



**House of Assembly  
Newfoundland and Labrador**

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

**Date:** August 23, 2023

**Location:** Videoconference

**Time:** 9:30 a.m.

**Members Present:**

Hon. Derek Bennett, Speaker (Chair)

Hon. John Hogan, Government House Leader

Barry Petten, Opposition House Leader

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

Lela Evans, MHA (NDP), Torngat Mountains

Lucy Stoyles, MHA (LIB), Mount Pearl North

Craig Parly, MHA (PC), Bonavista

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

**Other**

Brian Warr, Deputy Speaker

Kim Hawley George, Law Clerk & Parliamentary Counsel

Bobbi Russell, Principal Clerk of Committees/Director of Policy

As required by the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act*, the Chair reported decisions from *in camera* meetings held on June 14, 2023; July 12, 2023 and August 9, 2023. Details of decisions made at those meetings were included with the Minutes circulated to the Commission for approval and are posted on the House of Assembly website.

**CM 2023-047** The Commission approved the Minutes of meetings held on:

- June 14, 2023;
- July 12, 2023; and
- August 9, 2023

**CM 2023-048** The Commission approved the House of Assembly Publication Scheme, 2023 as presented, and authorized House officials to make routine revisions, as required, with a subsequent report to the Commission.

**CM 2023-049** The Commission directed amendments to Section 6.0 of the Advertising and Publications Policy for Members of the House of Assembly to remove the restriction regarding messages of welcome and congratulations in advertising, to make it consistent with the provisions for Member-created publications.

**CM 2023-050** The Commission directed House officials to proceed with an expression of interest for the sale of the decommissioned chamber chairs, as per the

following parameters, with the sale price of each chair set at \$250.00:

- Expression of interest is to be initially offered to current and former Members elected during the time the chairs were in use (i.e., 1991 to 2022).
- If there is more interest than chairs following the initial expression of interest, conduct a draw for an opportunity to purchase a chair.
- If there are more chairs than interest following the expression of interest to former Members elected during the time the chairs were in use, proceed to open the process to the general public.

The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, approved proposed amendments to the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* as presented, to be forwarded to the Lieutenant-Governor in Council and subject to final wording by the Office of the Legislative Counsel.

The Commission, at an *in camera* meeting, appointed Kim Hawley George, K.C., as Clerk of the House of Assembly in an acting capacity, effective September 1, 2023, for a period not to exceed 12 consecutive months or until the position is permanently filled; with the salary to be set at step 25 of the EP-06 pay plan for the duration of the assignment and include payment of Law Society fees. The Law Clerk and Parliamentary Counsel recused for the discussion on this item.

**Adjournment:** 10:13 a.m.

Hon. Derek Bennett  
Speaker (Chair)



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