

HANSARD

NOVA SCOTIA HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

STANDING COMMITTEE

ON

HUMAN RESOURCES

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

The Red Chamber

Appointments to Agencies, Boards and Commissions

Printed and Published by Nova Scotia Hansard Reporting Services

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Chris Palmer (Chair)
Melissa Sheehy-Richard (Vice Chair)
Dave Ritcey
John A. MacDonald
Nolan Young
Hon. Derek Mombourquette
Ali Duale
Kendra Coombes
Suzy Hansen

[Dave Ritcey was replaced by Tom Taggart.]

In Attendance:

Kilian Schlemmer
Legislative Counsel

Judy Kavanagh
Legislative Committee Clerk



HALIFAX, TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

STANDING COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

10:00 A.M.

CHAIR
Chris Palmer

Vice Chair
Melissa Sheehy-Richard

THE CHAIR: Order. Good morning, everybody. I call this meeting to order. This is the Standing Committee on Human Resources. I'm Chris Palmer, MLA for Kings West and Chair of the committee. Today we will review appointments to agencies, boards and commissions. At this point, I'd like to ask everybody to please set your phones to silent, and I'll ask the committee members who are present to introduce themselves and their constituency, beginning with MLA Sheehy-Richard.

[The committee members introduced themselves.]

THE CHAIR: For the purposes of Hansard, I'd like to also recognize the presence of Legislative Counsel Kilian Schlemmer to my left, and Legislative Committee Clerk Judy Kavanagh to my right.

We will move on with our committee to appointments to agencies, boards and commissions. I'll go to MLA MacDonald.

JOHN A. MACDONALD: For the Department of Advanced Education, I move that Jean Flynn be appointed as Governor to the Mount Saint Vincent University Board of Governors.

THE CHAIR: Motion on the table. Any discussion?

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

MLA MacDonald.

JOHN A. MACDONALD: For the Department of Community Services, I move that June MacNeil and Paul Spicer be appointed as Members of the Management Corporation of the Kings Regional Rehabilitation Centre.

THE CHAIR: Motion on the table. Any discussion?

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

MLA MacDonald.

JOHN A. MACDONALD: For the Department of Economic Development, I move to recommend the following appointments: J. Colin Dodds, Chair and Member; Charlotte Murray, Vice Chair and Member of the Invest Nova Scotia Advisory Board; and additionally, I recommend the appointments of Keltie Jones and David Nurse as Members of the Invest Nova Scotia Advisory Board.

THE CHAIR: Motion on the table. Any discussion?

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

MLA MacDonald.

JOHN A. MACDONALD: Last but not least, for the Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration, I move to recommend that John Cameron be appointed Member and Worker Representative of the Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia. Additionally, I move to recommend that Rick Feehan be appointed as Member and Employer Representative of the Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia.

THE CHAIR: MLA MacDonald, can I ask you to repeat your motion? I just want to confirm that you're saying that they're appointed to the Board of Directors of the Workers' Compensation Board. Can you just repeat your motion, please?

JOHN A. MACDONALD: I guess I missed that portion. Sorry. For the Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration, I move to recommend that John Cameron be appointed as Member and Worker Representative of the Workers' Compensation Board of Directors of Nova Scotia. Additionally, I move to recommend that Rick Feehan be appointed as Member and Employer Representative of the Workers' Compensation Board of Directors of Nova Scotia.

THE CHAIR: I just want to confirm that you're moving them to be on the board of directors. Motion is understood by everybody at the table. Any discussion?

All those in favour? Contrary minded? Thank you.

The motion is carried.

We will move on to just a bit of committee business. We have just a bit of correspondence that was received - a February 12th letter that we all would have received - from the Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration in response to requests for information made at our January 11th meeting on Modernization, Accessibility, and Harmonization of Safety Regulation and Services for Today's Workforce. We all received that. Is there any discussion on the letter received? Seeing no discussion, we'll move on.

Next is correspondence we received on February 20th from the Office of Addictions and Mental Health in response to a request for information made at our February 6th meeting on firefighters' mental health support. Any discussion on that? Seeing none. Is there any other business? Seeing none, our next meeting will be on April 2nd from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Should the House not be in session, it will be an agenda-setting meeting. I'd like to ask all members to send their list of proposed topics to the clerk by no later than Thursday, March 21st, if possible, please. If the House is sitting, we'll just do regular appointments to agencies, boards and commissions. (Interruption)

THE CHAIR: It's 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. for agenda setting. That should give us enough time for that.

If there is no other conversation, our meeting is adjourned. Thank you.

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