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[Mr. Shepherd in the chair]

The Chair: All right. I'd like to welcome members, staff, and guests to this meeting of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices.

I'm David Shepherd, MLA for Edmonton-Centre and chair of this committee. I'd just like to ask that members and those joining the committee at the table introduce themselves for the record. We'll start on my right.

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

Mrs. Pitt: Angela Pitt, MLA, Airdrie.

Mrs. Aheer: Leela Aheer, Chestermere-Rocky View.

Ms Scarlett: Cheryl Scarlett with the Legislative Assembly Office.

Ms Woollard: Denise Woollard, MLA, Edmonton-Mill Creek.

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

Mrs. Littlewood: Jessica Littlewood, MLA representing the beautiful rural constituency of Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville.

Mr. Nielsen: Good evening, everyone. Chris Nielsen, MLA for Edmonton-Decore.

Mr. Malkinson: Brian Malkinson, MLA for Calgary-Currie and deputy chair.

Ms Rempel: Good evening. Jody Rempel, committee clerk.

The Chair: Thank you.

For the record I'll just note the following substitution: Mr. Nielsen for MLA Drever.

I'd also note for the record that the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices is authorized to meet today, notwithstanding that the 2018-19 main estimates are under consideration, due to the passage on April 3 of Government Motion 14. Government Motion

14 effectively gives this committee an exemption from Standing Order 59.01(11), which provides that no committee of the Assembly may meet when the main estimates stand referred to the legislative policy committees except for the purposes of considering the main estimates. I thank all members for their assistance and support in allowing that to take place.

Before we turn to the business at hand, a few operational items. The microphone consoles are operated by the *Hansard* staff. Please ensure that mobile devices are turned off or set on silent. Unless we move in camera, the audio of today's proceedings will be streamed live on the Internet and recorded by *Alberta Hansard*. Meeting transcripts may be obtained through the Legislative Assembly website.

There was an agenda that was distributed, made available. Is there a member that would move a motion to adopt that agenda? Mr. Nielsen. Thank you. All those in favour? Any opposed? The agenda is accepted.

Regarding the minutes of our previous meeting, on March 16, 2018, did anyone have any errors or omissions to note? If not, could I have a motion to approve? All right. Moved by Mrs. Littlewood. All those in favour? Any opposed? That motion is carried.

All right. At this point, as we continue in our deliberations regarding the recruitment of the Election Commissioner, it would be appropriate for the committee to move in camera so that we can maintain the confidentiality of the candidates as we continue the selection process. Do we have a member that would make that motion? Mr. Malkinson. All those in favour? Any opposed? The committee will move in camera.

[The committee met in camera from 6:33 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.]

The Chair: Excellent. We are back on the record.

We are, then, at item 5, other business. Is there any other business to be considered this evening?

Seeing and hearing none, as has been discussed, our next meeting date, then, is set for tomorrow evening, April 5, 2018.

Do we have a motion to adjourn? Ms Woollard. All those in favour? Any opposed? This committee stands adjourned.

Thank you.

[The committee adjourned at 8:15 p.m.]

