

Title: Tuesday, June 10, 2003 Ethics Commissioner and Ombudsman Search

Date: 03/06/10

[Mrs. Tarchuk in the chair]

The Chair: If I can call the meeting of the Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Ombudsman Search Committee to order. I can tell you that Dr. Pannu is out of province, so he has not joined us this afternoon. Marlene Graham has joined in by telephone. We are just in the process of trying to get connected with Gary Friedel, and everyone else is in attendance this afternoon.

Ms Graham: Good afternoon, everybody.

Some Hon. Members: Good afternoon.

The Chair: I wonder if someone would like to approve the agenda that has been circulated.

Mr. Ducharme: So moved.

The Chair: Denis. Any discussion? All those in favour?

Hon. Members: Agreed.

The Chair: Okay. That motion has been carried.

We have three sets of minutes to approve, and they are all included in your binder: May 15, May 16, and May 21. I wonder if a member would like to move that the minutes of May 15 be approved as circulated.

Mrs. O'Neill: So moved.

The Chair: Any discussion? All those in favour?

Hon. Members: Agreed.

The Chair: That motion is carried. Thank you.

Would someone like to move that the minutes of May 16 be approved as circulated?

Dr. Taft: Sure. I'll move that.

The Chair: Any discussion? All those in favour?

Hon. Members: Agreed.

The Chair: That motion is carried.

Would someone like to move approval of the May 21 minutes as circulated?

Ms Blakeman: So moved.

The Chair: Any discussion? All those in favour?

Hon. Members: Agreed.

The Chair: Okay. The motion is carried. Thank you.

At this point I would like to report on the meeting that I had with the candidate of choice on a variety of issues that I had been directed after the last meeting. If I could have a motion to move in camera to address some of those issues.

Mr. Tannas: So moved.

The Chair: Any discussion? All those in favour?

Hon. Members: Agreed.

The Chair: Thank you. Motion carried.

[The committee met in camera from 3:11 p.m to 3:33 p.m.]

Mr. Ducharme: Madam Chairman, I'd like to move at this time that the Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Ombudsman Search Committee recommend to the Legislative Assembly that G.B. (Gord) Button be appointed Ombudsman effective September 15, 2003, for a five-year term.

The Chair: Thank you.

Is there any discussion? All those in favour?

Hon. Members: Agreed.

The Chair: That motion is carried.

I wonder if someone could move that provided Mr. Button is appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the Speaker on behalf of the Legislative Assembly is authorized to negotiate an employment contract with Mr. Button concerning salary and benefits.

Ms Graham: I'll move that.

The Chair: Okay. Is there any discussion on that motion? All those in favour?

Hon. Members: Agreed.

The Chair: That motion is carried. Thank you.

In your package we have an updated report, and it includes the committee's motion to appoint Mr. Button as Ombudsman and also includes his biography as well as an effective starting date. I wonder if someone could move that

the report, part 2, of the Select Special Ethics Commissioner and Ombudsman Search Committee, dated June 10, 2003, be accepted as revised.

Mr. Friedel: I'll make that motion.

The Chair: Thank you, Gary.

Any discussion on that motion? All those in favour?

Hon. Members: Agreed.

The Chair: Okay. That motion is carried.

At this point, before we adjourn, I would like to thank the members for their hard work, and on behalf of the committee I'd like to thank Alayne Stewart for her work on behalf of the committee, her professionalism and good nature. I would also like to really thank our clerk, Karen Sawchuk, for all the support that she has given the committee.

Could we please have a motion that the meeting be adjourned?

Mr. Ducharme: So moved.

The Chair: All those in favour?

Hon. Members: Agreed.

The Chair: Motion carried.

[The committee adjourned at 3:35 p.m.]

