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[Mr. Rogers in the chair]

The Chair: Hon. members, I'm going to call the meeting to order. It's 6:17.

I trust that you all have a copy of the meeting materials. I'd look for a motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Mr. Goudreau. Thank you. All in favour? Opposed? That's carried. Thank you.

For the record we need to introduce ourselves. I'll start with Mrs. Leskiw on the phone.

Mrs. Leskiw: Genia Leskiw, MLA, Bonnyville-Cold Lake.

Mr. Saskiw: Shayne Saskiw, Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills.

Mr. Lemke: Ken Lemke, Stony Plain.

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

Mr. Goudreau: Hector Goudreau, Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley.

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

The Chair: George Rogers, Leduc-Beaumont and chair of the committee.

Mrs. Sawchuk: Karen Sawchuk, committee clerk.

Mr. Eggen: Dave Eggen, Edmonton-Calder.

Ms Blakeman: Laurie Blakeman, and I'd like to welcome each and every one of you to my fabulous constituency of Edmonton-Centre. Thank you so much for joining us tonight.

Ms Sorensen: Rhonda Sorensen, manager of corporate communications and broadcast services.

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

Mr. Reynolds: Rob Reynolds, Law Clerk and director of inter-parliamentary relations.

Ms Rempel: Jody Rempel, committee clerk, Legislative Assembly Office.

The Chair: Thank you for that.

We have the minutes as circulated. If they're in order, if someone is willing to move the minutes?

Mr. Quadri: I move.

The Chair: Mr. Quadri moves the minutes as circulated. All those in favour? Opposed? That is carried. Thank you very much.

We are up to item 4, the draft report on the recommendation of candidate for the position of Chief Electoral Officer. Before we adopt our report on the record, I'd like to inform the committee of my meeting with our candidate of choice. So I'd look for a motion to move in camera just for a few minutes, and then we'll come back out.

Mr. Lemke: So moved.

The Chair: Mr. Lemke moves in camera. All those in favour? That's carried unanimously. Thank you.

[The committee met in camera from 6:20 p.m. to 6:25 p.m.]

The Chair: At this point, then, I would ask if a member is so inclined to make the motion from the document that was just handed out today? Mr. Saskiw.

Mr. Saskiw: Do you want me to read it out?

The Chair: Please do for the record.

Mr. Saskiw: I move that the Select Special Chief Electoral Officer Search Committee approve the draft report dated November 19, 2013, and recommend the appointment of Mr. Glen L. Resler to the position of Chief Electoral Officer effective December 9, 2013, and authorize the Speaker to enter into a contract with Mr. Resler effective at the time of the appointment.

The Chair: Thank you very much.

That motion is on the floor. Is there any discussion?

Ms Blakeman: Question.

The Chair: Question? All those in favour, please say aye? That is carried unanimously. Thank you very much.

With that, then, I would move to the communications update, and I would look to Rhonda.

Ms Sorensen: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Given the committee's acceptance of the report, further to the recommendations we had put forward at the beginning of this review to do the advertising, we are now recommending that a news release go out announcing the appointment or the recommendation of the appointment of Mr. Resler and that social media messages would be posted directing people to that news release. We're recommending that that will go out tonight.

The Chair: Right. And just to be clear, again, all references are to the recommendation to the Assembly. This is a recommendation from this committee which will not be official until it is accepted, but of course it clearly indicates the will of this committee and that we would ask the Legislature to ratify that. But until that's done.

Ms Sorensen: Because these committees are streamed live, anybody could be listening in right now anyway.

The Chair: Sure. And that's fine. But, again, for the benefit of those folks, that this is the process. It is anticipated, but certainly we can't presume what the Assembly will do. We hope they will concur with our recommendation.

With that, then, I'd ask for a motion to approve the media release if someone is so inclined? Ms Blakeman. So your motion, then, is that

we approve the news release as presented by Ms Sorensen.

Ms Blakeman: Correct. I do so move that, and I vote yes.

The Chair: And I accept your motion.

Any discussion? All in favour? Any opposed? That is carried unanimously. Thank you very much.

Mrs. Leskiw: Mr. Chair, is it okay if I close off now?

The Chair: I think you could, Mrs. Leskiw. We are just at other business. Thank you for your participation.

Mrs. Leskiw: Thank you for letting me do it this way.

The Chair: Wonderful. Are there any other items of business for discussion at this time?

I'd certainly like to take this opportunity to thank the committee and all of you and the support staff for your hard work and for the work of the support staff for accommodating the search schedule. On behalf of the committee I also want to officially thank – and they're not here – Trish Mills and Linda Harris from executive search for their hard work and extreme professionalism, I would add.

I will be tabling the committee's report in the Assembly tomorrow, at which time the committee's mandate will be complete.

Any comments, questions?

I'd look for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Quadri: I move the motion to adjourn.

The Chair: Mr. Quadri moves that we adjourn. All in favour, please say aye. Opposed? That motion is carried. Thank you so much.

[The committee adjourned at 6:30 p.m.]

