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[Mr. Schow in the chair]

**The Chair:** Good morning, everyone. I'd like to call this meeting to order and welcome all members and staff and guests to this meeting of the Select Special Child and Youth Advocate Search Committee.

My name is Joseph Schow. I'm the MLA for Cardston-Siksika, and I am chair of this committee. I'd like to ask that members and those joining the committee at the table introduce themselves for the record, and then we will hear from those joining us remotely. To my right.

**Mr. Jones:** Matt Jones, MLA, Calgary-South East.

**Mr. Jeremy Nixon:** Jeremy Nixon, Calgary-Klein.

**Mr. Turton:** Good morning. Searle Turton, Spruce Grove-Stony Plain.

**Mr. Smith:** Mark Smith, Drayton Valley-Devon.

**Ms Lovely:** Jackie Lovely, MLA for Camrose constituency.

**Ms Pancholi:** Good morning. Rakhi Pancholi, Edmonton-Whitemud.

**Mr. Steinbach:** Jeff Steinbach, executive search consultant, Public Service Commission.

**Ms Rempel:** Good morning. Jody Rempel, committee clerk.

**The Chair:** Excellent.

Now we'll go to those who are joining us remotely. I'll begin with Mr. Sabir.

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

**Ms Goehring:** Good morning. Nicole Goehring, MLA for Edmonton-Castle Downs.

**The Chair:** Excellent. Thank you.  
And Ms Ellerby.

**Ms Ellerby:** Good morning. Dot Ellerby from executive search services.

**The Chair:** Excellent. Thank you very much.

This morning there are no substitutions.

Before we turn to the business at hand, a few operational and housekeeping items. Pursuant to the direction from the hon. Speaker Cooper I would remind everyone of the updated committee room protocols, which require that, outside of individuals with an exemption, those attending a committee meeting in person must wear a mask at all times unless they are speaking. In addition, attendees are reminded to leave an appropriate distance between themselves and other meeting participants.

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Item 2 would be the agenda. Can I ask that a member move to approve today's meeting agenda as circulated? Mr. Turton has moved that the February 1, 2022, meeting agenda of the Select Special Child and Youth Advocate Search Committee be approved as circulated. All those in favour, please say aye. All those opposed, please say no. All those in favour remotely, please say aye. And remotely, please say no. That motion is carried.

And just as a housekeeping item, going forward, when I call votes, both those in person and remotely can vote at the same time. I won't differentiate between those joining us remotely and joining us in person.

Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting. Are there any errors or omissions to note?

Hearing none, can I get a member to move to adopt the meeting minutes as distributed? Ms Pancholi has moved that the minutes from the December 13, 2021, meeting of the Select Special Child and Youth Advocate Search Committee be approved as distributed. All those in favour, please say aye. Any opposed, please say no. That motion is carried.

Deliberations. So today we will continue with the recruitment process for the position of the Child and Youth Advocate. To maintain the confidentiality of the applicants, it would be appropriate to continue our discussions in camera. I would like to ask that a member make a motion to move in camera. Mr. Jones has moved that the Select Special Child and Youth Advocate Search Committee and the representatives from executive search move in camera. All those in favour, please say aye. Any opposed, please say no. That motion is carried.

We will take a moment to allow *Hansard* and other staff to leave the room.

[The committee met in camera from 9:04 a.m. to 10 a.m.]

**The Chair:** Okay. We are now back on the record.

Is there any other business that members would like to bring to the attention of the committee at this time?

Okay. Hearing none, the date of the next meeting will be at the call of myself, the chair, sometime later this month, mid or near the end.

Can I have a member move a motion to adjourn this meeting? Mr. Jones has moved that the Select Special Child and Youth Advocate Search Committee meeting today, February 1, 2022, be adjourned. All those in favour, please say aye. Any opposed, please say no. That motion is carried.

Drive safe, everyone.

[The committee adjourned at 10:01 a.m.]









