

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**  
**Wednesday, May 12, 2021**

**MINUTE NO. 5**

**11:15 a.m. — māmawapiwin náyati room (Room 8)**

1. **Present:** Trent Wotherspoon in the chair and members Marv Friesen, Todd Goudy, Delbert Kirsch, Vicki Mowat,\* Hugh Nerlien, Dana Skoropad, and Colleen Young.

**Substituting Members**

Vicki Mowat for Aleana Young

2. The following documents were tabled:

Saskatchewan Liquor and Gaming Authority: Responses to questions asked at the February 8, 2021 meeting (PAC 25-29)

Ministry of Education: Report of losses, December 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021 (PAC 26-29)

Ministry of Advanced Education: Report of public losses, January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021 (PAC 27-29)

Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan: Fourth quarter financial forecast for the year ending March 31, 2021 (PAC 28-29)

Ministry of Finance: Report of public losses, January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021 (PAC 29-29)

Ministry of Health: Report of public losses, January 1, 2021 to March 31, 2021 (PAC 30-29)

3. The committee considered nominees to recommend for appointment to the audit committee pursuant to section 20 of *The Provincial Auditor Act*.

4. It was moved by Ms. Young:

That the committee do now meet in camera.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

5. The committee met in camera from 11:17 a.m. until 11:42 a.m.

6. It was moved by Ms. Young:

That the Chair consult with the Standing Committee on Crown and Central Agencies prior to forwarding the audit committee member recommendations to the Speaker.

The question being put, it was agreed to *nemine contradicente*.

7. The committee considered the Provincial Auditor selection process.

8. It was moved by Ms. Young:

That the Standing Committee on Public Accounts records its respectful appreciation for the 40 years of distinguished and dedicated service given by Judy Ferguson to the province of Saskatchewan in her career with the Office of the Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan, including nearly two years' service as interim auditor and six years' service as Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan.

The question being put, it was agreed to *nemine contradicente*.

9. The committee considered the steering committee's first report.

10. It was moved by Ms. Young:

That the first report of the steering committee be adopted; and

That the steering committee be authorized to make decisions on process and procedure relating to the selection of a Provincial Auditor; and further

That if a non-committee member is unable to participate in the process, the steering committee shall be authorized to select another Legislative Assembly Service employee or subject matter specialist.

The question being put, it was agreed to *nemine contradicente*.

11. The following document was tabled:

Standing Committee on Public Accounts steering committee: First report, dated May 12, 2021  
(PAC 31-29)

12. It was moved by Ms. Young:

That Tara Clemett be appointed as the acting Provincial Auditor of Saskatchewan, effective July 1, 2021.

The question being put, it was agreed to *nemine contradicente*.

13. It was moved by Mr. Nerlien:

That this committee do now adjourn.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

14. The committee adjourned at 11:52 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Rob Park  
Committee Clerk

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Trent Wotherspoon  
Chair