



Legislative Assembly of Ontario

**MINUTES OF MEETING # 5/98
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
ROOM 180, THE SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM
AT 4:10 PM ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1998**

Present

The Honourable Chris Stockwell, MPP, Chair
The Honourable Tony Clement, MPP
The Honourable Chris Hodgson, MPP
The Honourable Norm Sterling, MPP
Mr. John Baird, MPP
Mr. John Gerretsen, MPP
Ms Marion Boyd, MPP

Secretariat

Mr. Claude DesRosiers, Clerk of the House, BOIE Secretary
Ms Barbara Bishop, Assistant Secretary and Recording Secretary

Legislative Assembly Staff

Mr. Dennis Clark, Sergeant-at-Arms
Ms Deborah Deller, Executive Director, Legislative Services
Ms Mary Dickerson, Executive Director, Legislative Library
Ms Sylvia Nemanic, Executive Director, Administrative Services

Guests

Ms Zina Decker, Administrative Coordinator and Executive Assistant to the Clerk
Mr. Peter Hardie, Special Assistant to the Speaker
Ms Barbara Cowieson, Deputy Executive Director / Government Members' Services
Mr. Peter Curtis, Chief-Financial Operations / Liberal Caucus Service Bureau
Ms Darlene Lawson, Caucus Administrator / NDP Caucus
Ms Michelle Mason, Legislative Assistant to Chris Hodgson
Ms Beverley Biggley, Coordinator, Members' Program / Financial Services & Purchasing

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes of Meeting #3/98

Moved by Ms Boyd, seconded by Mr. Sterling, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #3/98 be approved as circulated.

Approval of Minutes of Meeting #4/98

Moved by Ms Boyd, seconded by Mr. Sterling, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #4/98 be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2: Constituency Office & Toronto Accommodation Policies

Moved by Mr. Baird, seconded by Ms Boyd, and agreed, to adopt the following recommendations contained in the Constituency Office & Toronto Accommodation Policies report.

1. Location and Funding of Constituency Offices

Current Board policy [BOIE #4/94] states that newly elected Members must move into the Constituency Offices of defeated or resigned Members for the balance of the lease cancellation period. *There are potentially 22 constituency offices where Members, if successfully re-elected, will have offices outside of their new riding boundaries.*

Recommendations

When an existing Constituency office is located outside a re-elected Member's new riding boundary, the Member will be allowed to

1. *maintain the existing Constituency office only until the termination of the existing lease [with no renewal], or*
2. *relocate to the Member's new riding upon re-election.*

If the Member chooses Option 2, the Legislative Assembly will fund

- *the lease for the existing Constituency office located outside the Member's new riding [net of any sublet revenues] or*
- *the cost to terminate an existing lease [provided cost to terminate does not exceed total of remaining lease payments].*

2. Toronto Accommodation

Recommendation

The Board approves the following funding ceiling for Toronto Accommodation when a Member ceases to hold his or her seat in the Legislative Assembly after the next election

The Legislative Assembly will assume responsibility for the balance of the lease to a maximum of \$14,654 for private Members and \$15,654 for Ministers of the Crown and Opposition Leaders.

3. Specific Directives

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board review and approve these directives to provide clarity and guidance on issues that will impact both Members and the Assembly in preparation for the next election.

- Any Constituency office leases that terminate between now and the next election be renewed for a period **not** to exceed one year.
- Any member who makes a decision not to run in the next election provide written notice to the Constituency office and Toronto Accommodation landlords **as soon as practical.**
- Any member who makes a decision not to run in the next election provide written notice to Members' support staff **as soon as practical.**
- Until the next election, funding will continue to support **only** Constituency offices located in Members' current ridings.

ITEM 3: Furniture & Equipment Report

Moved by Mr. Clement, seconded by Ms Boyd, and agreed, to adopt the following recommendations contained in the Furniture & Equipment Report.

Recommendations

1. Members' Queen's Park and Constituency office furniture and equipment entitlements are approved and, commencing in fiscal 1999/2000, will be funded and managed **CENTRALLY** by the Assembly.
2. Commencing in fiscal 1999/2000 a fund will be established for the replacement of computer equipment, managed by LIS, with guidelines and funding requirements to be submitted during the estimates process. Staff will report back on how surplus computers will be distributed after the next election.
3. The entitlements and standards established are not discretionary and therefore are not to be reported as an expenditure against the Member.

ITEM 4: Bound Hansard

Moved by Mr. Baird, seconded by Mr. Hodgson, and agreed, that

- the Legislative Assembly would provide the Caucus of each recognized Party in the Legislative Assembly with one set of bound Hansard for this and all subsequent Sessions and Parliaments,
- bound copies of Journals would continue to be provided,
- such bound copies would be placed in the care of the House Leaders for each of the recognized Parties, and
- the costs for such sets would be assumed by the Legislative Assembly.

ITEM 5: INFORMATION ONLY

The Board accepted the following reports.

Office of the Assembly Financial Statements

- for year ended March 31, 1998

Statement of Expenditures of the Provincial Auditor

- for year ended March 31, 1998

Ombudsman Ontario 1998/99

- Reformatted Estimates Submission

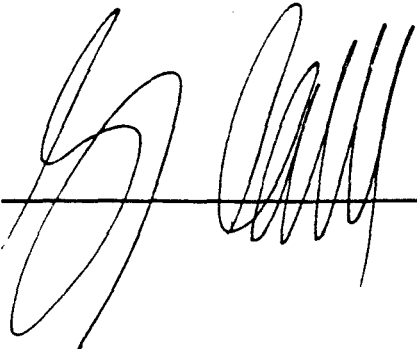
1999/2000 Estimates of the Office of the Assembly

- Timetable

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

The Board members remained to discuss three items *In Camera*.



Speaker