



**House of Assembly  
Newfoundland and Labrador**

**Minutes of the House of Assembly  
Social Services Committee**

**Date:** May 21, 2026

**Location:** House of Assembly Chamber

**Time:** 6:02 p.m.

**Committee Members Present:**

Jeff Dwyer, Member for Placentia West - Bellevue (Chair)

Paul Pike, Member for Burin - Grand Bank

Jim McKenna, Member for Fogo Island - Cape Freels

Joseph Power, Member for Labrador West

Hal Cormier, Member for St. George's - Humber

Jim Dinn, Member for St. John's Centre

Bernard Davis, Member for Virginia Waters - Pleasantville (substituted for Sherry Gambin-Walsh, Member for Placentia - St. Mary's)

**Other:**

Dave Hamlyn, Official Opposition Caucus (for subheads 1.1.01 to 5.2.01)

Angelica Hill, Official Opposition Caucus

Meghan Parsons, Official Opposition Caucus (for subheads 6.1.01 to 7.1.01)

Scott Fleming, Third Party Caucus

**House of Assembly Service:**

Evan Beazley, Clerk of Committee (A)

**Witnesses Appearing:**

**Department of Education and Early Childhood Development**

Paul Dinn, Minister

Judith Hearn, Deputy Minister, Advanced Education and Skills

Greg Clarke, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services

Heather Cranford, Assistant Deputy Minister, Post Secondary Education

Lisa Baker-Worthman, Assistant Deputy Minister, Early Learning, Inclusion and Child Development

Terry Hall, Assistant Deputy Minister, Education Operations

Scott Linehan, Assistant Deputy Minister, K-12 Education

Clifford Smith, Assistant Deputy Minister, Apprenticeship and Trades

Tracy Stamp, Departmental Controller

Brian Scott, Director of Communications

Lynn Robinson, Manager of Communications

Walt Mavin, Executive Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

On motion, the Minutes of May 19, 2026 were adopted as circulated.

The Committee recessed proceedings at 7:18 p.m. and resumed at 7:33 p.m.

The Committee reviewed and passed, without amendment, the Estimates of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

On motion, the Committee adjourned at 9:17 p.m. to Monday, May 25, 2026 at 9 a.m. to review the Estimates of the Department of Seniors.

Jeff Dwyer  
Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Evan Beazley".

Evan Beazley  
Clerk of Committee (A)