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[Mr. Mitzel in the chair]

The Chair: Good morning, everyone, and good morning, Paul. We'll call the meeting of the Ombudsman Search Committee to order and welcome everybody here. I trust everyone has a copy of the meeting agenda and the other meeting materials, which were either posted on the committee website or delivered to your offices last week.

I'd ask that we introduce ourselves for the record before we get started. Of course, we'll certainly be getting in touch with you, Mr. Hinman, as well as Ms Blakeman when she gets in. I'm Len Mitzel, and I chair this committee.

Mr. Lund: Ty Lund, MLA, Rocky Mountain House.

Mr. Marz: Richard Marz, MLA, Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills.

Mr. Lindsay: Fred Lindsay, MLA, Stony Plain.

Mr. Quest: Dave Quest, MLA, Strathcona.

Mr. Hinman: Paul Hinman, MLA, Calgary-Glenmore.

Ms Easton: Jean Easton, executive search.

Ms Mills: Trish Mills, executive search.

Mrs. Sawchuk: Karen Sawchuk, committee clerk.

The Chair: Thank you very much.

The meeting agenda: is someone prepared to move that we adopt the agenda, please? Moved by Mr. Marz that the agenda be adopted as circulated. Were there any additions? Seeing none, all in favour? Opposed? That is carried.

We have the minutes from our last meeting as well. Would some member like to move adoption of these, please? Mr. Quest has moved that the minutes of the March 25, 2011, meeting of the Select Special Ombudsman Search Committee be adopted as circulated. Are there any errors or omissions in those minutes?

Ms Blakeman: Hello, everyone. I made it in.

The Chair: Good morning, Ms Blakeman. Thank you for joining us, and I apologize for the change in the code. The speakers were not working in committee room B, so we had to move to committee room A. I'm glad you could join us.

Ms Blakeman: I am, too.

The Chair: We have just started. We adopted the agenda, and we just moved adoption of the minutes of the March 25 meeting.

All in favour of those minutes? Opposed? That is carried.

Today we're here to review the results of the preliminary interviews with a view to shortlisting candidates for final interview by the committee. To maintain the confidentiality of the applicants, we'll continue our discussions in camera. Would a member like to make a motion for this, please? Moved by Mr. Lund that we go in camera. All in favour? Opposed? That is carried.

[The committee met in camera from 8:37 a.m. to 10:46 a.m.]

The Chair: Members, we're back on the record. I'll just note that Ms Notley did join us very shortly after we went in camera.

Are there any other items of business to discuss? I guess I've got a couple. The first is that on May 26, which we had set aside for interviews, the vice-chair and I will be having an exit audit meeting with the Auditor General and the accountants that do their audits. We'll be having that in the morning. We'd like to be able to report that back to the committee because we have to have a meeting on the 26th for the salary review of the Leg. officers, conference attendance with CCPAC and COGEL, a report on the office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner, and the Lobbyists Act review.

This would be a meeting of the Legislative Offices Committee, not the search committee. I'm just letting everyone know for the record, and we'll be informing the other three members that aren't on the search committee about this one. This has been set up for some time, so I thought it would be good to have this meeting set on the 26th.

Mrs. Sawchuk: Can I speak, Mr. Chair?

The Chair: Yes, Karen.

Mrs. Sawchuk: I think initially the thought is that we would have the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices meeting start at 10 a.m. and do what I refer to as housekeeping items, the issues that the committee traditionally deals with with the officers, and the committee would then go into the orientation portion of the meeting with respect to the Lobbyists Act review. Hopefully, we could be done by 1 or 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Ms Blakeman: Wasn't this originally booked for the evening?

The Chair: The interviews were booked for the evening, yes.

Ms Blakeman: Okay. I didn't have the daytime one.

The Chair: No. This has just come up, Ms Blakeman, because of the need to hold a Leg. Offices meeting in order to be able to clean up some of this business as well. I thought we'd be able to tie this in with the search committee meetings so that many of us aren't travelling back and forth and trying to set another date for these. They have to be done very quickly.

Ms Blakeman: Okay. So the time of the meeting, then, is 10 to 1, did you say?

The Chair: I'll say 10 to 2, and then we've got it done. When the Leg. committee does the orientation for the Lobbyists Act review, I think that'll take a good hour or more. Okay?

Ms Blakeman: Yeah.

The Chair: All right. So that's the point on that.

Now, the meeting dates with regard to the search committee will be May 24 at 3 o'clock and May 27 starting at 8 o'clock in the morning. We'll be doing the interviews of the candidates that have been shortlisted.

Any other comments? Anything else to bring? If not, thank you very much. I'd like someone to move adjournment. Mr. Lindsay. All in favour? Thank you very much. Have a great weekend.

[The committee adjourned at 10:50 a.m.]

