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[Mr. Jeremy Nixon in the chair]

The Chair: All right. Welcome, everyone. I'd like to call the meeting of the Select Special Ombudsman and Public Interest Commissioner Search Committee to order and welcome everyone in attendance.

My name is Jeremy Nixon, MLA for Calgary-Klein and chair of this committee. I'd ask members and those joining the committee at the table to introduce themselves for the record, and we'll start to my left.

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

Mr. Williams: Dan Williams, MLA for Peace River constituency.

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

Ms Somera-Wong: Hello. Maricel Somera-Wong, executive search consultant, Public Service Commission office.

Ms Mills: Trish Mills. Good afternoon from executive search. I'm the director in that office.

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

The Chair: Excellent. Now we'll head to those who are joining us online and on the phone, starting with MLA Singh.

Mr. Singh: Good afternoon, everyone. Peter Singh, MLA, Calgary-East.

The Chair: MLA Aheer.

Mrs. Aheer: Good afternoon, everyone. Leela Aheer, MLA, Chestermere-Strathmore.

The Chair: MLA Sabir. Sorry. MLA Sabir, you are muted. If you don't mind taking yourself off mute and trying again.

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

The Chair: Thank you, sir.
MLA Rosin.

Ms Rosin: Good afternoon. It's Miranda Rosin, MLA for Banff-Kananaskis.

The Chair: And last but not least, MLA Bilous.

Mr. Bilous: Deron Bilous, MLA, Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview. Good morning.

The Chair: Perfect. Thank you, and welcome back from the summer, everyone.

For the record I will note the following substitutions. Mr. Smith will be substituting for Minister Armstrong-Homeniuk for the remainder of the committee's mandate.

A few housekeeping items to address before we turn to the business at hand. Unless we are in camera, proceedings are being live streamed on the Internet and broadcast on Alberta Assembly TV, and committee members are reminded whenever possible to please have your camera on when you are speaking. Please set your cellphones and other devices to silent for the duration of our meeting.

That brings us to item 2, agenda. Would there be a member who would like to move a motion to adopt the agenda as presented? MLA Goehring moves that the September 7, 2022, meeting agenda of the Select Special Ombudsman and Public Interest Commissioner Search Committee be adopted as circulated. Any discussion on this?

Perfect. I'll ask the question, then. All in favour, please say aye, online and in person. All right. Any opposed, please say no, online and in person. Hearing none, that motion is carried.

On to agenda item 3, minutes from the previous meeting. We have the draft minutes from our last meeting. Are there any errors or omissions to note at this time?

All right. Hearing none, would someone like to move the adoption of these minutes? MLA Goehring moves that the minutes of the June 8, 2022, meeting of the Select Special Ombudsman and Public Interest Commissioner Search Committee be adopted as circulated. All in favour online and in person, please say aye. Any opposed online and in person, please say no. That motion is carried.

All right. We head to item 4, consideration of applications received. Today we will be reviewing the applications received for the position of Ombudsman and Public Interest Commissioner. To maintain the confidentiality of the applicants, it would be appropriate now to continue our discussions in camera. Would there be a member willing to make this motion? MLA Smith moves that the Select Special Ombudsman and Public Interest Commissioner Search Committee, including the committee clerk and representatives of executive search, move in camera. All in favour of this online and in person, please say aye. Any opposed online and in person, please say no. Hearing none, that motion is carried.

[The committee met in camera from 1:04 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.]

The Chair: Excellent. Thank you, everyone. We are now back on the record. Do members have any other discussion items or business to address at this time?

All right. Hearing and seeing none, we will move on to the date of our next meeting. The next meeting will be scheduled by the chair. However, to stay on schedule, committee members should be aware that our next meeting will be early to mid-October.

With that said, would a member like to make a motion to adjourn? Mr. Williams moves that the September 7, 2022, meeting of the Select Special Ombudsman and Public Interest Commissioner Search Committee be adjourned. All in favour online and in person, please say aye. Any opposed, please say no. That motion is carried.

Thank you, everyone.

[The committee adjourned at 2:16 p.m.]

