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[Mr. Shepherd in the chair]

The Chair: All right. Well, we are past 8 o'clock, so I'd like to welcome members, staff, and guests to this meeting of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices. My name is David Shepherd, MLA for Edmonton-Centre, chair of this committee.

I'd ask that members and those joining the committee at the table introduce themselves for the record. I don't believe that at present we have anyone on the phone. We will begin to my right.

Mr. Malkinson: Brian Malkinson, MLA for Calgary-Currie.

Mr. van Dijken: Glenn van Dijken, MLA, Barrhead-Morinville-Westlock.

Mrs. Pitt: Angela Pitt, MLA, Airdrie.

Mr. Gill: Prab Gill, MLA, Calgary-Greenway.

Mrs. Aheer: Leela Aheer, Chestermere-Rocky View.

Ms Woollard: Denise Woollard, MLA, Edmonton-Mill Creek.

Mrs. Littlewood: Jessica Littlewood, MLA for the beautiful rural constituency of Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville.

Mr. Kleinsteuber: Jamie Kleinsteuber, the MLA for Calgary-Northern Hills.

Ms Batog: Gail Batog, executive search.

Ms Mills: Trish Mills, executive search.

Ms Rempel: Jody Rempel, committee clerk.

The Chair: Thank you.

I don't remember whether or not I read it from my notes, so again I'm just going to state that I'm David Shepherd, the MLA for Edmonton-Centre and the chair of this committee. It is early in the morning.

Mr. Gill: And it is indeed minus 25.

The Chair: And that, too. Indeed. It is also very cold.

Before we turn to the business at hand, just a few operational items. The microphone consoles are operated by the *Hansard* staff. Please ensure that electronic devices are in silent mode. Unless we move in camera, the audio of these proceedings is streamed live and recorded by Alberta *Hansard*. Audio access of meeting transcripts can be obtained through the Legislative Assembly website.

Our first item of business: we have the agenda that's been set for today. Do we have any concerns regarding that agenda, or do we have a member that would move a motion to adopt? Mr. Kleinsteuber, you would move to adopt the agenda?

Mr. Kleinsteuber: Yes.

The Chair: Thank you. We have the motion on the floor. Any discussion? If not, I will call the question. All those in favour? Any opposed? That motion is carried.

We have the draft minutes from our last meeting. Are there any errors or omissions to note? If not, would someone like to move adoption of the minutes? Ms Woollard, thank you. We have a motion to adopt the minutes for the last meeting. All those in favour?

Mr. van Dijken: I've got a question.

The Chair: Yes, Mr. van Dijken.

Mr. van Dijken: These are minutes from the Select Special Auditor General Search Committee.

Ms Rempel: No. That would be an error. That looks like it should be corrected.

The Chair: Okay. The clerk notes that that appears to be an error.

Mr. van Dijken: Okay.

The Chair: While there was an e-mail that I know was circulated regarding the minutes from our final meeting on that, I don't believe that should have been on the agenda for this meeting, but we'll verify.

Ms Rempel: Oh, no. I'm sorry. I spoke in error. Those minutes are correct. They're the final set that were distributed only to the members that were on that committee as per the motion that was made at that meeting. These are the minutes from the January 16 Legislative Offices Committee meeting.

The Chair: Thank you for that clarification, Clerk.

The minutes we are discussing at the moment are the minutes from the last meeting of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices. Was there any further discussion regarding the motion?

If not, I'll call the question. All those in favour? Any opposed? That motion is carried.

All right. Of course, today we are here to review the applications received for the position of Election Commissioner. To maintain the confidentiality of the applicants, it would be appropriate at this time to continue any further discussions in camera. Do we have a member that would make that motion? Mr. Malkinson. We have a motion on the floor, then, for the committee to move in camera. All those in favour? Any opposed? That motion is carried. The committee will move in camera.

[The committee met in camera from 8:07 a.m. to 10:37 a.m.]

The Chair: All right. We are back on the record. That brings us, then, to our final item, which is other business. Do members have anything for discussion under other business?

If not, we'll move on to the question, then, of the date for our next meeting. At this point I guess my suggestion would be that we keep that somewhat fluid. If it's good with the committee, I can keep in touch with executive search in terms of their progress and see at what point we're able to provide the updated materials to members and then from there look at the date of our next meeting. As soon as I have that information, I will poll members.

Mr. Gill.

Mr. Gill: Thank you, Mr. Chair. With all humbleness, can I ask that you and the committee please give more than 24 hours' notice, not like the last time? Some of us didn't even have access to our e-mails last time, when we were discussing the advertisements and all those for this position. If you can please consider that moving forward, giving the date, I would appreciate it.

The Chair: Of course.

Mr. Gill: Thank you, Chair.

The Chair: As always, Mr. Gill, I will endeavour to work with the clerk, with all appropriate deadlines in mind, to give committee members as much notice as possible.

Mr. Gill: Thank you, sir.

The Chair: With that, then, if there is nothing else – we’ve concluded other business; we’ve talked about the next meeting – do we have a member who would make a motion to adjourn? Ms Drever. Thank you. All those in favour? Any opposed? This committee stands adjourned. Thank you.

[The committee adjourned at 10:39 a.m.]

