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[Mr. Shepherd in the chair]

The Chair: All right. I'd like to welcome members, staff, and guests to this meeting of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices. I'm 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 we have anyone on the phones. Start to my right.

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

Mr. Nielsen: Good morning. Chris Nielsen, MLA for Edmonton-Decore.

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

Mr. Horne: Good morning. Trevor Horne, Spruce Grove-St. Albert.

Ms Woollard: Good morning. Denise Woollard, Edmonton-Mill Creek.

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

Mrs. Pitt: Angela Pitt, MLA, Airdrie.

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

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

Ms Batog: Gail Batog, executive search.

Ms Mills: Trish Mills, executive search.

Ms Rempel: Jody Rempel, committee clerk.

The Chair: Thank you.

For the record I would note the following substitution: Mr. Nielsen substituting for Member Drever.

Before we turn to the business at hand, a few operational items. Of course, the microphone consoles are operated by the *Hansard* staff. Please ensure mobile devices are turned off or set on silent.

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First of all, do we have a member who would move adoption of the agenda as distributed? Mr. Nielsen. Thank you. Mr. Nielsen moves we accept the agenda as distributed. All those in favour? Any opposed? That agenda is adopted.

Then we have the meeting minutes from February 15, 2018. Does anyone have any errors or omissions to note? If not, could I have a motion to approve? Mr. Horne. All those in favour of the motion? Any against? That motion is carried.

We have a second set of minutes, from February 27, 2018. Does anyone have any errors or omissions to note? If not, could I have a motion to approve? Mrs. Littlewood. All those in favour? Any opposed? That motion is carried.

We move on, then, to our deliberations, and I believe at this point it would be appropriate for the committee to move in camera to maintain the confidentiality of the candidates as we move on to the next stage of the selection process. Do we have a member that would make that motion? Mr. Nielsen. All those in favour? Any opposed? The committee will move in camera.

[The committee met in camera from 9:02 a.m. to 1:14 p.m.]

The Chair: All right. The committee has returned to the record. That brings us to the last item on our agenda. Are there any other items of business for discussion?

Seeing and hearing none, the next meeting will be at the call of the chair, and I will endeavour to reach out to members to poll for that date as soon as possible.

Do we have someone to make a motion to adjourn? Mr. Nielsen. All those in favour? Any opposed? The committee stands adjourned. Thank you.

Though I neglected to get this on the record because I allowed adjournment to go ahead – I apologize – I would just like to take a brief moment and say a big thank you to Ms Mills, Ms Batog, and all the colleagues at executive search for their help and support. Thank you to Mr. Reynolds for his patience in working through things with us today, and of course thank you very much to Jody for helping us throughout this process as well and for all the work that she's done.

[The committee adjourned at 1:15 p.m.]

