

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HOUSE SERVICES
Monday, June 17, 2024

MINUTE NO. 14

10:59 a.m. — māmawapiwin náyati room (Room 8)

1. **Present:** Mr. Speaker in the chair and members Meara Conway,* Darryl Harrison,* Lisa Lambert, Hon. Paul Merriman,* Vicki Mowat, Hon. Jim Reiter,* and Nicole Sarauer.

Substituting Members

Meara Conway for Matt Love

Darryl Harrison for Greg Ottenbreit

Hon. Paul Merriman for Hon. Jeremy Harrison

Hon. Jim Reiter for Hon. Lori Carr

2. The committee considered changes to membership on standing committees pursuant to rule 139(4)(a).

3. It was moved by Hon. Mr. Merriman:

That the name of the Hon. Paul Merriman be substituted for the name of the Hon. Jeremy Harrison on the Standing Committee on House Services.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

4. It was moved by Hon. Mr. Merriman:

That the name of the Hon. Paul Merriman be substituted for the name of the Hon. Jeremy Harrison on the Standing Committee on Private Bills.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

5. It was moved by Hon. Mr. Merriman:

That the name of the Hon. Paul Merriman be substituted for the name of the Hon. Jeremy Harrison on the Standing Committee on Privileges.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

6. It was moved by Hon. Mr. Merriman:

That a steering committee be appointed to establish an agenda and priority of business for subsequent meetings and that the membership be comprised of Mr. Speaker, Hon. Paul Merriman and Nicole Sarauer; and further,

That the steering committee shall meet from time to time as directed by the committee or at the call of the Chair, that the presence of a majority of the members of the steering committee is necessary to constitute a meeting, and that substitutions from the membership of the Standing Committee on House Services be permitted on the steering committee.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

7. It was moved by Hon. Mr. Merriman:

That the sixteenth report of the Standing Committee on House Services be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

8. The Speaker recused himself and the Deputy Chair Ms. Sarauer took the Chair.

9. The committee considered correspondence dated June 11, 2024 from committee member Ms. Vicki Mowat.

10. It was moved by Ms. Mowat:

That the committee orders, pursuant to Rule 132(1), that the following witnesses appear at a future meeting of the committee to answer questions related to the allegations made by the Speaker on May 16, 2024:

- (a) Scott Moe, Premier of Saskatchewan;
- (b) Jeremy Harrison, Minister of Trade and Export Development;
- (c) Lori Carr, Government House Leader; and
- (d) Reg Downs, Senior Advisor to the Premier.

A debate arising, it was moved by Hon. Mr. Merriman in amendment thereto:

That all words following “committee” be deleted and the following be added:

notes in 2017, government and opposition members worked together to develop and pass the Legislative Assembly anti-harassment policy.

That the policy spells out a clear process for reporting and resolving allegations of harassment. It includes an investigation process and a provision to engage an independent outside investigator if necessary.

That this process is designed to be fair and impartial, respecting the rights of both the complainant and the respondent. This is the process that should be followed should any member of the Legislative Assembly wish to make a harassment complaint.

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

The question being put on the motion as amended, it was agreed to.

11. It was moved by Ms. Mowat:

That the committee appoint an independent investigator to carry out an investigation into all the allegations made by the Speaker on May 16, 2024.

The question being put, it was defeated:

12. It was moved by Ms. Mowat:

That the committee appoint an independent investigator to carry out an investigation into the allegation made by the Speaker on May 16th, 2024 that the member from Meadow Lake brought a long gun into the Legislative Building.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was defeated:

13. It was moved by Ms. Lambert:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

14. The committee adjourned at 11:24 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

Rob Park
Committee Clerk

Nicole Sarauer
Deputy Chair