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[Mr. Mitzel in the chair]

The Chair: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I'd like to welcome everyone and call the meeting to order. Note that we'll be moving in camera as soon as we complete a few housekeeping items.

For the record I'll ask the members to introduce themselves. I am Len Mitzel, chair of the committee, Cypress-Medicine Hat.

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

Mr. Campbell: Robin Campbell, West Yellowhead.

Mr. Marz: Richard Marz, MLA for Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills.

Mr. Quest: Dave Quest, Strathcona.

Ms Sorensen: Rhonda Sorensen, manager of communications services.

Dr. McNeil: David McNeil, Clerk of the Assembly.

Ms Notley: Rachel Notley, Edmonton-Strathcona.

Mr. Reynolds: Rob Reynolds, Senior Parliamentary Counsel.

Ms Blakeman: Laurie Blakeman, and I would like to welcome each and every one of you to my crisp, slightly chilly but nonetheless spring-like, fabulous constituency of Edmonton-Centre.

Mr. Rogers: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. George Rogers, Leduc-Beaumont-Devon.

Ms Easton: Jean Easton, executive search.

Ms Mills: Trish Mills, executive search.

Mrs. Kamuchik: Louise Kamuchik, Clerk Assistant and director of House services. Good morning, everyone.

The Chair: Thank you very much.

You've all had the agenda, and I would ask for approval of the agenda. Moved by Mr. Campbell that the Select Special Auditor General Search Committee approve the agenda for the April 12, 2010, meeting as distributed. All in favour? Opposed? That's carried.

Also, minutes were posted on the internal website. Are there any errors or omissions to note?

Mr. Rogers: I'll move those minutes, Mr. Chairman, as circulated.

The Chair: Moved by Mr. Rogers that the minutes of the March 23, 2010, meeting of the Select Special Auditor General Search

Committee be approved as distributed. All in favour? Opposed? That's carried.

This takes us to item 4, which is the review of the pre-employment checks. We'll be continuing our discussions in camera to maintain the confidentiality of the applicants. I'd like to note that the committee will be returning to the record to formally address item 5 on our agenda.

Would someone be prepared to make a motion that the committee move in camera at this point? Moved by Mr. Campbell. All in favour? That's carried. Thank you.

[The committee met in camera from 9:33 a.m. to 9:51 a.m.]

The Chair: Okay. We're back on the record, ladies and gentlemen. Also for the record note that Mr. MacDonald joined the committee just very shortly after it went in camera, and he was here with us through the entire discussion and for the end.

The members have reviewed the search committee draft report, and Mr. Quest will make a motion in this respect.

Mr. Quest: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move that the Select Special Auditor General Search Committee approve the report dated April 12, 2010, and recommend the appointment of Merwan Saher to the position of Auditor General for a six-year term and authorize the Speaker to enter into a contract with Mr. Saher effective at the time of appointment.

The Chair: Is there any discussion or any questions from the committee with respect to this motion? If not, I'll call the question. All those in favour? Opposed? That motion is carried unanimously. I'll be tabling the committee's report in the Assembly this afternoon. Thank you.

We do have one other item of business to deal with, and that is a draft news release to be released today, a copy of which was provided to the members. Any comments or questions with regard to this? If not, would a member please move the adoption of the news release? It's being passed out right now.

Ms Blakeman: Let's read it.

The Chair: Are we all okay with the news release? Mr. Marz has moved that we approve this. All in favour? Opposed? That is carried. Thank you.

I'd also like to take the opportunity to thank Trish and Jean from executive search for the hard work they did and for their assistance to the committee. They've done an admirable job in taking over the reins from Alayne Stewart, who assisted the various officer search committees during the previous nine-plus years. Well done, ladies.

Any other items for discussion?

Thank you to the members for accommodating the condensed meeting schedule inherent to the officer search committee. Our mandate will be complete once our report is tabled in the Assembly.

Could someone move adjournment? Moved by Mr. Lund. All in favour? Opposed? That's carried. Thank you.

[The committee adjourned at 9:54 a.m.]

