

LC Paper No. CB(2)188/14-15 (These minutes have been cleared with the Chairman)

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Panel on Welfare Services

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday, 9 October 2014, at 10:20 am in Conference Room 1 of the Legislative Council Complex

Members present	: Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che (Chairman) Hon CHAN Yuen-han, SBS, JP (Deputy Chairman) Hon Albert HO Chun-yan Hon LEUNG Yiu-chung Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP Hon Frederick FUNG Kin-kee, SBS, JP Dr Hon LEUNG Ka-lau Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC Hon Frankie YICK Chi-ming Hon CHAN Chi-chuen Hon CHAN Han-pan, JP Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, BBS, MH, JP Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan Hon POON Siu-ping, BBS, MH Hon TANG Ka-piu, JP
Members	: Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC
absent	Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung
Clerk in	: Mr Colin CHUI
attendance	Chief Council Secretary (2) 4
Staff in	: Miss Flora TAI
attendance	Assistant Secretary General 2

Ms Catherina YU Senior Council Secretary (2) 4

Miss Kay CHU Council Secretary (2) 4

Miss Maggie CHIU Legislative Assistant (2) 4

Miss Rachel YUNG Clerical Assistant (2) 4

Action

I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman for the 2014-2015 session

[Appendices III and IV to LC Paper No. CB(2)1/14-15]

Election of Chairman

<u>Miss CHAN Yuen-han</u>, the incumbent Chairman, called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel for the 2014-2015 session. Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che was nominated by <u>Dr Fernando CHEUNG</u> and the nomination was seconded by <u>Dr KWOK Ka-ki</u>. <u>Mr CHEUNG</u> <u>Kwok-che</u> accepted the nomination. <u>Miss CHAN Yuen-han</u> called for other nominations.

2. Mr TANG Ka-piu was nominated by <u>Mr CHAN Han-pan</u> and the nomination was seconded by <u>Mr TAM Yiu-chung</u>. <u>Mr TANG Ka-piu</u> accepted the nomination. <u>Miss CHAN Yuen-han</u> called for other nominations.

3. As there was no other nomination, <u>Miss CHAN Yuen-han</u> announced a vote by secret ballot. After all members had cast their votes, <u>Miss CHAN Yuen-han</u> invited Dr Fernando CHEUNG and Mr CHAN Han-pan who had nominated the two candidates to monitor the counting of votes.

4. <u>Miss CHAN Yuen-han</u> announced that 10 and 5 members voted for Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che and Mr TANG Ka-piu respectively. <u>Miss</u> <u>CHAN Yuen-han</u> declared Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che elected as the Chairman of the Panel for the 2014-2015 session. Mr CHEUNG then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

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5. <u>The Chairman</u> called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel for the 2014-2015 session. Miss CHAN Yuen-han was nominated by <u>Mr CHAN Han-pan</u> and the nomination was seconded by <u>Mr TANG Ka-piu</u>. <u>Miss CHAN</u> Yuen-han accepted the nomination.

6. As there was no other nomination, <u>the Chairman</u> declared Miss CHAN Yuen-han elected as Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2014-2015 session.

II. Schedule of meetings for the 2014-2015 session

7. <u>Members</u> agreed that regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the second Monday of each month at 10:45 am. A schedule of meetings for the 2014-2015 session would be issued to members after the meeting.

(*Post-meeting note*: The meeting schedule was issued vide LC Paper No. CB(2)39/14-15 on 10 October 2014.)

III. Items for discussion at the next meeting [Appendices V and VI to LC Paper No. CB(2)1/14-15]

8. <u>Members</u> agreed to discuss the following three items at the next regular meeting on 10 November 2014, which were proposed by the Administration -

- (a) Pilot Scheme on Community Care Service Voucher for the Elderly;
- (b) extending the Public Transport Fare Concession Scheme for the Elderly and Eligible Persons with Disabilities to Green Minibuses; and
- (c) annual adjustment of social security payment rates under the Comprehensive Social Security Assistance ("CSSA") Scheme and the Social Security Allowance Scheme, and issues relating to rent allowance under the CSSA Scheme.

IV. Any other business

Subcommittee on Retirement Protection

9. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the Subcommittee on Retirement Protection would continue to work in the 2014-2015 session. <u>Members</u> agreed that membership of the Subcommittee should be re-opened to Panel members.

(*Post-meeting note*: Membership of the Subcommittee on Retirement Protection was re-opened to members of the Panel vide LC Paper No. CB(2)49/14-15 dated 13 October 2014.)

Subcommittee on Strategy and Measures to Tackle Domestic Violence

10. <u>The Chairman</u> said that the Subcommittee on Strategy and Measures to Tackle Domestic Violence would be activated in the 2014-2015 session. The Secretariat would invite Panel members to join that Subcommittee.

11. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 10:35 am.

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