



Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #1/88
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
HELD IN SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM, ROOM 180, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 2:00 P.M., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1988

PRESENT:

The Honourable Hugh Edighoffer, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable Sean G. Conway
The Honourable Joan E. Smith
Mr. Dave Cooke, M.P.P.
Mr. Ernie Eves, Q.C., M.P.P.

ABSENT:

The Honourable Richard Patten
Ms Barbara Sullivan, M.P.P.

Legislative Assembly Staff:

Mr. Claude L. DesRosiers, Clerk of the House
Mr. R. Brian Land, Executive Director, Legislative Library
Mr. William Ponick, Controller
Ms Ellen Schoenberger, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Larry E. Waters, Director of Finance
Mr. Harold Brown, Special Assistant, Speaker's Office
Ms Sandra Bowen, Administrative Co-ordinator

Guests:

Ms Micheline Sanitrar) Intercede Facility
Mr. David Pistagnesi) Management Ltd.
Mr. Les Bonnay, Price Waterhouse
Mr. William Fowler, Director, Legislative Information Systems
Mr. Albert Cote, Director, Toronto Region, Ministry of Government Services
Ms Marcia Boyd, Office Manager, N.D.P. Caucus
Ms Barbara Cowieson, Director of Administration, P.C. Services Bureau

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes #13/87

Moved by Ms Smith, seconded by Mr. Cooke, and agreed,
that the Minutes of Meeting #13/87 be approved.

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ITEM 2: **Office of the Legislative Assembly:
Space Planning Study**

The Board received a report and presentation by staff of Intercede Facility Management Ltd.

ITEM 3: **Legislative Information Systems Steering Committee:
Progress Report on 1987-88 Operations Plan**

The Board received a presentation from Mr. William Fowler on behalf of the Legislative Information Systems Steering Committee of a Progress Report on the 1987-88 Operations Plan.

ITEM 4: **Memorandum of Understanding:
Legislative Assembly/Ministry of Government Services**

The Board received a draft memorandum as notice of the status of negotiations between the Legislative Assembly and the Ministry of Government Services.

ITEM 5: **Salary Adjustment Procedure:
Order-in-Council Appointments**

This Item was deferred to the next meeting following the meeting of February 8, 1988. Mr. DesRosiers undertook to advise Dr. Hill. Mr. Conway is to check with the Cabinet Office regarding the procedure relating to such adjustments.

ITEM 6: **Members' French Immersion Program**

Moved by Mr. Conway, seconded by Ms Smith, and agreed, that any Member that has taken the two week French Immersion course at Jonquière, Québec, since September 10, 1987 be reimbursed their total expenses including transportation.

Moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Conway, and agreed, that the Board amend the motion of May 1982 to the effect that the Office of the Assembly pay the total cost of Members attending the French Immersion course in Jonquière, including transportation, and that an amount of \$30,000 be provided in the 1988-89 Estimates for Vote 03-0414 (Sessional) as a contingency for Members' French Language Immersion course expenses.

ITEM 7: **PC Caucus Employees:
Funding for Notice of Termination Period**

Moved by Mr. Conway, seconded by Mr. Cooke, and agreed, that the Office of the Legislative Assembly fund outside of the caucus allocation the Notice of Termination period for the 38 staff of the Progressive Conservative Caucus terminated between September 10, 1987 and January 1, 1988 as a result of the Election of September 10, 1987.

It was agreed, at the request of Mr. Cooke, that a policy be struck pertaining to this matter.

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ITEM 8: **Members' Expenses After
the Issuance of an Election Writ**

The Board agreed that no further action be taken with this matter.

ITEM 9: **Transfer of Caucus and Members' Support Staff
to and from Ministries: Severance Benefits**

Moved by Ms Smith, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the Board confirm that with regard to its motion under Item 3 of Meeting #8/87, the Assembly, on its part, undertakes to recognize previous service in a Ministry by a Minister's (classified and unclassified) employee who transfers to the Assembly to Members' or Caucus staff. Upon termination of such an employee in the Assembly, total service years will be used as basis for severance pay calculations, provided there was no break in service, but any previous separation/severance payments made to such employees by a Ministry be deducted from the final amount. The Assembly further undertakes to make this provision retroactive to September 1, 1986, when the new severance pay provisions for Caucus and Members' support staff came into effect.

ITEM 10: **Relocation and Other Assistance Expenses:
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly**

This Item was tabled to the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

a) **1988 Salary Review**

Moved by Ms Smith, seconded by Mr. Cooke, and agreed, that the Director of Human Resources be authorized to implement on a continuous basis the annual salary adjustments for the Office of the Assembly, the Ontario Election Office, the Commission on Election Finances, and the Information and Privacy Commission as these adjustments are approved for the comparable classifications in the Ontario Public Service. The same authorization applies to the Office of the Ombudsman and the Provincial Auditor.

It was further agreed that the Director of Human Resources be authorized to implement the adjustments for Caucus and Members' support staff, including Leaders' drivers and the Executive Assistants to the House Leaders. This staff group receives the same percentage increase as the Management Compensation Plan group in the Ontario Public Service. The Board will be advised of the new salary levels and corresponding increase in the global allowance once it is known.

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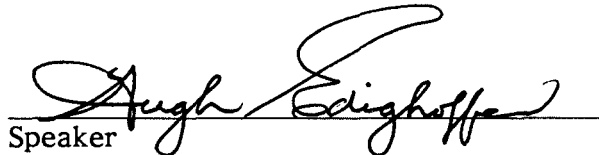
b) Salary of Opposition Leaders' Drivers

Moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the Leaders' driver salary for 1987-88 be approved at the maximum amount of \$29,908. This will be the figure used for future annual percentage adjustments of this salary maximum. This figure will be incorporated in the Estimates for the Caucuses for the 1988-89 fiscal year.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Board will take place on Monday, February 8, 1988, at 3:30 p.m.


Speaker

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