



Legislative Assembly

**MINUTES OF MEETING #2/92  
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN  
SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM, ROOM 180, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING  
AT 4:20 P.M., TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1992**

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**Present:**

The Honourable David Warner, Speaker, Chairman  
The Honourable Dave Cooke  
The Honourable Gilles Pouliot  
The Honourable Shirley Coppen  
Mr. David Christopherson, MPP  
Mr. Murray Elston, MPP  
Mr. Ernie Eves, MPP

**Secretariat:**

Mr. William Ponick, Controller, Secretary  
Ms Barbara Bishop, Executive Assistant, Assistant Secretary and Recording Secretary

**Legislative Assembly Staff:**

Mr. Claude L. DesRosiers, Clerk of the House  
Mr. Brian Land, Executive Director, Legislative Library  
Ms Barbara Speakman, Executive Director, Assembly Services  
Mr. Ajit Deshmukh, Director of Finance  
Ms Ellen Schoenberger, Director of Human Resources  
Mr. Terry Mitchell, Assistant Director, Finance/Planning and Analysis

**Guests:**

Ms Gayle Laws, Administrative Assistant to the Speaker  
Ms Patty Park, Executive Director/NDP Caucus  
Ms Sheila Green, Director of Administration/NDP Caucus  
Mr. Peter Curtis, [Acting] Executive Director, Liberal Caucus  
Ms Barbara Cowieson, Director of Administration, PC Service Bureau  
Mr. Donald MacDonald, Chairperson/Commission on Election Finances  
Mr. Gordon Kushner, Executive Director/Commission on Election Finances  
Mr. Tom Wright, Commissioner/Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner/Ontario  
Ms Judy Hubert, Executive Director/Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner/Ontario  
Ms Marcia Boyd, Manager Administration/Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner/Ontario  
The Honourable Gregory T. Evans, Commissioner/Commission on Conflict of Interest  
Ms Lynn Harris, Executive Assistant/Commission on Conflict of Interest  
Ms Roberta Jamieson, Ombudsman/Office of the Ombudsman  
Mr. John Allen, Accountant/Office of the Ombudsman  
Ms LaVerne Monette, Director Investigations & Legal Services/Office of the Ombudsman  
Ms Lorie Wells, [Acting] Assistant Chief Election Officer/Office of the Chief Election Officer  
Ms Peng Tam, Chief Financial Officer/Office of the Chief Election Officer  
Mr. Jim Otterman, [Acting] Provincial Auditor/Office of the Provincial Auditor  
Ms Hildegard Halvachs, Director Human Resources & Support Services/Office of the Provincial Auditor

## DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

**ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes of Meeting #1/92**

Moved by Mr. Pouliot, seconded by Mr. Cooke, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #1/92 be approved as circulated.

**ITEM 2: 1992-93 ESTIMATES**

**Office of the Assembly**

**Commission on Conflict of Interest [Vote 0201-13]**

This item was tabled for discussion and it was agreed that the Commission on Conflict of Interest would reduce its budget up to 10% in non-salary items, in keeping with the proposed reductions taking place in the Ontario Government.

A revised budget will be presented to the Board at a later date.

**Commission on Election Finances [Vote 0201-11]**

This item was tabled for discussion and it was agreed that the Commission on Election Finances would reduce its budget up to 10% in non-salary items, in keeping with the proposed reductions taking place in the Ontario Government.

A revised budget will be presented to the Board at a later date.

**Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario [Vote 0201-12]**

This item was tabled for discussion and it was agreed that the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario would reduce its budget up to 10% in non-salary items, in keeping with the proposed reductions taking place in the Ontario Government.

A revised budget will be presented to the Board at a later date.

**Office of the Ombudsman [Vote 3101]**

Moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Christopherson, and agreed, that the 1992-93 Budget for the Office of the Ombudsman be approved in the amount of \$9,431,500.

All merit increases will be capped at 3% in keeping with the Ontario Public Service.

Mr. Eves was opposed and stated that he would vote against any budget that included merit increases over 1%.

**Office of the Chief Election Officer [Vote 0501]**

This item was tabled for discussion and deferred, pending receipt of that portion of the budget which is currently paid out of Accountable Warrants.

**Office of the Provincial Auditor [Vote 3301]**

Moved by Mr. Pouliot, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1992-93 Budget for the Office of the Provincial Auditor be reduced by \$100,000 and that an amended Budget in the amount of \$8,048,800 be approved.

**ITEM 3: Toronto Accommodation Overage [Rent Review]**

Moved by Mr. Elston, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the amounts advanced to Messrs. Cousens, Brown and Miclash, to cover Retroactive Rent Reviews, be applied against their individual Toronto Accommodation Allowances.

Mr. Pouliot abstained.

Finance were asked to consult with the Caucuses and submit, for Board consideration, a revised Policy/Guideline on Toronto Accommodation Expenses and Allowances.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD**

The next meeting of the Board will be scheduled at a later date.



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Speaker