



**House of Assembly  
Newfoundland and Labrador**

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

**Date:** May 20, 2026

**Location:** House of Assembly Chamber

**Time:** 5:30 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

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

Michael King, Member for Burgeo - La Poile (substituted for Lucy Stoyles, Member for Mount Pearl North)

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

Jim McKenna, Member for Fogo Island - Cape Freels

Mark Butt, Member for Lewisporte – Twillingate

Sherry Gambin-Walsh, Member for Placentia - St. Mary's (substituted for Jamie Korab, Member for Waterford Valley)

Sheilagh O'Leary, Member for St. John's East - Quidi Vidi

**Other:**

Angelica Hill, Official Opposition Caucus

Emma Kannenberg, Official Opposition Caucus

Scott Fleming, Third Party Caucus

**House of Assembly Service:**

Bobbi Russell, Principal Clerk of Committees

**Witnesses Appearing:**

**Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Office**

Helen Conway Ottenheimer, Minister

Victoria Woodworth-Lynas, Executive Director

Andrea McKenna, Deputy Clerk of the Executive Council

Nicole Abbott, Departmental Controller

Erin Sulley, Director of Multi-media and Training

Clair Barlett, Executive Assistant

**Office of the Chief Information Officer**

Mike Goosney, Minister

Blair White, Chief Information Officer

Shawn Edwards, Assistant Deputy Minister, Infrastructure and Cybersecurity

Susan Putt, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate and Strategic Services

Andrew Roberts, Assistant Deputy Minister, Design and Delivery

Nicole Abbott, Departmental Controller  
Tina Newhook, Director of Communications  
Nicolle Iovanov, Media Relations Manager  
Craig Drover, Executive Assistant

**Office of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation**

Lela Evans, Minister  
Jason Higgins, Deputy Minister  
Nicole Abbott, Departmental Controller  
Victoria Barbour, Director of Communications  
Joanne Cotter, Director  
Krista Dalton, Communications Manager  
Andrew MacDonald, Executive Assistant

**Office of Women and Gender Equality**

Lela Evans, Minister  
Sharlene Jones, Deputy Minister  
Nicole Abbott, Departmental Controller  
Emily Christy, Director of Policy and Planning  
Kathy Dicks-Peyton, Director of Communications  
Susan Furlong, Director of Violence Prevention  
Allison Corcoran, Manager of Finance

**Treasury Board Secretariat**

Craig Pardy, Minister  
John McGrath, Secretary to the Treasury Board  
Lisa Curran, Assistant Deputy Minister, Human Resources  
Bren Hanlon, Comptroller General  
Renee Williams, Deputy Secretary to the Treasury Board  
Nicole Abbott, Departmental Controller  
Erin Sulley, Director of Multi-media and Training  
Curtis Knee, Executive Assistant

**Intergovernmental Affairs Secretariat**

Craig Pardy, Minister  
Gillian Skinner, Deputy Minister  
Mark Janes, Assistant Deputy Minister, Trade Policy  
Nicole Abbott, Departmental Controller  
Erin Sulley, Director of Multi-media and Training  
Curtis Knee, Executive Assistant

**Executive Council**

Craig Pardy, Minister  
Andrea McKenna, Deputy Clerk of the Executive Council  
Caroline Orsborn, Assistant Deputy Clerk of the Executive Council  
Nicole Abbott, Departmental Controller  
John Tompkins, Assistant Secretary to Cabinet (Communications)  
Erin Sulley, Director of Multi-media and Training  
Dan MacKenzie, Private Secretary to the Lieutenant-Governor  
Curtis Knee, Executive Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

On motion, the Minutes of May 7, 2026 were adopted as circulated.

The Committee recessed proceedings at 6 p.m. and resumed at 6:03 p.m.

The Committee recessed proceedings at 6:45 p.m. and resumed at 6:52 p.m.

The Committee recessed proceedings at 7:41 p.m. and resumed at 7:53 p.m.

The Committee recessed proceedings at 8:22 p.m. and resumed at 8:27 p.m.

The Committee recessed proceedings at 8:42 p.m. and resumed at 8:46 p.m.

The Committee recessed proceedings at 9 p.m. and resumed at 9:04 p.m..

The Committee reviewed and passed, without amendment, the Estimates of Executive Council.

On motion, the Committee adjourned at 9:15 p.m. to Thursday, May 21, 2026 at 9 a.m. to consider the Estimates of the Department of Government Services.

Jeff Dwyer  
Chair

*Bobbi Russell*

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Principal Clerk of Committees