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[Mr. Blackett in the chair]

The Chair: Okay. Welcome to this meeting of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices. I'd like to thank the committee for accommodating this meeting on short notice.

I'd like to ask everyone to introduce themselves for the record if I could start to my right.

Mr. Lund: Ty Lund, Rocky Mountain House.

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

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

Ms Blakeman: Wow. It's hard to follow that. It's got to be the longest title.

The truth is that I would like to welcome each and every one of you to my fabulous constituency of Edmonton-Centre on a bright, sunny spring evening. My name is Laurie Blakeman.

Mr. Hinman: Paul Hinman, MLA for Calgary-Glenmore. Grateful for the wonderful weather and reception.

Mr. MacDonald: Hugh MacDonald, Edmonton-Gold Bar.

Ms Notley: Rachel Notley, Edmonton-Strathcona. Nowhere near as long a title as the director of many things across the way there.

Mr. Quest: Dave Quest, Strathcona. Even shorter than Edmonton-Strathcona.

Mrs. Dacyshyn: Corinne Dacyshyn, committee clerk.

The Chair: I'm Lindsay Blackett, MLA for Calgary-North West and chair. Happy to be in the fabulous riding of Edmonton-Centre.

All right. The first item: we need a motion that the agenda of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices be adopted as circulated.

Mr. Quest: Sure.

The Chair: Dave Quest moved that the March 19, 2012, agenda of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices be adopted as circulated. There is no seconder required. All those in favour? Any against? Motion carried.

Then we need to move that the minutes of the January 23, 2012, meeting of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices be adopted as circulated. Laurie Blakeman has moved that. All those in favour? Those opposed? Carried.

Next, I would remind the committee that the Child and Youth Advocate Act will come into force on April 1, 2012. As you know, the act designates that the Child and Youth Advocate is an officer of the Legislature. Therefore, the committee must make certain decisions with respect to the salary and classification level of the officer. I would therefore call for a motion to move in camera prior to continuing our discussions in this respect.

Mr. Lund: I would so move.

The Chair: Ty Lund moved that the committee move in camera. All those in favour? Those opposed? None. Carried.

[The committee met in camera from 6:24 p.m. to 6:33 p.m.]

The Chair: Okay. We're back on the record. I'll read the motion.

That the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices confirm that the position of Child and Youth Advocate be classified within schedule D of the senior officials salary schedule for the public service of Alberta and that the Speaker be authorized to enter into a contract with Mr. Del Graff effective April 1, 2012.

Would someone like to move this motion? Laurie Blakeman. Thank you. All those in favour? Any opposed? None. The motion is carried.

Are there any other items of business to discuss?

Seeing none, the date of the next meeting will be at the call of the chair.

If there is nothing else for the committee's consideration, I'd call for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lund. All those in favour? Any opposed? None.

Thank you very much for your time.

[The committee adjourned at 6:34 p.m.]

