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Mrs. Sawchuk: Karen Sawchuk, committee clerk.

[Mr. Prins in the chair]

**The Chair:** Good evening, everyone. I'd like to start this meeting. I was waiting for Rachel to get here and sit down, but as soon as I waited for her, everybody else left. I think we'll call our meeting to order.

I trust that everyone has had the meeting agenda with them for some time and quite a bit of information and additional materials, materials which were both posted on the website and delivered to members. I think that if everyone has had all the information, we're ready to start the meeting.

I'd like to just ask all members to introduce themselves for the record, and then we'll go on. My name is Ray Prins, MLA for Lacombe-Ponoka.

**Mr. Campbell:** Robin Campbell, MLA for West Yellowhead.

**Mr. Lund:** Ty Lund, Rocky Mountain House.

**Mr. McFarland:** Barry McFarland, Little Bow.

**Mr. Marz:** Richard Marz, Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills.

**Mr. Webber:** Len Webber, Calgary-Foothills.

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**Mr. Horne:** Fred Horne, Edmonton-Rutherford.

**Mr. MacDonald:** Hugh MacDonald, Edmonton-Gold Bar.

**Ms Blakeman:** Laurie Blakeman, and I'd like to welcome you all to my fabulous constituency of Edmonton-Centre.

**Ms Notley:** Rachel Notley, Edmonton-Strathcona.

**Mr. Mitzel:** Len Mitzel, Cypress-Medicine Hat.

**The Chair:** Thank you very much. I think that first we'll move the agenda. Do we have a motion to adopt the agenda? Okay. Robin. Thank you. All agreed? That's carried. Thank you.

We have minutes of the past meeting. It was Monday, May 12, 2008. I would ask for a motion to adopt those minutes. Okay. Ty. All agreed? That's carried. Thank you.

Then we'll move on to number 4 on our agenda, and that is the annual salary review of the officers of the Legislature. All members have received a number of briefing documents for today's meeting. I'd just like to note that the materials received for items 4(a) through (d) comprise the historical information, and (e) is the current information compiled for the committee by our research staff, Philip and Heather. Thank you. A copy of the Meyers Norris Penny report, which is 4(d) in our agenda, was delivered to members last Thursday along with a chart outlining bonus payments received by the officers up to 2003. Neither of these documents is posted to our committee website, nor have they been made public previously, so we won't do that now either.

If anyone has had an opportunity to review all these materials, we should have a productive evening, I believe. We have about an hour and a half to do that, I think. Since our discussions will be revolving around not only salary schedules in general but the specific salaries and/or classifications of the officers that work for us now, I'd ask for a motion to move in camera so that the committee may feel free to discuss the issues at hand. We have the motion. All in favour? That is carried.

[The committee met in camera from 5:55 p.m. to 7:11 p.m.]

**The Chair:** We're back on the record. What I'm looking for is a motion from someone to schedule the next meeting, suggested for Monday, June 9, 5:45 to 7:15, to complete the discussion on the salary review. Okay. Ty has made the motion. Any discussion? Questions? All in favour? That is carried. Thank you. Then we'll meet again in a couple of weeks.

I have one other item of business, and that is that we have a letter here from the Auditor General seeking, I guess, consensus or permission to distribute a survey dealing with his work. I think that everybody has seen this letter from Mr. Dunn. Any questions on that? If there are no questions, do we need a motion on the record just to acquiesce to this request? Then we'll just get this out to all MLAs to complete this questionnaire. This is just simply for information, just to get it on the record that we know what we're doing. This will happen.

Any other comments or questions for this meeting? A motion to adjourn? Robin. All in favour? That's carried. Thank you very much.

[The committee adjourned at 7:13 p.m.]





