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[Mr. Rutherford in the chair]

The Chair: Thank you. I'd like to call the meeting of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices to order and welcome everyone in attendance. My name is Brad Rutherford, MLA for Leduc-Beaumont and the chair of the committee.

I'd ask members and those joining us at the committee table to introduce themselves for the record, and then I will call on those joining us remotely. I will start with the members on my right.

Mr. Amery: Good afternoon. Mickey Amery, Calgary-Cross.

Ms Robert: Good afternoon. Nancy Robert, clerk of *Journals* and committees.

Ms Rempel: Good afternoon. Jody Rempel, committee clerk.

The Chair: Thank you.

We'll go online now to those joining us remotely. We'll start with MLA Smith.

Mr. Smith: Good afternoon. Mark Smith, MLA, Drayton Valley-Devon.

The Chair: Thank you.
MLA Shepherd.

Mr. Shepherd: David Shepherd, Edmonton-City Centre.

The Chair: Thank you.
MLA Sweet.

Ms Sweet: Good afternoon. MLA Heather Sweet, Edmonton-Manning.

The Chair: Thank you.
MLA Milliken.

Mr. Milliken: Nicholas Milliken, MLA, Calgary-Currie.

The Chair: MLA Ceci.

Member Ceci: Hi. Joe Ceci, MLA, Calgary-Buffalo.

The Chair: MLA Loyola.

Member Loyola: Hello. MLA Rod Loyola, Edmonton-Ellerslie.

The Chair: Did I miss any other committee members? Oh, MLA Long, go ahead, please.

Mr. Long: Martin Long, MLA for West Yellowhead.

The Chair: MLA van Dijken.

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

The Chair: Thank you.
Okay. Sorry. I think I've got them all.
MLA Aheer, on as a guest, could you introduce yourself, please?

Mrs. Aheer: Leela Aheer, Chestermere-Strathmore.

The Chair: Thank you.
Is there anybody else online that hasn't introduced themselves?
Okay. Thank you. The substitutions: Mr. Amery is substituting for Mrs. Allard.

A few housekeeping items for everybody joining us in the room. Pursuant to the direction from the hon. Speaker Cooper I would remind everyone of the updated committee room protocols that require that, outside of the individuals with an exemption, those attending a committee meeting in person must wear a mask at all times unless they are speaking. In addition, attendees are reminded to leave an appropriate distance between themselves and others. Please note that the microphones are operated by *Hansard*, so members do not need to turn them off and on.

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Moving on to point 2, the agenda. A draft agenda was distributed to all committee members. Does anyone have any changes to propose?

If not, could I get a motion to approve today's meeting agenda? Mr. Amery has moved that the February 3, 2022, meeting agenda of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices be approved as circulated. Any questions or comments to that?

I'll just go to the question. We'll start in the room. All those in favour, please say aye. Moving online, all those in favour, please say aye. Anyone online opposed, please say no. Thank you. That motion is carried.

The adoption of meeting minutes. Are there any errors or omissions to note?

If not, would a member move to approve the minutes as distributed? Mr. Amery, possibly you want to move.

Mr. Amery: I will move. Yes.

The Chair: Mr. Amery will move that the minutes of the January 27, 2022, meeting of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices be approved as distributed. Any questions or comments to that?

Hearing none, all those in the room that are in favour, please say aye. Moving online, all those in favour, please say aye. Anyone online opposed, please say no. Hearing none, that motion is carried.

On to agenda item 4. The committee has one item on the agenda for discussion today. We have received an updated budget estimates document for the '22-23 year from the office of the Child and Youth Advocate. This version of the office's estimates differs slightly from the budget presented and approved by the committee last week in that the \$200,000 for capital expenses is now included in the total budget request. If we are going to reconsider this matter, our first step will be to rescind our decision from January 27. Can I get a member to possibly move a motion, if they so choose, to rescind our previous motion?

Mr. Amery: Chair, I would like to make a motion to rescind the previous motion of January 27, 2022, approving the budget as it is listed on the screen above.

The Chair: Sure. Just for our record, if you don't mind reading verbatim the motion that is up on the screen for everybody.

Mr. Amery: Certainly.

The Standing Committee on Legislative Offices rescind its motion of January 27, 2022, approving the 2022-2023 budget estimates for the office of the Child and Youth Advocate in the amount of \$15,059,000 as submitted.

The Chair: Thank you for that.

Are there any questions or comments to that motion?

Hearing none, we will go to the question. All those in favour of the motion as moved by MLA Amery – all those in favour in the room, please say aye. It's got one vote in the room. Let's go online. Everybody in favour of the motion, please say aye. Anyone online opposed to the motion, please say no.

That motion is carried.

Now we can move on to considering the updated budget estimates as provided by the office of the Child and Youth Advocate. Can I get somebody to possibly move a motion for this new request? Mr. Amery looks like he's trying to flag me down.

Mr. Amery: Mr. Chair, I would like to move a motion, and I'll read it in to the record if that's okay.

The Chair: That sounds great. Thank you.

Mr. Amery: A proposed motion would be that the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices approve the 2022-2023 budget estimates for the office of the Child and Youth Advocate in the amount of \$15,259,000 as submitted.

The Chair: Thank you for that.

Are there any questions or comments to that motion?

Hearing none, I'll go to the question. Everybody in the room in favour of the motion, please say aye. All those online, everybody in favour of the motion, please say aye. Anyone online opposed to the motion, please say no. Hearing none,

that motion is carried.

That concludes agenda item 4.

Does anybody have any other business to discuss today?

Hearing none, the next meeting date will be at the call of the chair.

Can I get someone to move a motion to adjourn?

Mr. Amery: I will.

The Chair: Mr. Amery has moved a motion to adjourn the meeting. All those in favour in the room, please say aye. Everybody online in favour, please say aye. Anybody online opposed, please say no. The motion is carried.

The meeting is adjourned. Thank you very much.

[The committee adjourned at 1:07 p.m.]

