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Mr. Warren McCall Regina Elphinstone-Centre

> Hon. Jim Reiter Rosetown-Elrose

Mr. Randy Weekes Biggar-Sask Valley [The board met at 08:16.]

**The Chair:** — Okay, I'd like to call this meeting to order of the Board of Internal Economy meeting number three in 2016. I apologize for my voice, which is not doing well today.

With us we have the Hon. Jeremy Harrison, the Hon. Jim Reiter, MLA [Member of the Legislative Assembly] Warren McCall, and new to our meeting . . . And you know, we talked about that paper disappearing. There it is. We have a message from the Lieutenant Governor that MLA Doreen Eagles is no longer on the board and has been replaced by Mr. Randy Weekes, MLA.

Okay. First item is the approval of the agenda as proposed. I recognize Mr. Harrison.

**Hon. Mr. Harrison:** — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Been some discussion between the parties. I think that item no. 4, which is a decision item with regard to amendments to directive 4.1, we would like to have some time to consult with our caucuses on that matter. And I would move that we strike item no. 4 from the proposed agenda and approve the agenda as revised.

**The Chair**: — Seconder to that, please? Mr. Reiter. All in favour?

**Some Hon. Members**: — Agreed.

**The Chair**: — Carried. The agenda is approved as revised. Okay. Minutes of the meeting number two, 2016, are in your package. Would someone move approval of those minutes if there are no questions? Mr. Weekes. Seconder? Mr. McCall. All in favour?

**Some Hon. Members**: — Agreed.

**The Chair**: — Carried. Item no 1, tabling a decision item, approval of Elections Saskatchewan's quarterly fiscal forecast for the period January 1, 2016 to March 31st, 2016. Are there any questions related to that? If not, would someone move approval? Mr. McCall, seconded by Mr. Harrison. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**The Chair**: — Carried. Item no. 2. I would like to table the Legislative Assembly Services of Saskatchewan's financial and human resource policy manual. You could read this at your leisure and there'll be a test on it at the next meeting.

Item no. 3, decision item, special warrant for the legislative branch of government. Mr. Harrison.

**Hon. Mr. Harrison**: — Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would move that . . . and just by way of introduction for any of those who are reading this in *Hansard*, what these motions are going to be doing is extending a special warrant funding to the level of three-twelfths of the year for the independent officers in order that they are able to continue operating . . .

**The Chair**: — And the LAS [Legislative Assembly Services].

**Hon. Mr. Harrison:** — And the LAS. And the reason being is obviously because of the election date being what it is and our ability to pass a budget which would be able to fund this. So that's the reason for this.

The motion that, first I would read:

That funding in the amount of 600,000 be approved for vote 021, Legislative Assembly, for the 2016-17 fiscal year, and that the said amount be transmitted by the Chair to the Minister of Finance for approval as a special warrant as soon as is practicable.

I so move.

**The Chair:** — You have heard the motion. Will you take the motion as read so you don't have to listen to my voice?

**Some Hon. Members**: — Agreed.

**The Chair**: — All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**The Chair**: — Oh, I guess I need a seconder for that. A seconder? Mr. Reiter. All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Mr. Harrison.

Hon. Mr. Harrison: — Mr. Reiter.

The Chair: — Oh, Mr. Reiter.

**Hon. Mr. Reiter**: — I move:

That funding in the amount of \$194,000 be approved for vote 076, Advocate for Children and Youth office, for the 2016-17 fiscal year, and that the said amount be transmitted by the Chair to the Minister of Finance for approval as a special warrant as soon as is practicable.

**The Chair:** — Seconder to that motion? Mr. McCall. Will you take the motion as read?

Some Hon. Members: — As read.

The Chair: — All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Mr. Weekes.

**Mr. Weekes**: — I move:

That funding in the amount of \$90,000 be approved for vote 055, Information and Privacy Commissioner, for the 2016-17 fiscal year, and that the said amount be transmitted by the Chair to the Minister of Finance for approval as a special warrant as soon as it is practical.

Seconder to that motion, please? Mr. Harrison. Will you take [The board adjourned at 08:25.] the motion as read?

Some Hon, Members: — As read.

The Chair: — All in favour?

**Some Hon. Members**: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. Mr. Harrison.

**Hon. Mr. Harrison**: — I would move:

That funding in the amount of \$50,000 be approved for vote 057, Conflict of Interest Commissioner and Registrar of Lobbyists, for the 2016-17 fiscal year, and that the said amount be transmitted by the Chair to the Minister of Finance for approval as a special warrant as soon as is practicable.

**The Chair:** — Seconder to that motion please? Mr. Weekes. Will you take the motion as read?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**The Chair**: — All in favour?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. That's all of them?

**An Hon. Member**: — No, one more.

The Chair: — One more. Mr. Reiter.

**Hon. Mr. Reiter**: — I'd move:

That funding in the amount of \$200,000 be approved for vote 56, the Ombudsman, for the 2016-17 fiscal year, and that the said amount be transmitted by the Chair to the Minister of Finance for approval as a special warrant as soon as is practicable.

The Chair: — Seconder to that motion please? Mr. Weekes. Will you take the motion as read?

Some Hon. Members: — Agreed.

**The Chair**: — All in favour?

**Some Hon. Members**: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. There being no other business, would someone move that we adjourn?

**Hon. Mr. Harrison**: — I so move.

**The Chair**: — Mr. Harrison. All in favour?

**Some Hon. Members**: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Carried. This meeting stands adjourned at 8:25

a.m.