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**Panel on Constitutional Affairs**

**Minutes of meeting**  
**held on Thursday, 15 October 2009, at 12:30 pm**  
**in the Chamber of the Legislative Council Building**

**Members present** :

Hon TAM Yiu-chung, GBS, JP (Chairman)  
Ir Dr Hon Raymond HO Chung-tai, SBS, S.B.St.J., JP (Deputy Chairman)  
Hon Albert HO Chun-yan  
Dr Hon Margaret NG  
Hon CHEUNG Man-kwong  
Hon Mrs Sophie LEUNG LAU Yau-fun, GBS, JP  
Dr Hon Philip WONG Yu-hong, GBS  
Hon WONG Yung-kan, SBS, JP  
Hon LAU Kong-wah, JP  
Hon LAU Wong-fat, GBM, GBS, JP  
Hon Miriam LAU Kin-yee, GBS, JP  
Hon Emily LAU Wai-hing, JP  
Hon Abraham SHEK Lai-him, SBS, JP  
Hon LI Fung-ying, BBS, JP  
Hon Audrey EU Yuet-mee, SC, JP  
Hon WONG Kwok-hing, MH  
Hon Jeffrey LAM Kin-fung, SBS, JP  
Hon Alan LEONG Kah-kit, SC  
Hon CHEUNG Hok-ming, GBS, JP  
Hon WONG Ting-kwong, BBS, JP  
Hon Ronny TONG Ka-wah, SC  
Hon CHIM Pui-chung  
Prof Hon Patrick LAU Sau-shing, SBS, JP  
Hon Cyd HO Sau-lan  
Dr Hon LAM Tai-fai, BBS, JP  
Hon CHAN Kin-por, JP  
Hon Tanya CHAN  
Dr Hon Priscilla LEUNG Mei-fun  
Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che  
Hon WONG Kwok-kin, BBS  
Hon WONG Yuk-man  
Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP  
Hon Mrs Regina IP LAU Suk-yee, GBS, JP

Dr Hon PAN Pey-chyou  
Hon Paul TSE Wai-chun  
Dr Hon Samson TAM Wai-ho, JP

**Members  
absent** : Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP  
Hon LEE Wing-tat  
Hon LEUNG Kwok-hung

**Clerk in  
attendance** : Miss Flora TAI  
Chief Council Secretary (2)3

**Staff in  
attendance** : Mr Arthur CHEUNG  
Senior Assistant Legal Adviser 2

Ms Amy YU  
Senior Council Secretary (2)3

Mrs Eleanor CHOW  
Senior Council Secretary (2)4

Miss Vivien POON  
Council Secretary (2)1

Mr Ringo LEE  
Senior Legislative Assistant (2)1

Mrs Fanny TSANG  
Legislative Assistant (2)3

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**I. Election of Chairman and Deputy Chairman**

Election of Chairman

Mr TAM Yiu-chung, the incumbent Chairman, called for nominations for the chairmanship of the Panel. Mr TAM Yiu-chung was nominated by Mr IP Kwok-him and the nomination was seconded by Mr Jeffrey LAM, Dr Priscilla LEUNG and Mr WONG Kwok-kin. Mr TAM Yiu-chung accepted the nomination.

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2. Ir Dr Raymond HO, the incumbent Deputy Chairman, took over from Mr TAM Yiu-chung to preside over the election. Ir Dr HO called for other nominations. Ms Emily LAU Wai-hing was nominated by Mr Albert HO and the nomination was seconded by Mr Ronny TONG. Ms Emily LAU accepted the nomination. Ir Dr Raymond HO called for other nominations. There was no other nomination. In response to the request of Ms Cyd HO, Ir Dr Raymond HO invited the two candidates to present their platform.

3. Mr TAM Yiu-chung said that his performance as Chairman was evidenced by his past service. Under his chairmanship, meetings had been conducted smoothly and issues proposed by the Administration and members had been scheduled for timely discussion. If elected, he would continue to ensure that relevant issues raised by the Administration and members would be discussed by the Panel. Members, the Administration and other persons attending meetings would be given opportunities to express fully their views.

4. Ms Emily LAU said that if she was elected, she would ensure that meetings would be conducted in a fair and open manner. She envisaged that the Panel would have a heavy workload in the coming session as the public consultation on the Methods for Selecting the Chief Executive and for Forming the Legislative Council in 2012 would commence soon. Ms LAU stressed that it was important for the Chairman to respect the divergent views of members and allow ample time for members, the Administration and the public to express their views at the meetings. She expressed dissatisfaction that the duration of one regular meeting in the last session had been shortened to two hours.

5. As no members asked any questions about the candidates' platforms, Ir Dr Raymond HO proceeded with the election and announced that voting be conducted by secret ballot. After all members had cast their votes, Ir Dr Raymond HO invited Mr IP Kwok-him and Mr Albert HO who had nominated the two candidates to monitor the counting of votes.

6. Ir Dr Raymond HO announced that 25 and 11 members voted for Mr TAM Yiu-chung and Ms Emily LAU respectively. Ir Dr Raymond HO declared Mr TAM Yiu-chung elected as the Chairman of the Panel for the 2009-2010 session. Mr TAM then took the chair.

Election of Deputy Chairman

7. The Chairman called for nominations for the deputy chairmanship of the Panel. Ir Dr Raymond HO was nominated by Prof Patrick LAU and the nomination was seconded by Mr Abraham SHEK, Dr Priscilla LEUNG and Mr Jeffrey LAM. Ir Dr Raymond HO accepted the nomination.

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8. Ms Emily LAU was nominated by Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che and the nomination was seconded by Mr Ronny TONG. Ms Emily LAU accepted the nomination. The Chairman called for other nominations.

9. As there was no other nomination, the Chairman announced that voting should proceed by secret ballot. After all members had cast their votes, the Chairman invited Prof Patrick LAU and Mr CHEUNG Kwok-che who had nominated the two candidates to monitor the counting of votes.

10. The Chairman announced that 23 and 13 members voted for Ir Dr Raymond HO and Ms Emily LAU respectively. The Chairman declared Ir Dr Raymond HO elected as the Deputy Chairman of the Panel for the 2009-2010 session.

**II. Schedule of meetings for the 2009-2010 session**

11. Members agreed that as in the last session, future regular meetings of the Panel would be held on the third Monday of each month at 2:30 pm and the duration of the regular meetings would be three hours. Noting that the third Monday of February 2010 was a public holiday, members agreed that the meeting should be rescheduled from 15 February to 10 February 2010 at 2:30 pm.

12. Ms Miriam LAU suggested that the regular meetings to be held on 21 December 2009 and 15 March 2010 should be rescheduled as the former was close to the Christmas holiday and the latter might clash with the meetings of the National People's Congress and the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference at which some members would be attending. The Chairman instructed that possible timeslots for re-scheduling should be identified for members' consideration at the next meeting.

Clerk

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

[Appendices II and III to LC Paper No. CB(2)9/09-10]

13. The Chairman reminded members that the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs would brief the Panel on the Chief Executive's 2009-2010 Policy Address at the next regular meeting scheduled for Monday, 19 October 2009. Members agreed that the Panel should also discuss at that meeting the item "Administrative Guidelines on Promotion of Racial Equality" as proposed by the Administration, and the regular meeting should be held from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm.

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**IV. Any other business**

14. The meeting ended at 12:56 pm.

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