

STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MANAGEMENT

Chairperson: Hon. Sidney MacEwen, Speaker

Meeting Minutes – Meeting 2025-4

Date: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Location: Ground Floor Boardroom, Hon. George Coles Building

Members Present:

Hon. Sidney MacEwen Speaker, Chair
Susie Dillon, MLA
Hon. Hal Perry, Leader of the Opposition
Matthew MacFarlane, MLA
Kent Dollar, MLA for Matthew MacKay, MLA
Gord McNeilly, MLA
Brad Trivers, Deputy Speaker, MLA

Staff Present:

Joseph Jeffrey, Clerk

Minutes

1. The Speaker called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.
2. The agenda and minutes from the previous meeting were adopted without change.
3. The Committee further considered the following Statutory Officer budgets:
 - a. Child and Youth Advocate
 - b. Auditor General
4. The Committee decided to approve only the negotiated raises for staff for these two budgets. The additional funding for new staff, office renovations and staff reclassification was denied.
5. The Committee discussed Province House and the 1974 MOU between the Province of Prince Edward Island the Government of Canada. The Committee agreed that Province House being under the sole authority and management of the Legislative Assembly is the best scenario provided that transitional costs can be negotiated.
6. The Committee agreed to appoint Matthew Chapman as acting Ombudsperson pursuant to Section 5 of the *Ombudsperson Act*. This is a result of the resignation of Sandy Hermiston and will be effective December 19, 2025. They also authorized a public competition for a new Ombudsperson timed so that a recommendation can be made to the House during the spring sitting of the Legislative Assembly.
7. Gord McNeilly left at 12:16 p.m.
8. Under new business, the Committee sought clarification regarding Section 28 of the *Child and Youth Advocate Act*.
9. Under new business, the Committee asked the Clerk to research statutory offices in other jurisdictions to find out if other offices share resources and what other efficiencies can be found.

10. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.