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**Appointments to Agencies, Boards and Commissions**

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## **HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

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[Dave Ritcey was replaced by Trevor Boudreau.]

### In Attendance:

Gordon Hebb  
Chief Legislative Counsel

Judy Kavanagh  
Legislative Committee Clerk



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**HALIFAX, TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2023**

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES**

**10:00 A.M.**

CHAIR  
Chris Palmer

Vice Chair  
Melissa Sheehy-Richard

THE CHAIR: Order. I call this meeting to order. Good morning, everybody. Good to see all of your smiling faces here today. This is the Standing Committee on Human Resources. I am Chris Palmer, the MLA for Kings West and Chair of the committee.

Today we'll review appointments to agencies, boards, and commissions. I'd ask you now to make sure we all have our phones on silent, and I would ask all committee members at this point to introduce themselves for the record. We'll begin by stating your name and constituency, and we'll begin with MLA Sheehy-Richard.

[The committee members introduced themselves.]

THE CHAIR: For the purposes of Hansard, I also recognize the presence of Chief Legislative Counsel Gordon Hebb, to my right, and Legislative Committee Clerk Judy Kavanagh, to my left.

We will move on to our committee business with the agencies, boards, and commissions appointments. MLA Sheehy-Richard.

MELISSA SHEEHY-RICHARD: For the Department of Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage, I move that William McIntyre and David McCorquodale be appointed members of the Nova Scotia Museum Board of Governors.

THE CHAIR: We have a motion on the table. Is there any discussion?

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

MLA Sheehy-Richard.

MELISSA SHEEHY-RICHARD: For the Department of Community Services, I move to recommend that Lianne Chang, Lisandra Naranjo Hernandez, and Jason Cooke be appointed members of the Nova Scotia College of Social Workers Board of Examiners.

THE CHAIR: We have a motion on the table. Is there any discussion?

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

MLA Sheehy-Richard.

MELISSA SHEEHY-RICHARD: For the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development, I move that Lisa Bland be appointed Member, Valley Region, of the Council on African-Canadian Education.

THE CHAIR: We have a motion on the table. Is there any discussion?

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

MLA MacDonald.

JOHN A. MACDONALD: For the Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration, I move to recommend that Mark Brown be appointed Member-at-Large; that Sarah Cruickshanks and Ernie Dalton be appointed Members (Construction Sector); Carol Dayment be appointed Member (Industrial/Manufacturing Sector) and designated as Vice Chair; and that Trent Soholt be appointed Member-at-Large and designated as Chair of the Apprenticeship Board.

THE CHAIR: We have a motion on the table. Is there any discussion?

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

MLA MacDonald.

JOHN A. MACDONALD: Lastly, for the Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration, I move that Angus Bonnyman be appointed Employer Representative Member of the Board of Directors of the Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia.

THE CHAIR: We have a motion on the table. Is there any discussion?

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

That concludes our appointments to agencies, boards, and commissions. We'll move on to other business.

First, the letter that was sent to our committee from Greg Jones from some questions that arose from our last meeting in Human Resources around fire departments. Did everyone receive the letters forwarded by our clerk? Is there any discussion on the letter? Seeing no discussion, we'll move on from that.

We'll announce our next meeting is on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This will be our last end-of-the-month meeting. As you remember, we moved our committee meetings to the first Tuesday of each month, so this would be our last one on the end of the month. The topic then will be the Impact of Low Wages on Labour Shortages. The witnesses will be the Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration, Minimum Wage Review Committee, and Canadian Federation of Independent Business.

Our meeting after that is May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The topic is Training and Educational Partnerships: Training Initiatives for Physicians, Nurses, and CCAs. Witnesses will be the Department of Advanced Education, the Department of Health and Wellness, the Department of Seniors and Long-term Care, NSCC School of Health and Human Services, and Health Association Nova Scotia.

Just to note, if the House of Assembly is still sitting on April 25<sup>th</sup>, then the April topic will be moved to May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the May topic will be rescheduled to sometime in the Fall.

With that being said, there's no other business. We'll call the meeting adjourned.

[The committee adjourned at 10:05 a.m.]