

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Tuesday, April 16, 2024

MINUTE NO. 36
3:30 p.m. — Legislative Chamber

1. **Present:** Alana Ross in the chair and members Jennifer Bowes,* Meara Conway, Terry Dennis,* Muhammad Fiaz, Marv Friesen, Warren Kaeding, Travis Keisig,* and Hugh Nerlien.

Substituting Members

Jennifer Bowes for Jared Clarke

Terry Dennis for Muhammad Fiaz (3:30 p.m. – 4:42 p.m.)

Travis Keisig for Hugh Nerlien (3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

2. The committee considered the estimates for the Ministry of Advanced Education.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Gordon Wyant, Minister

Rebecca Carter, Deputy Minister

David Boehm, Assistant Deputy Minister

Mark Wyatt, Assistant Deputy Minister

Jon Altwasser, Executive Director, Corporate Finance

Mike Pestill, Executive Director, Sector Management and Relations

Duane Rieger, Executive Director, Business Systems and Information

Lindell Veitch, Executive Director, Strategy, Planning and Sector Engagement

Kirk Wosminity, Executive Director, Student and Support Services

Shirley Zhou, Director, International Education and Jurisdictional Initiatives Management

3. The committee recessed from 5:16 p.m. until 5:22 p.m.
4. The committee resumed consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Advanced Education.
5. The committee adjourned consideration of the estimates for the Ministry of Advanced Education.
6. The committee recessed from 6:06 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.
7. The committee considered the estimates and supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Social Services.

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

Witnesses

Hon. Gene Makowsky, Minister

Kimberly Kratzig, Deputy Minister

Tobie Eberhardt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Child and Family Programs

Devon Exner, Assistant Deputy Minister, Income Assistance Programs

Grant Hilsenteger, Assistant Deputy Minister, Finance and Corporate Services

Joel Kilbride, Assistant Deputy Minister, Disability Programs

Louise Michaud, Assistant Deputy Minister, Housing Programs

Sean Burnett, Executive Director, Program and Service Design
Erin Kiefer, Executive Director, Finance
Roger Parenteau, Executive Director, Housing Operations
Kari Paton, Executive Director, Service Delivery
Jeff Redekop, Executive Director, Service Delivery
Julene Restall, Executive Director, Program and Service Design
Sterling Snider, Executive Director, Program and Service Design
Mitch Tremblay, Executive Director, Community Services
Michelle Houston, Director, Community and Client Services
Cheryl Fieger, Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister

8. The committee adjourned consideration of the estimates and supplementary estimates no. 2 for the Ministry of Social Services.
9. It was moved by Mr. Friesen:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.
10. The committee adjourned at 9:05 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

Anne Drake
Committee Clerk

Alana Ross
Chair