



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

**Minutes of the House of Assembly
Management Commission**

Date: March 19, 2025

Location: Videoconference

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Hon. Derek Bennett, Speaker (Chair)

Hon. Lisa Dempster, Government House Leader

Barry Petten, Opposition House Leader

Jim Dinn, MHA (NDP), St. John's Centre

Hon. John Haggie, MHA (LIB), Gander

Jamie Korab, MHA (LIB), Waterford Valley

Craig Pardy, MHA (PC), Bonavista

Kim Hawley George, Clerk of the House of Assembly/Secretary to the Commission

Other

Sherry Gambin-Walsh, Deputy Speaker

Bobbi Russell, Principal Clerk of Committees

Gerrie Smith, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel (A)

As required by the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Chair reported decisions from *in camera* meetings held on July 17, October 22, November 25, December 4 and December 20, 2024, and February 3, 2025. Details of decisions made at those meetings were included with the Minutes circulated to the Commission for approval and posted on the House of Assembly website.

CM 2025-009 The Commission approved the Minutes of meetings held on July 17, 2024; October 22, 2024; November 25, 2024; December 4, 2024; December 20, 2024; and February 3, 2025.

The Speaker presented a report of rulings on allowance use, in accordance with Section 24 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*. Since the last report, the Commission issued rulings to reimburse expenditures as follows:

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| • Member for Bonavista | \$828.00 |
| • Member for Burin - Grand Bank | \$575.00 |
| • Member for Mount Pearl - Southlands | \$22.22 & \$70.29 |

- Member for Stephenville - Port au Port \$60.00 & \$1132.18

The Clerk presented a report of pre-approvals for furniture and equipment expenditures, in accordance with the Standard Office Allocation Package for Members. Since the last report, the Clerk approved the following:

- Member for Harbour Main \$529.99 Additional filing cabinet for the office.

As required by the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, financial reports of the Legislature, as well as actual expenditures of Members, were presented to the Commission for the periods up to September 30, 2024 and December 31, 2024.

As required by the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Audit Committee presented a report on its activities for the periods from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023 and April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

CM 2025-010 The Commission, pursuant to subsection 43(2) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, directed that the Auditor General be appointed to audit the accounts of the House of Assembly and the statutory offices for the fiscal year ended 31 March 2025.

CM 2025-011 The Commission approved payment of expenses in the amount of \$34.34 related to leased office accommodations for the District of Baie Verte - Green Bay for the 2023-24 fiscal year, with the expenses to be charged to the applicable allocation for the current fiscal year (2024-25).

CM 2025-012 The Commission approved the following transfer of funds:

From:

Subdivision 1.1.04.10 Members' Resources – Grants and Subsidies
\$1,700

Subdivision 1.1.04.09 Members' Resources – Allowances and Assistance
\$ 600

Subdivision 1.1.06.10 Government Members' Caucus – Grants and Subsidies
\$ 2,000

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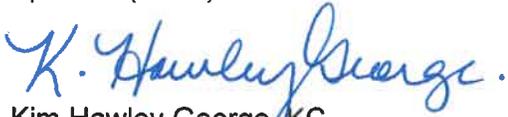
Subdivision 1.1.07.10 Official Opposition Members Caucus – Grants and Subsidies
\$4,300

CM 2025-013 The Commission, pursuant to subsection 20(4) and subparagraph 20(6)(b)(ii) of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, directed that Section 4.7 of the Inventory Management Policy be repealed and replaced with the following:

“The Commission delegates authority to the Clerk of the House of Assembly to approve the disposal of items which are no longer serviceable or are considered obsolete, and these items will be removed from the inventory management system accordingly.”

Adjournment: 10 a.m.

Derek Bennett
Speaker (Chair)

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K. Hawley George." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K" and a period at the end.

Kim Hawley George KC
Clerk of the House of Assembly (Secretary to the Commission)