

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON CROWN AND CENTRAL
AGENCIES**

Monday, May 8, 2023

MINUTE NO. 27

3:30 p.m. — Legislative Chamber

1. **Present:** Fred Bradshaw in the chair and members Steven Bonk, Ken Cheveldayoff, Greg Lawrence, Tim McLeod, Doug Steele, and Trent Wotherspoon.*

Substituting Members

Trent Wotherspoon for Doyle Vermette

2. The committee considered the estimates and supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Finance.

The Minister of Finance and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Donna Harpauer, Minister

Max Hendricks, Deputy Minister

Chris Bayda, Provincial Comptroller

Brent Hebert, Assistant Deputy Minister, Treasury Board

Karen Lautsch, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services and Office of Planning, Performance and Improvement

Nancy Perras, Assistant Deputy Minister, Revenue

Jeremy Phillips, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Employees Benefits Agency

Rod Balkwill, Executive Director, Treasury Management and General Manager, Municipal Financing Corporation of Saskatchewan

Melanie DeMarni, Executive Director, Corporate Services

Scott Giroux, Executive Director, Taxation and Intergovernmental Affairs

Jeremy Karwandy, Executive Director, Economic and Fiscal Planning

3. The committee adjourned consideration of the estimates and supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Finance.
4. The committee recessed from 5:33 p.m. until 5:47 p.m.
5. The committee considered Bill No. 94, *The Public Pension and Benefits Administration Corporation Act*.

The Minister of Finance and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Donna Harpauer, Minister

Max Hendricks, Deputy Minister

Karen Lautsch, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services and Office of Planning, Performance and Improvement

Jeremy Phillips, Assistant Deputy Minister, Public Employees Benefits Agency

6. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 4, they were agreed to.
7. During consideration of clause 5, it was moved by Mr. McLeod:

Amend clause (2)(a) of Clause 5 of the printed Bill by striking out “member”.

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 5 as amended, it was agreed to.

8. The questions being put on clauses 6 to 8, they were agreed to.
9. During consideration of clause 9, it was moved by Mr. McLeod:

Amend Clause 9 of the printed Bill in clause (a) by striking out “by” after “set out in the”.

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 9 as amended, it was agreed to.

10. The questions being put on clauses 10 to 15, they were agreed to.
11. During consideration of clause 16, it was moved by Mr. McLeod:

Amend Clause 16 of the printed Bill by striking out clause (a) and substituting the following:

“(a) invest any part of the capital or operating moneys of the corporation in any security or class of securities authorized by *The Financial Administration Act, 1993* respecting the investment of moneys held in the general revenue fund”.

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 16 as amended, it was agreed to.

12. The questions being put on clauses 17 to 22, they were agreed to.
13. During consideration of clause 23, it was moved by Mr. McLeod:

Amend clause 64(2)(d) of *The Financial Administration Act, 1993*, as being enacted by Clause 5 of the printed Bill, by striking out “prescribe” and substituting “designate”.

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on clause 23 as amended, it was agreed to.

14. It was moved by Mr. McLeod:

Add the following Clause after Clause 7 of the printed Bill:

“Board

8(1) A board of directors, consisting of those persons who are appointed pursuant to subsection (2), shall manage the affairs and business of the corporation.

(2) The board is to consist of not less than 7 and not more than 12 directors appointed by the members.

(3) The Deputy Minister of Finance, or an employee of that ministry designated by that Deputy Minister, is a non-voting member of the board by virtue of that office.

(4) For the purposes of subsection (2), the bylaws may provide for the appointment of directors to terms that ensure that the terms of all of the directors do not expire at the same time.

(5) Subject to subsections (4) and (6), a person appointed as a director pursuant to subsection (2):

- (a) holds office for a period not exceeding 4 years;
- (b) is eligible for reappointment; and
- (c) may not serve for more than 3 consecutive terms.

(6) If a member of the board appointed pursuant to subsection (2) dies, resigns, or is removed from office in accordance with the bylaws, that person ceases to be a member on the date of death or removal from office, or on the date on which the resignation was received by the board, as the case may be.

(7) If the office of a person appointed pursuant to subsection (2) becomes vacant, the remaining appointed directors may, having regard to the requirements of this section, appoint a person for a period that expires on the earlier of:

- (a) the expiry of the term of the person who vacated the office; and
- (b) the appointment by the members of a director to replace the person who vacated the office.

(8) A vacancy in the membership of the board does not impair the power of the remaining members of the board to act.

(9) A person who is a member of a governing body of a member is not eligible to be a member of the board.

(10) Subject to the bylaws, the quorum of the board is a majority of the appointed members of the board then in office”.

The question being put on new clause 8, it was agreed to.

15. It was moved by Mr. Lawrence:

That the committee report Bill No. 94, *The Public Pension and Benefits Administration Corporation Act* with amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

16. The committee considered Bill No. 122, *The Saskatchewan Revenue Agency Act*.

The Minister of Finance and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Donna Harpauer, Minister
Max Hendricks, Deputy Minister

17. The questions being put on clauses 1-1 to 7-1, they were agreed to.

18. It was moved by Mr. Steele:

That the committee report Bill No. 122, *The Saskatchewan Revenue Agency Act* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

19. The committee considered Bill No. 133, *The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2023*.

The Minister of Finance and the following officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Hon. Donna Harpauer, Minister
Max Hendricks, Deputy Minister

20. The questions being put on clauses 1 to 5, they were agreed to.

21. It was moved by Mr. McLeod:

That the committee report Bill No. 133, *The Income Tax Amendment Act, 2023* without amendment.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

22. It was moved by Mr. Bonk:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

23. The committee adjourned at 7:09 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Anne Drake
Committee Clerk

Fred Bradshaw
Chair