

MINUTES OF MEETING #3/10 BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY

**Room 8
July 27, 2010
10:30 a.m.**

Present: **Members of the Board of Internal Economy**

Hon. Don Toth, Speaker, Chair
Hon. Don Morgan
Mr. Dan D'Autremont
Ms. Doreen Eagles
Mr. Kevin Yates
Mr. Len Taylor

Absent: Hon. Jeremy Harrison

Staff

Ms. Irene Bauer, Secretary to the Board

Legislative Assembly Service

Mr. Gregory Putz, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
Ms. Linda Kaminski, Director, Human Resource and Payroll Service
Ms. Ginette Michaluk, Assistant Director, Human Resource and Payroll Service
Mr. Kenneth Ring, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel
Ms. Darlene Trenholm, Hansard

AGENDA Moved by Mr. Morgan, Seconded by Mr. Yates, that the proposed agenda be adopted. The question being put, it was agreed to unanimously.
Carried. **Minute #1750**

MINUTES Moved by Ms. Eagles, Seconded by Mr. Yates, ordered that the Minutes of the Meeting #02/10 be adopted. The question being put it was agreed to unanimously. Carried. **Minute #1751**

ITEM 1 **Decision Item: Approval of Legislative Assembly Service Fourth Quarterly Financial and Fiscal Forecast Report.**

The Chair tabled the report.

Moved by Mr. Yates, Seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

That the fourth Quarter Expenditure Report for fiscal year 2009-10 be approved. The question being put, it was agreed to unanimously. Carried.

Minute #1752

ITEM 2 Decision Item: Approval of the Legislative Assembly Service Year End Report on Progress Actions 2009-2010

The Chair tabled the report.

Moved by Ms. Eagles, Seconded by Mr. Taylor:

That the Actions (*2009-10 Year-End Report on Progress, for the Year Ended March 31, 2010*) be approved.

The question being put, it was agreed to unanimously. Carried.

Minute #1753

ITEM 3 Discussion Item: Audit Letter Response

The Chair presented a proposed letter of response to the Acting Provincial Auditor regarding his two recommendations made in the audit observation in the Memorandum of Audit Observation for year ended March 31, 2009 and tabled with the Board of Internal Economy on February 8, 2010. It was approved unanimously.

ITEM 4 Decision Item: On line access to Members' Disclosure Reports (Constituency Office and Conflict of Interest) and Caucus Disclosure Reports and on line access to Board of Internal Economy minutes and verbatim reports of the meetings

Moved by Mr. Yates, Seconded by Mr. D'Autremont:

That the following documents be converted to an electronic format and be available for public viewing on the Legislative Assembly of the Saskatchewan Website:

- 1) The annual Members' Accountability and Disclosure Reports as required by Directive #22-*Members' Accountability and Disclosure*;
- 2) The annual and end-of-term audited financial statements for each caucus office including the auditor's reports on the financial statements, the system of internal control and the caucus office's compliance with the Directives as required by Directive #23-*Caucus Accountability and Disclosure*;

3) The Annual Members' Public Disclosure Statements as required by *the Members' Conflict of Interest Act*;

4) The minutes and verbatim reports of the meetings of the Board of Internal Economy. The question being put, it was agreed to. Carried.

Minute #1754

ITEM 5 Decision Item: 2010-2011 Special Warrant Requests-Independent Officers

Moved by Mr. Morgan, Seconded by Mr. Taylor:

That, for the 2010-11 fiscal year, special warrant funding be approved as follows:

- 1) For Vote 055- Information and Privacy Commissioner- \$50,000;
- 2) For Vote 056- Ombudsman- \$73,000;
- 3) For Vote 057- Conflict of Interest Commissioner- \$100,000;
- 4) For Vote 058- Children's Advocate- \$76,000.

A debate arising, the question being put, it was agreed to. Carried.

Minute # 1755

ITEM 6 Decision Item: Request to cancel Card Access Lock System Project to re-allocate funds to the Legislative Assembly's operational requirements

Moved by Mr. D'Autremont. Seconded by Ms. Eagles:

That, for fiscal year 2010-11, and further to Minute #1739 of Meeting 1/10, that under the Refurbishment and Asset Replacement Fund, approval for the purchase and installation of the card access lock system in the amount of \$167,500 be rescinded;

And further, that \$167,500 be reallocated from the Refurbishment and Asset Replacement Fund to:

- (i) Central Management and Services (LG01);
- (ii) Office of the Speaker and Board of Internal Economy (LG07);
- (iii) Legislative Assembly Services (LG03)
- (iv) Committees of the Legislative Assembly (LG04);
Committee Support Services;

As required, to fund operating expenses of Vote 021 – Legislative Assembly.

A debate arising, the question being put, it was agreed to. Carried.

Minute #1756

In Camera – Taylor not necessary, Morgan agreed

ITEM 7

Decision Item: Consideration of the Recruitment Process and time frames for the Children’s Advocate

Moved by Mr. Morgan. Seconded by Mr. D’Autremont:

That, a national open competition be conducted by the Board of Internal Economy for the recruitment of a Children’s Advocate as follows:

- That a sub-committee of the 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 for the competition;
- That, the Legislative Assembly Service provide Human Resource assistance to the selection panel for the competition;
- That, the recruitment process for the position be concluded so that the Legislative Assembly is able to consider the appointment of the Children’s Advocate as early as is practical during the 2010 fall session of the Legislative Assembly.

A debate arising, the question being put, it was agreed to. Carried.

Minute #1757

ITEM 8

Decision Item: Appointment of Acting Children’s Advocate

Moved by Mr. Yates. Seconded by Mr. Morgan:

That the Board recommend that the Lieutenant Governor in Council appoint Kevin Fenwick, Ombudsman as Acting Children’s Advocate for the period September 6, 2010 to October 31, 2010 pursuant to Section 12.21 (2) of *The Ombudsman and Children’s Advocate Act* without remuneration.

The question being put, it was agreed to unanimously. Carried.

Minute #1758

Moved by Mr. Morgan, Seconded by Mr. Yates:

That the meeting adjourn. Board adjourned at 11:25 a.m.