



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

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

Date: December 5, 2022

Location: House of Assembly Committee Room

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Hon. Derek Bennett, Speaker/Chair of the Commission

Hon. Steve Crocker, Government House Leader

Barry Petten, Opposition House Leader

Hon. Lisa Dempster, MHA (LIB), Cartwright - L'Anse au Clair

Lela Evans, MHA (NDP), Torngat Mountains

Craig Pardy, MHA (PC), Bonavista

Paul Pike, MHA (LIB), Burin - Grand Bank

Sandra Barnes, Clerk of the House of Assembly/Secretary to the Commission

Other

Brian Warr, Deputy Speaker

Kim Hawley George, Law Clerk/Clerk Assistant (A)

Bobbi Russell, Policy and Communications Officer

The Commission, at an *in-camera* meeting, authorized the use of leave balances in accordance with the Paid Leave Policy, to bridge an employee to retirement.

CM 2022-045 The Commission, at an *in-camera* meeting, recommended to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, that Travis Wooly be appointed acting Chief Electoral Officer pursuant to subsection 5.5(1) of the *Elections Act, 1991*, and waived the 2-day waiting period for this decision.

CM 2022-046 The Commission, at an *in-camera* meeting, recommended to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, that Ann Chafe be appointed acting Commissioner for Legislative Standards pursuant to subsection 34(8) of the *House of Assembly Act*, and waived the 2-day waiting period for this decision.

The Commission directed that the Deputy Chair request a response by the Citizens' Representative to the recommendations contained in the November 4, 2022 report of the acting Commissioner for Legislative Standards, and that such response be received by December 12, 2022. The Commission waived the 2-day waiting period for this decision. The Chair and the Secretary of the Commission recused from the discussion.

CM 2022-048 The Commission, at an *in-camera* meeting, approved reimbursement of legal fees in accordance with the exception provisions of the Guidelines on the Reimbursement of Legal Fees for Members of the House of Assembly for the Member for Harbour Grace - Port de Grave in the amount of \$1,220.15.

The Commission, at an *in-camera* meeting, did not approve a request regarding reimbursement of legal fees under the Harassment-Free Workplace Policy Applicable to Complaints Against MHAs.

CM 2022-050 The Commission, at an *in-camera* meeting, directed the Speaker to respond to correspondence dated October 27, 2022 from the Member for Humber - Bay of Islands informing the Member the Commission does not have the requisite legal authority to intervene in any way in a Code of Conduct process.

Adjournment: 5 p.m.

Hon. Derek Bennett
Speaker (Chair)



Sandra Barnes
Clerk and Secretary to the Commission