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[Mr. Shepherd in the chair]

The Chair: I'd like to welcome everyone to this meeting of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices.

My name is David Shepherd, MLA for Edmonton-Centre, chair of the committee. I'd ask that members, including those joining the committee at the table, introduce themselves for the record.

Ms Payne: Good evening. Brandy Payne, MLA for Calgary-Acadia.

Mr. Horne: Good evening. Trevor Horne, MLA for Spruce Grove-St. Albert.

Mrs. Littlewood: Good evening. Jessica Littlewood, representing Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville.

Ms McKittrick: Bonjour. Annie McKittrick, députée de Sherwood Park.

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

Mr. Kleinsteuber: Good evening, folks. Jamie Kleinsteuber, MLA, Calgary-Northern Hills.

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

Mrs. Pitt: Angela Pitt, MLA, Airdrie.

Dr. Massolin: Good evening. Philip Massolin, manager of research and committee services.

Ms Tischer: Hi there. Lyndsay Tischer, manager of human resource services.

Ms Scarlett: Good evening. Cheryl Scarlett, executive director of corporate services.

Ms Dean: Shannon Dean, Law Clerk and executive director of House services.

Ms Rempel: Hello. Jody Rempel, committee clerk.

The Chair: Excellent. Thank you.

I'd just note for the record that Ms Payne will be the deputy chair this evening as she is substituting for the hon. Mr. Malkinson.

Before we turn to the business at hand, a few operational items. Please note that the microphones are operated by *Hansard*. Committee proceedings are being live streamed on the Internet and broadcast on Alberta Assembly TV. Please set your cellphones and other devices to silent for the duration of the meeting.

Our first item, then, is the agenda. Are there any amendments or additions that members would like to propose?

If not, do we have a member that would move to accept the agenda? Ms Woollard. Thank you. All those in favour? Any opposed? That motion is carried.

Mrs. Aheer, did you wish to introduce yourself for the record?

Mrs. Aheer: Sure. Leela Sharon Aheer, MLA, Chestermere-Rocky View.

Thank you.

The Chair: Thank you.

Our next item, then, is the adoption of the meeting minutes. A set of draft minutes from our previous meeting was distributed for consideration. Are there any errors or omissions?

If not, I'll look for a motion to approve. Ms McKittrick. Thank you. All those in favour? Any opposed? That motion is carried.

That brings us, then, to item 4, officers of the Legislature and the officer reappointment. I think it's reasonable to anticipate that this next agenda item will likely involve some details of contracts to the officers of the Legislature, so I would suggest that the committee, including both Acting Clerks, the Senior Parliamentary Counsel, the manager of research and committee services, and the manager of human resources consider moving in camera.

Would anyone move such a motion? Mr. Kleinsteuber moves that the committee and the others that I named move in camera. All those in favour? Any opposed? The committee will move in camera.

[The committee met in camera from 6:21 p.m. to 6:26 p.m.]

The Chair: All right. Thank you, everyone. We have now returned to the record.

Before we move to the next item of business, is there anything that committee members would like to bring forward regarding officer reappointment?

Ms McKittrick: I'd like to move the motion that the Ethics Commissioner be reappointed.

The Chair: Clerk, do we have a motion?

Ms Rempel: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I believe some wording that might work for the motion would be that

the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices recommend to the Legislative Assembly that the hon. Marguerite Trussler be reappointed Ethics Commissioner for a five-year term commencing May 26, 2019.

Does that capture what you need?

The Chair: Thank you, Clerk.

We have the motion on the floor, then, from Ms McKittrick. Any discussion?

If not, I will call the question. All those in favour of the motion? Any opposed?

That motion is carried.

Excellent.

All right, then. We'll move on to the second-to-last item on the agenda for this evening. That's just an information item at this time, just to let everybody know that in accordance with the motion that we passed at our last meeting, I did request that all officers of the Legislature provide information pertaining to the respectful workplace policy. As of this morning we have received responses from all the officers, and copies have been made available to committee members.

That being the case, then, we move on to other business. Is there any other business that the committee wishes to consider this evening?

Seeing and hearing none, the date of the next Standing Committee on Legislative Offices meeting has been scheduled for November 30, 2018, to review the annual reports, business plans, and the 2019-20 budget submissions of each of the officers.

Do we have a motion to adjourn? Mrs. Littlewood. Thank you. All those in favour? Any opposed? The committee stands adjourned.

Thank you.

[The committee adjourned at 6:28 p.m.]

