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[Mr. Jeremy Nixon in the chair]

The Chair: I'd like to call this meeting to order. Good afternoon, everyone. I'd like to call this 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 now that members that are joining the committee at the table introduce themselves for the record, starting to my right.

Mr. Smith: Good afternoon, everyone. My name is Mark Smith, and I'm the MLA for Drayton Valley-Devon.

Mr. Williams: I'm Dan Williams, and I'm the member of the Legislature for Peace River.

Ms Goehring: Good afternoon. I'm Nicole Goehring and the MLA for Edmonton-Castle Downs.

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

Ms Mills: Good afternoon. My name is Trish Mills, and I'm the director of executive search in the Public Service Commission.

Ms Rempel: Good afternoon. Jody Rempel, committee clerk with the Legislative Assembly Office.

The Chair: Excellent. Now I'd like to invite those joining us online to introduce themselves for the record, starting with MLA Singh.

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

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

Mrs. Aheer: Hello, everyone. Leela Aheer, Chestermere-Strathmore.

Ms Rosin: Good morning. MLA Miranda Rosin, Banff-Kananaskis.

The Chair: Thank you, everyone.

For the record I will note the following substitutions. As previously noted, Mr. Smith will be subbing for the Hon. Mrs. Armstrong-Homeniuk for the remainder of the committee's mandate.

A few housekeeping items to take care of before we get started. Unless we move in camera, committee proceedings are being live streamed on the Internet and broadcast on Alberta Assembly TV, and committee members are encouraged whenever possible to have your camera on when you are speaking. The audio- and videostream and transcripts of meetings can be accessed via the Legislative Assembly website. Please set your cellphones and other devices to silent for the duration of the meeting.

Now, would a member be willing to move to adopt the agenda?

Mr. Smith: So moved.

The Chair: Excellent. MLA Smith moves that the Select Special Ombudsman and Public Interest Commissioner Search Committee approve the draft agenda for today's meeting as distributed. Any discussion or amendments?

Hearing and seeing none, I'll call the question. All in favour in person and online, please say aye. Any opposed online, in person, please say no. That motion is carried.

Now for the draft minutes from our last meeting as they were distributed. Are there any errors to note at this time?

Hearing and seeing none, would somebody move to adopt these minutes? MLA Goehring moves that the minutes of the September 7, 2022, meeting of the Select Special Ombudsman and Public Interest Commissioner Search Committee be adopted as circulated. All in favour in the room and online, please say aye. Any opposed in the room or online, please say no. That motion is carried.

Today we will continue our considerations of the applications received for the Ombudsman and Public Interest Commissioner positions. To maintain the confidentiality of the applications, it would be appropriate at this time to move in camera. Could I have a member please move that we head in camera? Excellent. MLA Goehring moves that the Select Special Ombudsman and Public Interest Commissioner Search Committee, including the appropriate staff in the Legislative Assembly Office and the representatives from executive search, move in camera. I will ask the question. All in favour of this motion at this time online, in person, please say aye. Any opposed online, in person, please say no. That motion is carried.

[The committee met in camera from 1:06 p.m. to 2:54 p.m.]

The Chair: Excellent. Now that we are back on the record, MLA Bilous, can you introduce yourself for the record?

Mr. Bilous: Yes. Thank you very much. I'm Deron Bilous, MLA, Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview.

The Chair: Thank you, Mr. Bilous.

We now are on other business. Do any members have anything for discussion under other business?

All right. Hearing and seeing none, we will move on to the date of the next meeting. At this point I would anticipate that our next meeting is going to be sometime middle of November. We will get back to everybody on that.

With that said, can I get a motion to adjourn? MLA Smith moves that the October 20, 2022, meeting of the Select Special Ombudsman and Public Interest Commissioner Search Committee be adjourned. All in favour, please say aye. Any opposed, please say no. That motion is carried.

Everybody have a great day.

[The committee adjourned at 2:55 p.m.]

