



**MINUTES OF MEETING #4/2023
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
ROOM 180, THE SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM
AT 4:00 P.M. ON THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023**

Present

Honourable Ted Arnott, MPP, Chair
Honourable Paul Calandra, MPP
John Vanthof, MPP

Secretariat

Todd Decker, Clerk of the House and BOIE Secretary
Grace Bento, Acting Assistant Secretary and Recording Secretary

Legislative Assembly Staff

Trevor Day, Deputy Clerk and Executive Director, Legislative Services
Nancy Marling, Executive Director, Administrative Services
Roberto Eberhardt, Chief Information and Technology Officer and Executive Director,
Information Technology Services Division

Guests

Rachel Nauta, Executive Assistant to the Speaker
Kevin Jagdat, Director, Financial Services
Owen Macri, Chief of Staff, Ministry of Legislative Affairs
Inge Juneau, PC Caucus
Nivine Zaher, NDP Caucus
Jelena Bajcetic, Director, Precinct Properties
Patricia Pittiglio, Director, Purchasing & Operations

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes of Meeting #3/2023

Moved by Mr. Calandra, seconded by Mr. Vanthof, that the Minutes of Meeting #3/2023, as amended, be approved. **CARRIED.**

ITEM 2: Members' Attending Non-Partisan Events – Ms. Armstrong (Bring Forward)

This item was tabled for discussion and deferred until June.

ITEM 3: Members' Global Budget - Hospitality

Moved by Mr. Calandra, seconded by Mr. Vanthof, to increase the hospitality allowance within the global budget from \$750 to \$1,500 effective April 1, 2023. **CARRIED.**

Moved by Mr. Calandra, seconded by Mr. Vanthof, to approve the implementation of a chit system effective April 17, 2023 applicable to charges for hospitality via a charge code only in the In Camera Dining Room. Members will have their In Camera Dining Room hospitality (with the exclusion of alcohol) charged directly to their budget instead of paying for their dining charges and then submitting a claim to Finance for reimbursement. Members will be provided a charge code to use. **CARRIED.**

ITEM 4: Parliamentary Food Services – Estimates 2023/2024

Moved by Mr. Calandra, seconded by Mr. Vanthof, to approve an additional 20 full-time complements for Parliamentary Food Services. Costs to cover salaries and benefits have been included in the Estimates. **CARRIED.**

Moved by Mr. Vanthof, seconded by Mr. Calandra, to approve \$2,500,000 (\$2,470,000 ongoing and \$30,000 one-time) for 2023/2024 Estimates for Parliamentary Food Services. **CARRIED.**

ITEM 5: Replace X-ray Inspection Systems

Moved by Mr. Vanthof, seconded by Mr. Calandra, to approve \$335,000 to purchase 3 replacement X-ray inspection systems in 2023/2024. **CARRIED.**

ITEM 6: Status and Timelines Respecting Continuation of Historic Structures Report

The Board received a briefing and an update on the status and timing of retained architectural services to complete the Swing Space Report, Historic Structures Report and Functional Programme Study related to the Rehabilitation and Restoration of the Legislative Building.

ITEM 7: Construction services – Installation of Queen Elizabeth Monument

Moved by Mr. Calandra, seconded by Mr. Vanthof, that Purchasing and Operations move forward with awarding the contract to the lowest bidder and will be carried out under the conditions in the MOU. **CARRIED.**

ITEM 8: Sir John A. Macdonald Statue, Queen's Park

- a) Request by external film production company for filming access within the hoarding enclosure **not approved**.
- b) Agreed, that the Board of Internal Economy requests the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs, during its study of Indigenous representation as part of the Legislative Building rehabilitation, to consider and recommend to the Board on how to reflect an Indigenous viewpoint at the statue of Sir John A. Macdonald.

ITEM 9: Authority to Transfer Funds within the Office of the Assembly Vote

Moved by Mr. Calandra, seconded by Mr. Vanthof, and agreed that, under the Provisions of Section 91 of the *Legislative Assembly Act*, the Director, Financial Services is authorized to transfer monies from one item of the Estimates of the Office of the Assembly to another item, within the same vote, to facilitate the payment of accounts each fiscal year.

It is understood that itemized accounts of transfers within votes would continue to be provided to the Board. **CARRIED.**

ITEM 10: Correspondence (March 23, 2023) from Paul Dubé, Ombudsman – Ontario Ombudsman Budget Estimates for 2023/2024

This item was tabled as an information item.

OTHER ITEMS:

Members' Global Budget – Sole-source limit

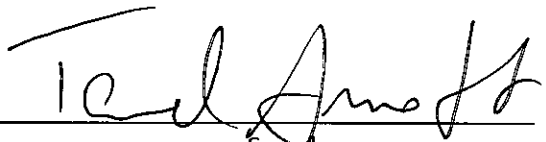
Moved by Mr. Calandra, seconded by Mr. Vanthof, and agreed that, the \$5,000 sole-source limit in Members' global budgets be increased to \$10,000 effective April 1, 2023. **CARRIED.**

INFORMATION ITEM:

- Pre-approval (March 14, 2023) – Office Space – Independent MPP V. Ke (Approved).

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

The meeting be adjourned at 4:41 p.m.



Speaker