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## ASSEMBLÉE LÉGISLATIVE DE L'ONTARIO

STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
SOCIAL POLICYCOMITÉ PERMANENT DE  
LA POLITIQUE SOCIALE

Monday 5 May 2025

Lundi 5 mai 2025

*The committee met at 0900 in committee room 2.*

## ELECTION OF CHAIR

**The Clerk of the Committee (Ms. Vanessa Kattar):** Good morning, everyone. My name is Vanessa. I am the Clerk of the Committee.

It is my duty to now call upon you all to elect a Chair. Are there any nominations? MPP Pierre.

**Ms. Natalie Pierre:** I move that MPP Brian Riddell be appointed as Chair of the committee.

**The Clerk of the Committee (Ms. Vanessa Kattar):** Does the member accept the nomination?

**Mr. Brian Riddell:** Yes, I do.

**The Clerk of the Committee (Ms. Vanessa Kattar):** Are there any further nominations? There being no further nominations, I declare nominations closed and MPP Riddell elected Chair of the committee.

## APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRS

**The Chair (Mr. Brian Riddell):** Good morning, everyone, and thank you for electing me as Chair.

Standing order 119(e) states: "Where the Chair of a standing committee is a member of the party forming the government, the First Vice-Chair shall be a member of the official opposition and the Second Vice-Chair shall be a member of a recognized party in opposition to the government other than the official opposition...."

With that, it is my duty to call upon you to appoint a First Vice-Chair. Is there a motion? I recognize MPP Lennox.

**MPP Robin Lennox:** I'd like to nominate MPP Gélinas.

**The Chair (Mr. Brian Riddell):** Okay. Is there any debate? Are members ready to vote? All in favour, please raise your hand. All those opposed, please raise their hand. The motion is carried.

Congratulations.

**Mme France Gélinas:** We make a good team.

**The Chair (Mr. Brian Riddell):** I know.

I now call upon you to appoint a Second Vice-Chair. Is there a motion? I recognize MPP Pierre.

**Ms. Natalie Pierre:** I move that MPP Andrea Hazell be appointed as Second Vice-Chair of the committee.

**The Chair (Mr. Brian Riddell):** Is there any debate? Are members ready to vote? All those in favour, please raise your hand. All those opposed, please raise your hand. The motion is carried.

## APPOINTMENT OF SUBCOMMITTEE

**The Chair (Mr. Brian Riddell):** The next item on the agenda is the appointment of a subcommittee on committee business. Is there a motion? I recognize MPP Pierre.

**Ms. Natalie Pierre:** I move that the subcommittee on committee business be appointed to meet from time to time, at the call of the Chair, or at the request of any member thereof, to consider and report to the committee on the business of the committee;

That the presence of all members of the subcommittee is necessary to constitute a meeting; and

That the subcommittee be composed of the following members: the Chair as Chair, MPP Anthony Leardi, MPP France Gélinas and MPP Andrea Hazell; and

That substitution be permitted on the subcommittee.

**The Chair (Mr. Brian Riddell):** A motion has been moved by MPP Pierre. Is there any debate?

I recognize MPP—and I'm going to pronounce your name wrong, as I've done for years—Gélinas.

**Mme France Gélinas:** Think of Angelina Jolie. I'm the middle of this—"Gélinas." And I have nothing else in common with her.

I think it's a pretty good motion.

**The Chair (Mr. Brian Riddell):** Okay. All those in favour, please raise your hand. All those opposed, please raise your hand. The motion has been carried.

We will now go into closed session to receive a short briefing by the Clerk and research officer. I will recess the committee until we have cleared the room.

*The committee recessed at 0904 and later continued in closed session.*





## **STANDING COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL POLICY**

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Mr. Brian Riddell (Cambridge PC)

### **First Vice-Chair / Première Vice-Présidente**

M<sup>me</sup> France Gélinas (Nickel Belt ND)

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Ms. Jess Dixon (Kitchener South–Hespeler / Kitchener-Sud–Hespeler PC)

M<sup>me</sup> France Gélinas (Nickel Belt ND)

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