

**Legal Aid Services Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 20 August 2024**  
**at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Office**

PRESENT

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| Prof. William LEUNG, GBS, JP | Chairman              |
| Mr Bosco CHENG               | Member                |
| Mr Robin EGERTON             | “                     |
| Mr Tom FU                    | “                     |
| Ms Serena LAU, MH, 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

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| Mr Steve WONG   | Deputy Director of Legal Aid (Policy & Administration) |
| Mr Bryan CHEUNG | EO/LASC  |

ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES

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| Ms Yvonne YEUNG | Member |
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**(I) INTRODUCTION**

The Chairman welcomed Members and Mr Steve WONG of the Legal Aid Department (LAD) to the meeting.

**(II) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 2024**

2. The minutes were confirmed without amendment.

**(III) PAPERS FOR INFORMATION/COMMENT**

**(D) Quarterly Report of Income and Expenditure of LASC for the First Quarter of Financial Year 2024-25 - Paper No. LASC I/P 16/24**

6.1 The Chairman said that the Quarterly Report summarised the income and expenditure of the Council in the first quarter of financial year 2024-2025 from 1 April to 30 June 2024. The overall spending position as at the end of June arrived at 22% of the approved budget, which was well controlled.

6.2 The Chairman also mentioned that the expenditure on two items were 15% or below, namely the office stationery and travelling expenses but these were only minor items. Regarding the expenditure on contract staff, the position of contract Clerk had been vacant for over one year and a proposed administrative arrangement would be discussed under the agenda item for 2024-2025 Revised Estimates and 2025-2026 Draft Estimates of Expenditure.

6.3 Members took note of the Quarterly Report.

**(V) ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Vote of Thanks**

12. The Chairman said that Miss Iris WAN would have served the Council for six years by the end of 31 August 2024. As there was a general rule that Members would not serve one advisory and statutory body for more than six years, the meeting held today was the last meeting that Miss WAN attended. As a gesture of courtesy and appreciation, the Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Miss WAN for

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her valuable services and contributions throughout the years. All Members echoed and supported. Miss WAN thanked the Chairman and other Members for the kind words.

**(VI) DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

13. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m. The next Council Meeting would be held on Tuesday, 19 November 2024.

LASC Secretariat  
September 2024