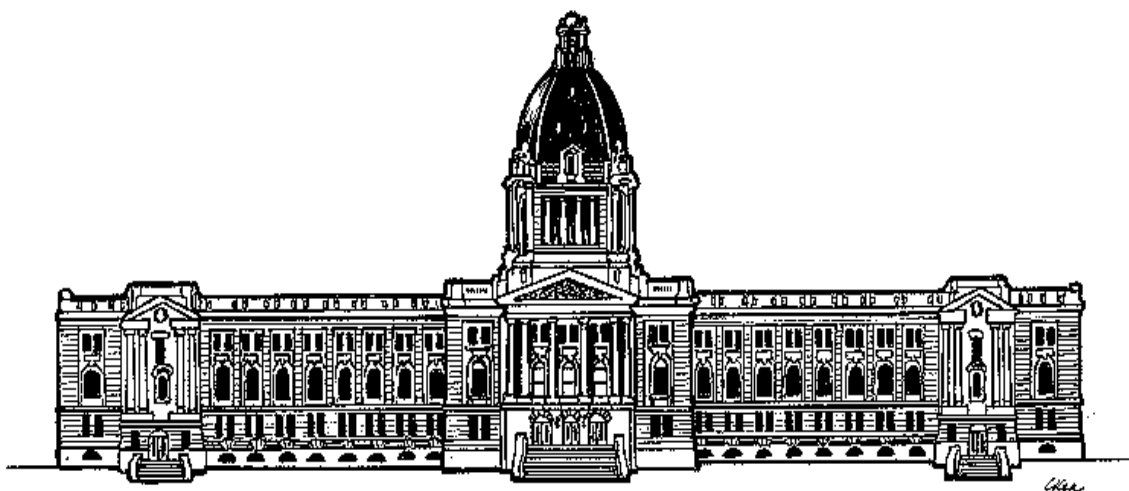




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[The board met at 07:54.]

The Chair: — I believe we are ready. We may as well start this meeting a few minutes early. I'd like to call this meeting to order of the Board of Internal Economy, meeting 5/15 at 7:54 a.m.

The first item on the agenda is the approval of the agenda. You will see that in your package. Could we have someone move the approval of the agenda as presented?

Mr. McCall: — I so move.

The Chair: — Mr. McCall. Seconder? Mr. Harrison. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. I should let everyone know who is here this morning. On behalf of the government is the Hon. Jeremy Harrison; the Hon. Jim Reiter; MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly] Doreen Eagles; and on the phone, the Hon. Ken Cheveldayoff. For the opposition is MLA Warren McCall and MLA David Forbes. Thank you everyone for coming this morning.

The next item on the agenda is the approval of the minutes from the meetings 3/15 and 4/15. These minutes are in your binders. Any questions related to the minutes? If not, would someone move that both sets of minutes be adopted as presented? Mr. Forbes. Seconder? Ms. Eagles. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. The first item for discussion and decision is a request for supplementary funding for the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In discussing this with Mr. Kruzeniski, he has requested that we go in camera. Would someone move that we move in camera for this discussion? Mr. Harrison, seconded by Mr. McCall. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. This committee now moves in camera.

[The board continued in camera from 07:57 until 09:13.]

The Chair: — This session reconvenes the meeting of the Board of Internal Economy. We were discussing item no. 5, decision item, approval of the members' dissolution guidelines, 2015-2016 manual.

Following the presentation by the Clerk's office, we have some motions to present to the meeting for approval. Would someone move the following motion:

That the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan dissolution guidelines 2015-16 be amended as follows:

At page 19 and 20, members not seeking re-election, pay in lieu of notice of termination be amended by omitting all of the words after resignation and inserting:

"Previous receipt of a pay in lieu of notice payment as a constituency assistant.

A pay in lieu of notice payment was issued to constituency assistants at the dissolution of the previous legislature, October 2011. Therefore four weeks pay in lieu of notice of termination is the maximum amount that will be provided to constituency assistants.

Payments are funded through directive #6.4, constituency assistant benefits. The payroll and benefits unit of the Legislative Assembly Service will process the pay in lieu of notice payment of termination for eligible constituency assistants.

In those instances where a constituency assistant is employed by multiple members, and one of the members is not standing for election, the constituency assistant shall not be eligible to receive transition allowance or pay in lieu of notice of termination. The constituency assistant may receive pay in lieu of notice of layoff based on the ongoing employment relationship with the MLA(s), employer(s)."

Would someone move that motion? Mr. Harrison. Seconder? Mr. McCall. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Okay, a second motion. Someone would move:

That the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan dissolution guidelines 2015-16 be amended as follows:

At page 58, post-election non-returning members, pay in lieu of notice of termination be amended by omitting all the words after resignation and inserting:

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Would someone move that? Mr. Forbes. Seconder? Ms. Eagles. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Okay. The third motion:

That the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan dissolution guidelines 2015-16 be amended as follows:

At page 15, members not seeking re-election insert the following new clause under expenses after advertising and promotional expenses:

“Refund of prepaid expenses — members shall return any refunds issued to them due to the cancellation of a prepaid insurance policy.”

Would someone move that motion, please?

Mr. McCall: — I so move.

The Chair: — Mr. McCall. Seconder? Mr. Harrison. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Okay, another motion. If someone would move:

That the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan dissolution guidelines 2015-16 be amended as follows:

At page 54, post-election non-returning members, insert the following new clause under expenses after MLA travel and living expenses:

“Refund for prepaid expenses — members shall return any refunds issued to them due to the cancellation of a prepaid insurance policy.”

Someone move that motion please. Mr. Harrison. Seconder? Mr. McCall. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Okay, the final motion related to this item:

That the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan dissolution guidelines 2015-16 be adopted as amended.

Will someone move that motion please? Ms. Eagles. Seconder? Mr. McCall. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Thank you. Item no. 6, date for the budget meeting, 2016. Our proposed meeting date is Tuesday January 26th, 2016, so if you can include that in your calendars, please.

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Is that the date for the presentations?

The Chair: — Yes.

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Is there any chance we could do those before Christmas?

The Chair: — I think that would be extremely unlikely because people are just preparing their budgets.

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Yes. All right, January 26th.

An Hon. Member: — Does this meeting take place in Regina?

The Chair: — It does not take place in Hawaii or some other warm, exotic locale. We could do it in . . . I think we have to do it seat of power, do we not, for Board of Internal Economy? We could do it in Saskatoon or P.A. [Prince Albert] perhaps. Okay, so please include that in your . . . I guess, do we need a motion for that? We don't believe so. This is just a notification . . . [inaudible interjection] . . . Yes, the 26th. And there is no other business that I know of, so that being the case, would someone move . . . Ah, the Clerk has other business.

Mr. Putz: — It's not other business, but as was mentioned at the in camera portion, that Dawn Court is leaving us at the end of this month. So I just want to put on the record a thank you to Dawn for all the good work she's done for the Legislative Assembly Service since she joined us in 2012. She is instrumental in a lot of reform, reorganization for not only the LAS [Legislative Assembly Service] but involved in our directive review. So I just want to put on the record, thank you, Dawn, and wish her well with her new appointment with the Ministry of Education.

The Chair: — I would also like to echo those comments. Thank you, Dawn, for your hard work on our behalf. It was much appreciated, and that you did add a lot to the board directives and how quickly we accomplished what we needed to do. So thank you.

And last but not least, I would like to welcome the Hon. Jim Reiter to the Board of Internal Economy. I believe this is the first time you've had the opportunity to participate as a member, so welcome. I'll give you the option then of moving the last motion. Would someone move that this meeting now adjourn? Mr. Reiter has moved that the meeting do adjourn. Is it the pleasure of the committee to adopt the motion?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. This meeting stands adjourned to the call of the Chair.

[The board adjourned at 09:24.]