



Legislative Assembly of Ontario

**MINUTES OF MEETING # 3/96
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
ROOM 180, THE SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM
AT 4:20 PM, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 1996**

Present

The Honourable Allan McLean, MPP, Chair
The Honourable David Johnson, MPP
The Honourable Robert Runciman, MPP
Ms Isabel Bassett, MPP
Ms Elinor Caplan, MPP
Mr. Dave Cooke, MPP

Absent

The Honourable Noble Villeneuve, MPP

Secretariat

Mr. William Ponick, Controller, Secretary
Ms Barbara Bishop, Assistant Secretary

Legislative Assembly Staff

Mr. Claude DesRosiers, Clerk of the House
Ms Mary Dickerson, Executive Director, Legislative Library
Ms Barbara Speakman, Executive Director, Assembly Services
Mr. Ajit Deshmukh, Director of Finance
Ms Ellen Schoenberger, Director of Human Resources

Guests

Ms Judith Baird, Executive Assistant to the Speaker
Ms Zina Decker, Executive Assistant to the Clerk
Mr. Terry Mitchell, Assistant Director, Finance - Office of the Assembly and Commissions
Ms Barbara Cowieson, Director of Administration/PC Service Bureau
Mr. Peter Curtis, Executive Director/Liberal Caucus Services
Mr. Richard McLellan, Executive Director, Operations/NDP Caucus
Mr. Mac Penney, Executive Assistant to the Honourable David Johnson
Ms Sarah Campbell, Assistant to Isabel Bassett, MPP
Ms Roberta Jamieson, Ombudsman
Mr. John Allan, Manager Finance, Office of the Ombudsman
Mr. Warren Bailie, Chief Election Officer
Ms Peng Tam, Chief Financial Officer, Office of the Chief Election Officer

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes of Meeting #2/96

Moved by Ms Caplan, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #2/96 be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2: 1996-97 Estimates

OFFICE OF THE ASSEMBLY

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms Bassett, and agreed, that the 1996-97 Estimates for the Office of the Assembly be approved for the following as indicated below:

• Office of the Speaker -	\$ 733,000
• Office of the Clerk -	8,386,700
• Legislative Library -	4,834,800
• Finance and Administration -	5,761,400
• Assembly Services -	14,448,200
• Caucus Support Services -	9,892,200
• Legislative Internship Program -	166,000
• Members' Office Support Services -	29,315,400

and, that the total Assembly Vote-0201, be approved in the amount of \$73,537,700 and further that the Members' Office Support and Communications Budget guidelines be adopted.

Office of the Clerk

- **Broadcast and Recording Services**

Moved by Ms Caplan, seconded by Ms Bassett, and agreed, that the Office of the Clerk prepare a report on the Broadcast and Recording Service and the televised distribution of the House and Committees to examine the options for cost reduction and revenue generation in this service, alternative service delivery models and the impact of discontinuing televised coverage of the Committees, and that this report be presented to the Board at its next meeting.

The Clerk will also report to the Board on alternative options available to achieve the \$550,000 reduction.

Restructuring Costs

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms Caplan, and agreed, that the 1996-97 Estimates for restructuring be approved in the amount of \$2,500,000.

AGENCIES AND COMMISSIONS

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms Bassett, and agreed, that the 1996-97 Estimates for the following Agencies and Commissions be approved in the amounts indicated below:

• Commission on Election Finances -	\$1,216,100
• Office of the Integrity Commissioner -	\$ 260,600
• Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario -	\$6,566,500
• Office of the Environmental Commissioner -	\$1,606,000
• Office of the Provincial Auditor -	\$7,066,300

Office of the Ombudsman

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Runciman, and agreed, that the 1996-97 Estimates for the Office of the Ombudsman be approved in the amount of \$7,318,700.

At the next meeting of the Board the Ombudsman will present details of the severance required in the 1996-97 Estimates for the Office of the Ombudsman and will also provide a detailed breakdown of services as requested.

Chief Election Officer

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms Bassett, and agreed, that the 1996-97 Estimates for the Chief Election Officer be approved in the amount of \$743,600.

At the next meeting of the Board, the Chief Election Officer will provide details of severance required in the 1996-97 Estimates of the Chief Election Officer.

Office of the Provincial Auditor

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Ms Caplan, and agreed, that the 1996-97 Estimates for the Office of the Provincial Auditor be approved in the amount of \$7,066,300.

ITEM 3: Termination Provisions for Redundant Employees of the Office of the Assembly and Caucuses

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Runciman, and agreed, that the Board approve the following Assembly termination provisions for redundant employees

- the addition of the new pension bridging arrangement, and
- the reopening of the Factor 80 program for redundant employees.

The request to adjust the current severance pay policy with respect to redundancies to two week's pay for each year of service was deferred until the next meeting of the Board. Should there be any monies owing to terminated employees, they will be paid retroactively.

ITEM 4: Legislative Food Services Branch

Updates on the Operating Budget and RFP Process were received.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 1996 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in Room 180, the Speaker's Boardroom.



Speaker