# 立法會 Legislative Council

LC Paper No. CB(4)103/14-15

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## **Panel on Education**

#### Minutes of meeting held on Thursday, 9 October 2014, at 2:40 pm in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex

<b>Members</b> <b>present</b>	:	Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, SBS, JP (Chairman) Hon IP Kin-yuen (Deputy Chairman) Hon Albert HO Chun-yan Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, SBS, JP Hon Tommy CHEUNG Yu-yan, SBS, JP Hon WONG Kwok-hing, BBS, MH Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan, JP Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP Hon Starry LEE Wai-king, JP Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun, SBS, JP Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP Hon Steven HO Chun-yin Hon Gary FAN Kwok-wai Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP Hon Charles Peter MOK, JP Hon CHAN Chi-chuen Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok Hon Dennis KWOK Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan

Members absent	:	Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, GBS, JP Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Clerk in attendance	:	Miss Polly YEUNG Chief Council Secretary (4)4
Staff in attendance	:	Mr Matthew LOO Assistant Secretary General 4
		Mr KWONG Kam-fai Senior Council Secretary (4)4
		Mr Ian CHOW Council Secretary (4)4
		Miss Queenie LAM Senior Legislative Assistant (1)2
		Miss Winnie CHENG Senior Legislative Assistant (4)1
		Ms Sandy HAU Legislative Assistant (4)3
		Miss Emma LAM Clerical Assistant
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#### I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman

(Appendix III to LC Paper No.	Terms of reference of the
CB(4)5/14-15	Panel
Appendix IV to LC Paper No. CB(4)5/14-15	List of Government advisory bodies relevant to the Panel)

## Election of Chairman

Action

<u>Dr LAM Tai-fai</u>, the incumbent Chairman, invited nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel for the 2014-2015 session. <u>Mr Charles MOK</u>

nominated Mr IP Kin-yuen and the nomination was seconded by <u>Dr</u> <u>Fernando CHEUNG</u>. <u>Mr IP Kin-yuen</u> accepted the nomination.

2. <u>Dr LAM Tai-fai</u> invited further nominations. <u>Ms Starry LEE</u> nominated Dr LAM Tai-fai and the nomination was seconded by <u>Mr IP</u> <u>Kwok-him</u>. <u>Dr LAM Tai-fai</u> accepted the nomination.

3. As both the incumbent Chairman and Deputy Chairman were nominated, <u>Mr Albert HO</u>, the member present who had the highest precedence, took over the chair and invited further nominations. There being no other nomination, <u>Mr Albert HO</u> announced a vote by secret ballot. After all members had cast their votes, <u>Mr HO</u> invited Mr Charles MOK and Ms Starry LEE who had nominated the two candidates to oversee the counting of votes. Of the members present for voting, 11 voted for Mr IP Kin-yuen and 13 voted for Dr LAM Tai-fai. There was one invalid ballot as no vote had been marked on it. <u>Mr Albert HO</u> declared Dr LAM Tai-fai elected as Chairman of the Panel for the 2014-2015 session.

## Election of Deputy Chairman

4. <u>The Chairman</u> invited nominations for the deputy chairmanship for the 2014-2015 session.

5. <u>Mr Charles MOK</u> nominated Mr IP Kin-yuen and the nomination was seconded by <u>Dr Fernando CHEUNG</u>. <u>Mr IP Kin-yuen</u> accepted the nomination. As there was no other nomination, <u>the Chairman</u> declared Mr IP Kin-yuen elected as Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2014-2015 session.

## II. Schedule of meetings for the 2014-2015 session

6. <u>Members</u> agreed that the regular meetings of the Panel for the 2014-2015 session would continue to be held on the second Monday of each month at 4:30 pm.

(*Post-meeting note*: The schedule of regular meetings for the 2014-2015 session was issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(4)22/14-15 on 10 October 2014.)

#### III. Items for discussion at the next meeting

(Appendix V to LC Paper No. CB(4)5/14-15	List of outstanding items for discussion
Appendix VI to LC Paper No. CB(4)5/14-15	List of follow-up actions)

7. <u>Ms Starry LEE</u> said that according to some parents and information on the Internet, some students whose parents were Police staff had been targeted at by their teachers. She considered it necessary to ascertain with the Education Bureau ("EDB") whether it had issued relevant guidelines to schools and teachers in respect of the proper conduct of teachers. <u>Dr</u> <u>Priscilla LEUNG</u> said that as she had understood, some students whose parents were Police staff had suffered immense pressure from their peers in the recent class boycotts and mass assemblies occupying roads. <u>Dr</u> <u>LEUNG</u> concurred that EDB should brief members on the guidelines, if any, put in place to regulate the activities arranged by teachers in schools during class boycotts. In this regard, <u>the Deputy Chairman</u> said that as far as he was aware, the above allegations that certain students had been targeted at by their teachers were unfounded.

8. <u>Mr Michael TIEN</u> suggested that the Panel should discuss the following issues –

- (a) the feasibility of establishing publicly-funded schools in Shenzhen offering the Hong Kong curriculum for children born in Hong Kong but residing in Shenzhen;
- (b) implementation and outcome of IT education;
- (c) policy framework for parent education; and
- (d) review on the policy for Direct Subsidy Scheme schools.

9. <u>Dr Kenneth CHAN</u> suggested the Panel to discuss the following issues at future meetings –

- (a) policy on the development and provision of premises and hostels for post-secondary institutions; and
- (b) progress on various scholarship schemes launched in the current term of Government.

10. <u>Dr Helena WONG</u> suggested that where appropriate, the Panel should also receive views from students when education-related matters were discussed. <u>The Deputy Chairman</u> said that he would propose a number of discussion items in writing after the meeting.

11. <u>The Chairman</u> took note of members' suggestions and views, and said that he and the Deputy Chairman would, with the assistance of the Secretariat, decide on the items to be discussed at the next regular meeting. <u>Members</u> agreed with the arrangement.

(*Post-meeting note*: On the subsequent instruction of the Chairman, members were invited vide LC Paper No. CB(4)31/14-15 to propose issue(s) for discussion at future meetings by 12:00 noon, 15 October 2014 for further consideration by him and the Deputy Chairman. Upon finalization by them, the agenda for the meeting to be held on 10 November 2014 was issued to members vide LC Paper CB(4)59/14-15 on 20 October 2014.)

#### IV. Any other business

Report of the Subcommittee on Integrated Education

(LC Paper No. CB(4)1087/13-14(02) -- Paper entitled "Report of the Subcommittee on Integrated Education and the proposal for priority allocation of a debate slot to the Chairman of the Subcommittee" prepared by the Legislative Council Secretariat)

12. <u>The Chairman</u> referred members to the paper prepared by the Secretariat [LC Paper No. CB(4)1087/13-14(02)]. He advised that the Subcommittee on Integrated Education ("the Subcommittee") had proposed that the Panel, as the parent committee of the Subcommittee which had dissolved upon completion of its work, should seek the House Committee's agreement on 24 October 2014 for the priority allocation of a debate slot for Dr Fernando CHEUNG, Subcommittee Chairman, to move a motion for debate on the Subcommittee's Report at the Council meeting of 26 November 2014 with the recommendation that in addition to the debate on the Subcommittee's Report, only one other debate on a Member's

motion not intended to have legislative effect should be held at the Council meeting concerned. <u>Members</u> raised no objection to the Subcommittee's proposed arrangements.

13. <u>Dr Kenneth CHAN</u> said that the Subcommittee to Study the Implementation of Free Kindergarten Education ("Subcommittee on KG") should commence its work as early as possible. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the Subcommittee on KG would convene its first meeting shortly.

14. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 3:00 pm.

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