

Standing Committee on Legislative Offices

Report on the Reappointment of the Ethics Commissioner

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To the Honourable Robert E. Wanner
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
of the Province of Alberta

The Standing Committee on Legislative Offices has the honour to submit its report relating to the recommendation for the reappointment of the Ethics Commissioner for consideration by the Legislative Assembly.

Sincerely,

(original signed by)

David Shepherd, MLA
Chair, Standing Committee
on Legislative Offices

Membership of the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices

Chair:	David Shepherd, MLA Edmonton-Centre (NDP)
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* Pursuant to Standing Order 56(2.1-2.4) on November 6, 2018, Brandy Payne, MLA, was an official substitute for the Hon. Mr. Malkinson.

At its Tuesday, November 6, 2018, meeting the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices considered the reappointment of the Ethics Commissioner.

Sections 33 and 34 of the *Conflicts of Interest Act*, cited below, relate to the appointment, term of office, and reappointment of the Ethics Commissioner:

Appointment

33(1) There is to be appointed, as an officer of the Legislature, by the Lieutenant Governor in Council on the recommendation of the Legislative Assembly, an Ethics Commissioner to carry out the Ethics Commissioner's duties and functions under this Act or any other enactment.

(2) The Ethics Commissioner may not be a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

(3) The Ethics Commissioner may be appointed on either a full-time or part-time basis.

Term of office

34(1) Unless the office sooner becomes vacant, a person appointed as Ethics Commissioner holds office for 5 years from the date of that person's appointment under section 33.

(2) A person holding office as Ethics Commissioner continues to hold office after the expiry of that person's term of office until that person is reappointed, a successor is appointed or a period of 6 months has expired, whichever occurs first.

The Committee passed the following motion in this respect:

MOVED by Ms McKittrick that the Standing Committee on Legislative Offices recommend to the Legislative Assembly that the Hon. Marguerite Trussler be reappointed Ethics Commissioner for a five-year period commencing on May 26, 2019.

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