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[Mr. Mitzel in the chair]

**The Chair:** Good afternoon. I'd like to call the Select Special Ombudsman Search Committee meeting to order. Welcome, everyone.

We've called this half an hour early – well, it's not quite now, 25 minutes prior to our first interviews – in order to be able to perhaps go over a few things. The interview time scheduled for each candidate is one and a half hours, and we've allowed discussion time following each interview for about 15 minutes. I think we can welcome everyone and note that we'll be moving in camera as soon as we complete a few housekeeping items.

Prior to that, though, I'd like to just note a bit of the interview etiquette. Cellphones, BlackBerrys, and laptops must be turned off. Members and support staff should not be entering and leaving the interview room once the interview has started. Members should be present for all of the interviews in order to be able to make a balanced decision. Questions to the candidates should be directed through the chair.

Okay. Before we go into perhaps some of the questions and things, you all have a copy of the agenda. A motion to approve the agenda?

**Ms Notley:** So moved.

**Mr. Marz:** Just a question, Chair. Did we always direct questions in interviews through the chair before? I mean, should we be looking at the candidate when we talk, or should we be looking at the chairman?

**Ms Blakeman:** I think that's there just so there's a way to pull us back into line if we get too crazy.

**The Chair:** Yeah. I'm not going to be really, really strict on that. I think that we've got a pretty good group here.

Okay. Ms Notley has moved approval of the agenda. Any errors or omissions? There's one addition that I'd like to put in there, and that's under other business, just a meeting for June 7. It has nothing to do with this meeting, but it's a select committee meeting, just a little discussion on June 7, a meeting we've got set up. Okay. All in favour of the agenda? It's carried.

I'd be remiss if we didn't introduce ourselves because we're on the record.

**Ms Blakeman:** Well, I would like to welcome each and every one of you to my fabulous, slightly cloudy, a little on the cold side but otherwise fabulous constituency of Edmonton-Centre. I'm Laurie Blakeman and very honoured to represent it.

**Ms Notley:** It's sunny across the river. That's all I have to say.  
Rachel Notley, Edmonton-Strathcona.

**Ms Easton:** Jean Easton, executive search.

**Ms Mills:** Trish Mills, executive search.

**Mrs. Sawchuk:** Karen Sawchuk, committee clerk.

**The Chair:** Len Mitzel, Cypress-Medicine Hat. 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:** It was raining in Calgary.  
Paul Hinman, MLA for Calgary-Glenmore.

**The Chair:** Well, thank you very much.

The other housekeeping item is approval of the meeting minutes. You have those. Are there any errors or omissions to note? If not, would someone please move to approve the minutes? Moved by Mr. Lund. All in favour? That's carried.

A motion that we go in camera? Moved by Mr. Hinman. All in favour? That's carried. Thank you.

[The committee met in camera from 3:07 p.m. to 4:47 p.m.]

**The Chair:** Thank you. We're back on the record now. We're at item 5 on our agenda, other business. Any members have any items for discussion?

Seeing none, the date of the next meeting is Friday, May 27, 2011, starting at 8 a.m., and it goes from 8 a.m. till 4:30.

A motion to adjourn? Moved by Mr. Quest. All those in favour? That's carried. Thank you very much.

[The committee adjourned at 4:48 p.m.]





