancy Heppner
Martensville

Mr. Warren McCall
Regina Elphinstone-Centre

[The board met at 08:48.]

The Chair: — Okay, I'll call this meeting to order at 8:48. You see before you the agenda with five items on it. Could I have someone move adoption of the agenda? Mr. Harrison. Seconded by Mr. McCall. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Okay, first item on the agenda is the tabling of a letter from the Minister of Finance that they will be bringing forward a supplementary estimate which is actually before the House now so that . . . I just wanted to table that letter.

The second item is discussion and decision on the national open competition by the Board of Internal Economy for the recruitment of an Information and Privacy Commissioner.

So I would like to propose a motion to be moved by some member, but we need two steering committee members for that committee, one from the government and one from the opposition. So I'm wondering if either side of the House has a recommendation or a volunteer that is prepared to put their name forward . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Yes.

Okay for the government member of the board, Mr. Jeremy Harrison, and for the opposition member of the board, Mr. David Forbes.

Okay I would ask that someone move the motion:

That a national open competition be conducted by the Board of Internal Economy for the recruitment of an Information and Privacy Commissioner.

A. That the board approve the request for \$25,000 for a national open competition; and

B. That a subcommittee of the board to be chaired by the Speaker and consisting of a government member of the board, Mr. Jeremy Harrison, and an opposition member of the board, Mr. David Forbes, be established as the selection panel for the competition; and

C. That the Legislative Assembly Service provide human resource assistance to the selection panel for the competition; and

D. That the subcommittee may identify a member of the public with subject matter expertise to provide assistance to the selection panel for the competition; and

E. That the recruitment process be concluded so that the Legislative Assembly is able to consider the appointment of an Information and Privacy Commissioner by May 14th, 2014.

Ms. Draude moves. Secunder? Mr. McCall. Any discussion? All in favour? Carried.

Item no. 3 is a discussion item to move in camera deliberations

related to the recruitment of the Ombudsman and the Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner. I would ask that someone move the following motion:

That the Board of Internal Economy meet in camera and that the director of human resources for the Legislative Assembly Service be included in the in camera deliberations to assist the board.

Ms. Eagles. Mr. Forbes. Any discussion? All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. This board now moves in camera. Thank you.

[The board continued in camera from 08:53 until 10:42.]

The Chair: — Okay, thank you very much. The committee shall resume its deliberations at 10:42 a.m. and we are back in session. Mr. Harrison I believe you have a motion.

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Sure. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I do have a motion. I move:

That pursuant to subsection 3(3) of *The Ombudsman Act, 2012* and pending compliance with the terms and conditions contained in the Speaker's letter of offer, Ms. Mary McFadyen be appointed Ombudsman for Saskatchewan effective April 1, 2014;

And further, that pursuant to section 27 of *The Public Interest Disclosure Act*, Ms. Mary McFadyen, the Ombudsman, be appointed Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner effective April 1, 2014;

And further, that the Board of Internal Economy recommend to the Legislative Assembly that Ms. Mary McFadyen be appointed Ombudsman and Public Interest Disclosure Commissioner.

I so move.

The Chair: — Secunder? Mr. Forbes. Any discussion? All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried.

So thank you very much. I know that this has been a lot of work, especially for the steering committee. And I certainly appreciate all the time and effort that the steering committee has put in and that the committee has put in in these deliberations, and look forward to moving this to the Assembly and hopefully to the Assembly's acceptance.

Could I have someone move adjournment of this meeting? Ms. Heppner.

Mr. McCall: — I second it.

The Chair: — Seconder, Mr. McCall. All in favour? This meeting is adjourned as of 10:43.

[The board adjourned at 10:43.]