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[Mr. Rogers in the chair]

The Chair: I'm going to call the meeting to order. It's 9 a.m. I'm George Rogers. I'm the chair of this committee, the Member for Leduc-Beaumont. I'm going to ask my deputy chair and go around so people can introduce themselves for the record.

Mr. Quadri: Sohail Quadri, Edmonton-Mill Woods.

Mrs. Leskiw: Genia Leskiw, Bonnyville-Cold Lake. I'm happy to be in this wonderful constituency of Edmonton-Centre.

Ms Blakeman: It's fabulous, but that's okay.

Mrs. Leskiw: Okay. Fabulous.

Ms Blakeman: You're wonderful.

Mr. Reynolds: Robert Reynolds, Law Clerk and director of interparliamentary relations.

Mr. Saskiw: Shayne Saskiw, Lac La Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills.

Ms Blakeman: Oh, welcome, everyone, welcome, to my fabulous constituency of Edmonton-Centre. My name is Laurie Blakeman, and I'm so tired my voice has gone down an octave.

Mr. Eggen: Good morning. I'm Dave Eggen. I'm the MLA for Edmonton-Calder.

Ms Easton: Jean Easton, executive search.

Ms Mills: Trish Mills, executive search.

Ms Rempel: Jody Rempel, committee clerk.

The Chair: And Mr. McDonald, for the record.

Mr. McDonald: Everett McDonald.

The Chair: Thank you, Mr. McDonald.

Hon. members, we have the agenda before us. I'd like a motion to adopt the agenda unless there are any additions.

If I may, hon. members, under item 6 this committee will need the permission of the Legislature to sit during estimates as, by the rules, committees do not sit during estimates, but because of the importance and the time-sensitive nature of the work of this committee we will need permission from the House to sit during estimates. I'm suggesting that under item 6 we add an item requesting leave to sit during estimates. On that point I'll ask someone to make that motion so we can deal with that. So you would add item 6(a), request leave to sit during estimates, and then the second piece of that would be any future meetings.

Mr. Lemke has joined us – welcome – and Mr. Goudreau. Mr. Lemke, for the record, is the Member for Stony Plain, and Mr.

Goudreau, the Member for Dunvegan-Central Peace-Notley. Welcome.

I look for a motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

Mr. Quadri: I move the motion.

The Chair: Moved by Mr. Quadri. Discussion? All in favour? Any opposed? That's carried.

We have the minutes from our last meeting. Any errors or omissions to note? If not, I'd ask for a motion to adopt the minutes as circulated. Would someone like to move the minutes? Anyone?

Ms Blakeman: Sure. I move.

The Chair: Ms Blakeman moved the motion. Discussion? All in favour? Opposed? That is carried.

Moving to item 4, the consideration of the applications received. Today we'll be reviewing the applications received with a view to a short list of the candidates for preliminary interviews. To maintain the confidentiality of the applicants, we'll be continuing our discussions in camera, and I'd ask that a member make the motion that we move in camera. Mr. Lemke. Discussion? All in favour? Opposed? That is carried.

[The committee met in camera from 9:04 a.m. to 10:48 a.m.]

The Chair: Okay. We're back on the record. We're up to item 5. Is there any other business?

Seeing none, I'll move to item 6, the date of the next meeting. Hon. members, because the estimates will be dealt with during the period of time that we're proposing to continue this work, we will need to request leave of the House to sit during estimates, so I'm asking that a member move the draft motion that's been suggested. We'll ask the clerk to read it into the record.

Ms Rempel: Moved that

the Select Special Ethics Commissioner Search Committee request that it be exempted from the provisions of Standing Order 59.01(11) and that it be allowed to meet during consideration of main estimates and that the chair transmit this request to the Government House Leader with copies to all House leaders.

Mr. Quadri: Yeah. I move it.

The Chair: Mr. Quadri is willing to move the motion as read into the record. Is there discussion on the motion? All in favour? Opposed? That's carried unanimously. Thank you very much.

The next meeting, then, would be at the call of the chair in the hope that the House sees fit to grant our request.

I look for a motion to adjourn. Moved by Mr. Goudreau. All those in favour? Opposed? That motion is carried. We stand adjourned.

[The committee adjourned at 10:50 a.m.]

