

Legal Aid Services Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 6 December 2022
at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Office

PRESENT

Prof. William LEUNG, GBS, JP	Chairman
Mr Bosco CHENG	Member
Mr Robin EGERTON	“
Ms Serena LAU, JP	“
Ms Rosita LEE	“
Mr Ronald SUM, JP	“
Miss Iris WAN	“
Mr Chris CHONG, JP	Director of Legal Aid
Mr Patrick WONG	Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Steve WONG	Deputy Director of Legal Aid (Policy & Administration)
Mr Henry CHAN	EO/LASC

ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES

Mr Tom FU	Member
Ms Yvonne YEUNG	“



Item

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(I) INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed Members, especially Mr Robin EGERTON who attended the Council Meeting for the first time, and Mr Steve WONG of the Legal Aid Department (LAD) to the meeting.

(II) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11 OCTOBER 2022

2. The minutes were confirmed without amendment.

(III) PAPERS FOR INFORMATION/COMMENT

(D) Monthly Statement of Income and Expenditure of LASC for the Months of September and October 2022 - Paper No. LASC I/P 26/22

6.1 The Chairman said that the expenditure for the months of September and October 2022 for the Council was controlled within budget.

6.2 Ms Serena LAU enquired whether any surplus in bank could be put as a fixed deposit. The Secretary explained that the annual subvention was disbursed by the Government on a quarterly basis for the running of the Council secretariat and the lump sum would almost be spent before the end of each financial year while any surplus was required to be returned to the Government. The Chairman said that the subvention received quarterly from the Government would be deposited in a saving account and he would sign for money transfer every month from the saving account to the current account for covering the operational expenses of the Council secretariat. The established arrangement was considered appropriate in view of operational need.

6.3 Members noted the two monthly statements.

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(IV) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**(E) Revised Schedule of Meetings for 2023 - Paper No. LASC I/P
27/22**

7.1 The Chairman said that as Members discussed after the last meeting, it was suggested the Council should convene meetings on a quarterly basis on the second Tuesday of relevant months starting from 2023 for better alignment of the time for preparation of progress reports by LAD. A revised schedule of meeting for 2023 was proposed as per the Paper.

7.2 DLA welcomed the proposal and other Members also supported the revised schedule.

(V) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m. The next Council Meeting would be held on Wednesday, 15 February 2023.

LASC Secretariat
January 2023