



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

**Minutes of the House of Assembly
Government Services Committee**

Date: May 7, 2026

Location: House of Assembly Chamber

Time: 9 a.m.

Committee Members Present:

Jeff Dwyer, Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (Chair)

Riley Balsom, Member for Carbonear - Trinity - Bay de Verde

Lisa Dempster, Member for Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair (substituted for Lucy Stoyles, Member for Mount Pearl North)

Jim McKenna, Member for Fogo Island - Cape Freels

Bettina Ford, Member for Gander (substituted for Jamie Korab, Member for Waterford Valley)

Mark Butt, Member for Lewisporte - Twillingate

Jim Dinn, Member for St. John's Centre (substituted for Sheilagh O'Leary, Member for St. John's East - Quidi Vidi)

Other:

Angelica Hill, Official Opposition Caucus

Meghan Parsons, Official Opposition Caucus

Steven Kent, Third Party Caucus

House of Assembly Service:

Emily Gushue, Clerk of Committee (A)

Witnesses Appearing:

Department of Labrador Affairs

Lela Evans, Minister

Jason Higgins, Deputy Minister

Sheree Snow, Assistant Deputy Minister, Medical Transportation Assistance Program

Michelle Watkins, Assistant Deputy Minister, Labrador Affairs

Nicole Abbott, Departmental Controller

Victoria Barbour, Director of Communications

Allison Corcoran, Manager of Finance

Krista Dalton, Media Relations Manager

Andrew MacDonald, Executive Assistant

Bradley Russell, Special Advisor

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

On motion, the Minutes of April 30, 2026 were adopted as circulated.

The Committee recessed proceedings at 10:23 a.m. and resumed at 10:36 a.m.

The Committee reviewed and passed, without amendment, the Estimates of the Department of Labrador Affairs.

On motion, the Committee adjourned at 12:12 p.m. to Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 9 a.m. to review the Estimates of the Department of Government Services.

Jeff Dwyer
Chair



Emily Gushue
Clerk of Committee (A)