

Title: Tuesday, February 21, 2006 Legislative Offices Committee

Date: 06/02/21

Time: 12:04 p.m.

[Mrs. Tarchuk in the chair]

The Chair: Good afternoon, everyone. I'd like to call this meeting to order. If we could go around the table and introduce ourselves for the record, that would be great. Maybe we'll start with Laurie.

[The following members introduced themselves: Ms Blakeman, Mr. Ducharme, Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Lougheed, Mr. Magnus, Mr. Marz, Dr. Pannu, Mr. Rodney, Mr. Strang, and Mrs. Tarchuk]

Mrs. Sawchuk: Karen Sawchuk, committee clerk.

Mrs. Scarlett: Cheryl Scarlett, human resources and IT, Leg. Assembly.

The Chair: Great. Thank you very much. The meeting packages were delivered to all of your offices on Thursday, February 10. I wonder if someone could move that the agenda be adopted as circulated.

Mr. Strang: So moved.

The Chair: Any discussion? Any comments? All those in favour? Okay. That motion is carried.

I understand that the minutes from our last meeting went out this morning. If you've had an opportunity to look at them, can someone move that we adopt the minutes as distributed? Richard. Any questions, discussion? All those in favour? Okay. That motion is carried.

If you go to tab 4 in your packages, there's a copy of a memo from Karen Sawchuk to myself that explains that a correction was needed for the Auditor General's budget estimates after our last meeting. I guess the bottom line is that the committee decision was to provide an increase of 5 per cent over the 2005-06 budget, and our calculations that we did at that meeting were based on the wrong line item. Actually, before I forget, I should thank Liz Sim, managing editor of *Hansard*, for working with the committee clerk to ensure that the record accurately reflected our decision by the time that our figures had to go forward to Finance.

Are there any questions about the correction before I make a suggestion for what the motion looks like? Okay. I wonder if someone could move that

the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices approve the 2006-07 budget estimates for the office of the Auditor General in the amount of \$19,045,950 in keeping with the explanation set out in the footnote on page LO-75 of the *Hansard* transcript for the December 13, 2005, standing committee meeting.

Thank you. That is moved by Dave. Any discussions, questions, comments? All those in favour? That motion is carried.

Under tab 5 in your binders we have a letter from Glen Resler, office of the Chief Electoral Officer, requesting acting pay for Bill Sage, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer. The committee has traditionally gone in camera to discuss compensation issues, and I wonder if someone would be willing to move that we do go in camera. Richard. Any discussion? All in favour? That motion is carried.

[The committee met in camera from 12:08 p.m. to 12:28 p.m.]

The Chair: Okay. We're back on the record.

Mr. Ducharme: Madam Chair, I move that the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices approve the payment of a salary equal to the salary on record for the position of Chief Electoral Officer to Mr. William Sage, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, retroactive to November 23, 2005, and to continue until such time as a Chief Electoral Officer has been appointed.

The Chair: Any discussion? All those in favour? That motion is carried.

Laurie.

Ms Blakeman: Thank you. If I can just get the opposition noted, please.

The Chair: Okay. That is noted.

Ms Blakeman: Thank you.

The Chair: Our next item is to deal with the request for proposal for the compensation review. I wonder if someone would like to move that we go in camera to discuss the submitted proposals. Doug. All those in favour? That motion is carried.

[The committee met in camera from 12:29 p.m. to 1:13 p.m.]

The Chair: Okay. Item 7 in your binders. We will be doing a joint report for the COGEL conference in Boston, that took place in December. Hopefully, that will be done in the next week, and we'll send out a copy to each of the committee members.

Do we have any other business?

Our next meeting will be at the call of the chair.

I wonder if we can have a motion to adjourn. Richard. All those in favour? Motion carried.

[The committee adjourned at 1:14 p.m.]

