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**Election of the Speaker**

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**Members Present:**

Hon. David Akeagok, Mr. Tony Akoak, Ms. Pat Angnakak, Hon. George Hickes, Hon. David Joanasie, Mr. Joeline Kaernerik, Ms. Mila Kamingoak, Mr. Pauloosie Keyootak, Hon. Lorne Kusugak, Mr. Adam Lightstone, Mr. John Main, Ms. Margaret Nakashuk, Hon. Patterk Netser, Mr. Emiliano Qirngnuq, Mr. Paul Quassa, Mr. Allan Rumbolt, Hon. Joe Savikataaq, Hon. Elisapee Sheutiapik, Ms. Cathy Towntongie.

>>*Meeting commenced at 9:00*

**Chairman** (Mr. Rumbolt): Good morning, Members. I call the meeting of the Nunavut Leadership Forum to order.

You okay?

**An Hon. Member:** Yes.

**Chairman:** The light keeps going out. Can you guys hear me, though? You can hear me, but... . Okay. If Members can hear me, I will proceed.

I call the meeting of the Nunavut Leadership Forum to order.

**Prayer**

Before we proceed with the agenda, I call upon Mr. Qirngnuq if he could lead us in prayer, please. Mr. Qirngnuq.

>>*Prayer*

**Adoption of Agenda**

**Chairman:** It is my duty to convene today's proceedings of the Nunavut Leadership Forum for the selection of a new Speaker of the Legislative Assembly.

All Members have copies of the procedures of the leadership selection process in front of them, and the procedures have been agreed to by Full Caucus.

A copy of today's agenda is also in front of all Members. Do Members agree to adopt the agenda?

**Some Members:** Agreed.

**Nominations for Speaker**

**Chairman:** Thank you. I will now open the floor for nominations for the position of Speaker.

I remind Members that if you are nominated, you must immediately accept or decline the nomination.

Are there any nominations? Mr. Main.

**Mr. Main** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. (interpretation ends) I nominate Paulooosie Keyootak. (interpretation) Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Main. Mr. Keyootak, do you accept the nomination? Mr. Keyootak.

**Mr. Keyootak** (interpretation): I'm sorry, but I decline the nomination at this time.

**Chairman:** Thank you. The Member has declined the nomination. Ms. Angnakak.

**Ms. Angnakak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to nominate Paul Quassa.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Mr. Quassa, do you accept the nomination?

**Mr. Quassa** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I accept the nomination. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. The Member has accepted the nomination. Nominations? Mr. Qirngnuq.

**Mr. Qirngnuq** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I nominate the Member for Gjoa Haven. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you, Mr. Qirngnuq. Mr. Akoak, do you accept the nomination?

**Mr. Akoak:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do accept. Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you. The Member has accepted the nomination. Ms. Towtongie.

**Ms. Towtongie:** I nominate Joeline Kaernerck for the Speaker. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Mr. Kaernerck, do you accept the nomination?

**Mr. Kaernerck** (interpretation): Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Cathy. I decline the nomination at this time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**Chairman:** Thank you. The Member has declined the nomination. Nominations? Any more nominations? If not, we will take a brief recess while we prepare the ballots for nominations, and I'll ask Members not to venture too far; it shouldn't take too long. Thank you.

>> *Meeting recessed at 9:05 and resumed at 9:10*

**Chairman:** Good morning. I call the meeting back to order, please. The ballots have been prepared and as the staff pass out the ballots, I will ask Members to proceed in an orderly fashion to the ballot box starting with Ms. Nakashuk and Ms. Towntongie, and as you come through, I ask you to walk around the benches and back to your seat just in an orderly fashion. Thank you. Let the voting begin.

Thank you. The ballots will now be taken to a secret location to be counted and while that process is happening, we will take a brief recess and reconvene at the appropriate time. Thank you.

>> *Meeting recessed at 9:13 and resumed at 9:18*

### **Election of Speaker**

**Chairman:** Thank you, Members. We will now reconvene the meeting. I wish to advise Members that Mr. Paul Okalik has been chosen... .

>> *Laughter*

>> *Applause*

I am sorry. I am so sorry. Mr. Paul Quassa has been chosen to serve as Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut.

>> *Applause*

I apologize. I have no idea why that came out of me.

I will now ask for a motion to destroy the ballots. Mr. Netser.

**Hon. Patterk Netser:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move that the ballots be destroyed. (interpretation) Thank you.

**Chairman:** Thank you. Order, please.

Thank you. Mr. Netser has made the motion to have the ballots destroyed and the appropriate motion to appoint the Speaker will be moved in the House when it convenes this afternoon at 1:30.

The proceedings of the House will be televised live across the territory and I invite all Nunavummiut to join us.

A reminder to Members of the Standing Committee on Legislation that there will be a meeting in the Nanuq Room at 10:00 a.m.

The Nunavut Leadership Forum stands adjourned. Thank you.

>>*Meeting adjourned at 9:20*