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[Mr. Yao in the chair]

The Chair: Good morning, everybody. I'd like to call this meeting of the Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee to order and welcome everybody in attendance. My name is Tany Yao. I'm the MLA for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo and chair of the committee. I'd ask that members and those joining the committee at the table introduce themselves for the record. We will begin to my right.

Mr. van Dijken: Good morning. Glenn van Dijken, the MLA for Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock.

Ms Pitt: Angela Pitt, MLA, Airdrie-East.

Mrs. Petrovic: Chelsae Petrovic, MLA, Livingstone-McLeod.

Mr. Dyck: Nolan Dyck, MLA for Grande Prairie.

Mr. Stephan: Jason Stephan, MLA, Red Deer-South.

Ms Wright: Peggy Wright, MLA, Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview.

Mr. Dach: Good morning. Lorne Dach, MLA for Edmonton-McClung.

Mr. Sabir: Irfan Sabir, MLA, Calgary-Bhullar-McCall.

Ms Barron: Julie Barron, executive search.

Ms Mills: Trish Mills, executive search.

Ms Rempel: Jody Rempel, committee clerk.

The Chair: A few housekeeping items to address before we turn to the business at hand. Unless we move in camera, committee proceedings are being live streamed on the Internet and broadcast on Alberta Assembly TV. Committee members are encouraged, whenever possible, to have your camera on when you're speaking. The audio- and videostream and transcripts of meetings can be accessed via the Legislative Assembly website. Please set your cellphones and other devices to silent for the duration of the meeting.

First off, I'm wondering if any member would move a motion to adopt the agenda today, please. Angela Pitt, the MLA for Airdrie-East, moves that the Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee approve the proposed agenda as distributed for its March 25, 2024, meeting. All in favour of, please say aye. Anyone opposed? Nothing. Perfect. The motion is carried.

Before we continue on, if we could just get our final member of our team to introduce herself, please.

Member Irwin: Thank you, Chair. Janis Irwin, Edmonton-Highlands-Norwood.

The Chair: Thank you so much for that.

Next we will go to the draft minutes from our last meeting, which were distributed. Are there any errors to note? If not, would someone move to adopt these, please? Mr. Nolan Dyck moves that the Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee approve the minutes as distributed of its meeting held on February 23, 2024. All in favour of, please say aye. Anyone opposed? That motion is carried. Thank you all so much for that.

Today we're going to continue our consideration of applications received for the Ethics Commissioner and Chief Electoral Officer positions. To maintain the confidentiality of the applicants, it would be appropriate to move in camera. Can I have that motion please? Angela Pitt moves that the Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee, including the appropriate staff from the Legislative Assembly Office and the representatives from executive search, move in camera. All in favour, please say aye. Anyone opposed? That motion is carried.

[The committee met in camera from 8:33 a.m. to 10:55 a.m.]

The Chair: Okay. Thank you, everybody. We're now back on the record.

We're now at other business. Do members have anything for discussion under other business?

If not, we're going to move on to the date for our next meeting.

Mrs. Petrovic: I'll support you.

Mr. Sabir: Where is our next meeting? Let's have the next meeting.

The Chair: Well, the next meeting will be scheduled at the call of the chair and the location of the chair.

Mr. Sabir: It could be at the call of the chair. We are just asking if we can meet on location.

Mrs. Petrovic: The second one.

The Chair: For what?

Mr. Sabir: The next meeting location.

The Chair: It's certain to be decided when . . .

Mr. van Dijken: It'll be at the call of the chair.

Ms Rempel: Yeah. It'll be at the call of the chair.

The Chair: It will be at the call of the chair, but I anticipate that our next meetings will most likely be during our constituency week, possibly April 4th and 5th as discussed.

If there are no further questions with that.

Member Irwin: Sorry. Just to be clear, though, you're saying possibly, like – just because I know I personally need to move a number of meetings. I know we had the hold already, but I was waiting until it was confirmed. We are with clarity saying the 4th and the 5th. Correct or not?

Ms Rempel: I imagine the notice will go out later today.

Mr. van Dijken: Yes.

The Chair: You will have confirmation.

Member Irwin: I just don't want to cancel anything.

The Chair: A firm confirmation today.

Member Irwin: Perfect. Thanks so much, Chair.

Mr. Sabir: I think the entire dispute was about location.

The Chair: There was no dispute on location.

Member Irwin: We can likely presume somewhere central, in Edmonton, probably. Great.

Ms Rempel: Let's just adjourn, Mr. Chair.

The Chair: Okay.

With that, can I get someone who is willing to . . .

Mr. van Dijken: I so move.

The Chair: Mr. van Dijken moves that the March 25, 2024, meeting of the Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee be adjourned. All in favour, please say aye. All opposed? The motion is carried. Thank you all so much.

[The committee adjourned at 10:58 a.m.]

