



**House of Assembly  
Newfoundland and Labrador**

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

**Date:** January 21, 2026

**Location:** HOA Committee Room

**Time:** 9 a.m.

**Members Present:**

Hon. Paul Lane, Speaker (Chair)

Hon. Lloyd Parrott, Government House Leader

Hon. Lisa Dempster, Official Opposition House Leader

Riley Balsom, MHA (PC), Carbonear - Trinity - Bay de Verde (10:26 a.m.)

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

Hon. Jamie Korab, MHA (LIB), Waterford Valley

Hon. Barry Petten, MHA (PC), Conception Bay South

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

**Other**

Bobbi Russell, Principal Clerk of Committees

Ian Tucker, Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel (A)

Wanda Lee Mercer, Chief Financial Officer

Wanda Strowbridge, Manager of Financial Planning and Reporting

Travis Wooley, Chief Electoral Officer (A)

Brad Moss, Citizens'

The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, approved the following 2026-2027 estimates, to be forwarded to the Minister of Finance for inclusion in the 2026 Estimates and voted on in the House of Assembly:

- Administrative Support: \$2,195,000
- Legislative Library, Proceedings Support and Research, Records Management, Hansard: \$1,396,500
- Committees, Policy and Communications: \$961,000
- Members' Resources: \$9,473,700
- House Operations: \$490,100
- Government Members' Caucus: \$475,900
- Official Opposition Caucus: \$1,407,000
- Third Party Caucus: \$489,700
- Office of the Auditor General: \$9,430,400

- Office of the Chief Electoral Officer: \$2,729,200
- Office of the Citizens' Representative: \$1,208,900
- Office of the Child and Youth Advocate: \$1,684,500
- Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner: \$1,617,600
- Office of the Seniors' Advocate: \$706,000
- Office of the Commissioner for Legislative Standards: \$333,000

The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, approved the creation of the following positions in the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, with the final classifications to be reviewed and approved at a later date:

- GIS Specialist;
- Electoral Mapping Analyst (3-year temporary); and
- Training Officer.

The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, approved the creation of the position of Investigator/Researcher Specialist in the Office of the Citizens' Representative, with the final classification to be reviewed and approved at a later date.

The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, approved the creation of a 6-month temporary position for training and communications in the Office of the Commissioner for Legislative Standards at a classification of HL-25.

The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, approved a pre-commitment of funds of up to \$96,900 for fiscal year 2026-27 for the purposes of hosting the 2026 Canadian Clerks-at-the-Table professional development seminar and annual general meeting.

The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, approved a pre-commitment of funds up to \$15,400 for fiscal year 2026-27 related to the purchase of extended warranty coverage for components of the House of Assembly broadcast system. The Commission further directed that the purchase of extended warranty coverage be re-evaluated for subsequent fiscal years.

The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, approved a funding grant of \$20,000 for the 2026-27 fiscal year for the Newfoundland and Labrador Youth Parliament, with:

- a. \$10,000 paid on the submission of budgeted costs sufficient to the Chief Financial Officer of the House of Assembly; and
- b. The remaining \$10,000 paid on the submission of financial information sufficient to the Chief Financial Officer of the House of Assembly, by no later than December 31, 2026.

The Commission further directed that the funding grant amount be re-evaluated for the 2027-28 fiscal year.

The Member for Carbonear - Trinity - Bay de Verde recused for the discussion on the Newfoundland and Labrador Youth Parliament funding grant.

The meeting recessed at 11:24 a.m. and resumed at 11:37 a.m.

The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, approved a pre-commitment of funds of up to \$75,400 for fiscal year 2026-27 for the purposes of hosting the 2026 Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Canadian Regional Seminar.

**Adjournment:** 12:03 p.m.

Paul Lane  
Speaker (Chair)

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "K. Hawley George".

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