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[Mr. Rogers in the chair]

The Chair: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. It is by my watch a couple of minutes after 9. I'm going to call this meeting to order. We have some members joining us by teleconference. I'll just note up front that Mrs. Leskiw will be joining us at approximately 9:30. She's in the middle of something she just can't get out of any sooner.

We have by teleconference, I believe, Mr. Saskiw. You're online, Mr. Saskiw?

Mr. Saskiw: Yes, I am.

The Chair: You are.
Mr. Eggen?

Mr. Eggen: Yes, I'm here.

The Chair: Wonderful.

Mrs. Leskiw will be joining us at about 9:30.

I'll start with the members that are here identifying themselves for the record. I'll start with Monsieur Goudreau.

Mr. Goudreau: Good morning. Hector Goudreau, MLA, Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley.

Mr. Reynolds: Good morning. Rob Reynolds, Law Clerk, Legislative Assembly.

Mr. McDonald: Good morning. Everett McDonald, Grande Prairie-Smoky.

Mr. Quadri: Good morning. Sohail Quadri, Edmonton-Mill Woods.

The Chair: George Rogers – I should have introduced myself; I am the chair – for Leduc-Beaumont.

Mrs. Sawchuk: Karen Sawchuk, committee clerk.

Ms Rempel: Jody Rempel, committee clerk.

Ms Mills: Trish Mills, executive search.

Ms Harris: Good morning. Linda Harris, executive search.

Ms Blakeman: Good morning, everyone. I'd like to welcome each and every one of you to my fabulous constituency of Edmonton-Centre, and our thoughts and best wishes to everyone that is not in the fabulous constituency of Edmonton-Centre.

The Chair: You also wanted to extend that to the folks of southern Alberta, hon. member. I thought you meant to do that as well.

Ms Blakeman: Yeah, I do, to anyone, as I said, that's not in the fabulous constituency of Edmonton-Centre, particularly those in southern Alberta.

My name is Laurie Blakeman.

The Chair: Thank you, hon. member.

We have the agenda before us. If I could ask for a motion to approve the agenda. I'll be addressing the timeline document and other business later on. Hon. member Mr. McDonald. All those in favour? Members online? I believe that's carried. Okay. Thank you.

The adoption of the meeting minutes. We have the minutes from the last meeting. They were circulated. Are there any errors or omissions of note? If not, would – hon. Mr. Goudreau.

Mr. Goudreau: I'll move the adoption of the minutes of the meeting of Monday, May 27.

The Chair: Okay. A motion on the floor by Mr. Goudreau. Discussion? All those in favour? Members by teleconference? That is carried. Thank you.

Now, our next process is to review the applications received and then to determine candidates for preliminary interviews. Today we'll be reviewing the applications received with a view to shortlisting candidates for preliminary interviews with executive search and then final interviews. To maintain the confidentiality of the applicants, we'll be continuing our discussions in camera, so I'd ask that a member move that we go in camera.

Mr. Eggen: I move that.

The Chair: Mr. Eggen. Okay. Discussion? All those in favour? Opposed? That is carried.

[The committee met in camera from 9:06 a.m. to 10:42 a.m.]

The Chair: Okay. We're back on the record. I'd just like to discuss the timing for the final interviews by our committee. Our approved timeline document, which has been circulated, refers to final interviews being conducted on a date during the week of September 16. Now, I've been asked to represent the Legislative Assembly along with another member of this committee at an international conference, so I note that two of us will not be available until towards the end of the month.

I've asked the committee clerk to provide a revised timetable for the committee's consideration – and we have this here – and what it does is it moves the final interviews to the week of September 30 to October 4 and changes the timing for the committee meeting to receive the report on the references and security screenings from the week of October 15 to the week of October 28. Now, you know we're anticipating that session may be back in sometime around there, but that's something we'll work with. The final committee meeting to identify the candidate of choice on the record is to be changed from the week of October 21 to the week of November 4.

I'm looking for a member to make a motion to accept the revised timetable as circulated, and it's dated today. If someone is willing to move this revised timetable, I'd accept that motion. How about someone online?

Mr. Eggen: Yeah. I'll move it.

The Chair: Mr. Eggen. I believe that's been sent to you by e-mail as well.

So Mr. Eggen has moved

to accept the revised timeline as circulated.

Discussion? Ms Blakeman.

Ms Blakeman: Yes. I believe that that week of the 11th is likely to be a constituency week, so we might want to hedge our bets a bit there by indicating, you know, "or as soon as possible" there. I'm not trying to cause trouble, but . . .

The Chair: I think this is intended to be a guideline, Ms Blakeman, because it talks about the week of. So we'll work with members' schedules to make it work, assuming that we proceed.

Ms Blakeman: Excellent.

The Chair: With that, I'm going to call the vote on the revised schedule as moved by Mr. Eggen. All those in favour? Any opposed? That is carried.

The date of the next meeting. Our approved revised timeline document shows the committee meeting the week of September 2 to consider the results of the preliminary interviews and to determine a short list of candidates to proceed to final interview. We will need approximately two hours for this meeting. I don't know if the committee would want to set the meeting date today, or do you prefer to have the committee clerk, as we normally do, poll the members with a number of dates that might work?

Ms Blakeman: It needs to be longer.

The Chair: It could be. I would suspect that it may look like this morning, so typically another morning. It says two hours here, but knowing the strong interest around the table, I'm sure that we may need the morning, Ms Blakeman. I would tend to agree with you.

Ms Blakeman: Yeah. My issue is just that it's easier to let us all out early than it is to have us sitting here and adding an hour on.

The Chair: When you're scheduled to be somewhere else, I agree. So we would attempt to do another morning meeting, hopefully.

Mr. Goudreau: Just a heads-up. The public ride, or the Tour of Alberta: there are a lot of activities occurring on the 2nd and 3rd, so we might want to consider the 4th, 5th. Certainly, it would be during the ride, but at least there's less public participation.

The Chair: The 4th is a Wednesday; the 5th is a Thursday. So we'll work with that. The committee clerk has noted that.

Basically, then, at this point I'm looking for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Saskiw: Motion to adjourn.

Mr. McDonald: Do you need a motion to move forward?

The Chair: No. We're good. Executive search is going to do their work. We will meet to consider the results of that preliminary work, and then from there we'll move on.

Mr. Saskiw has moved to adjourn. All those in favour? Opposed? We are adjourned.

Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen. Safe travels to your homes and other destinations.

[The committee adjourned at 10:48 a.m.]

