

Legal Aid Services Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 19 August 2025
at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Office

PRESENT

Prof. William LEUNG, GBS, JP	Chairman
Dr Eugene CHAN, SBS, JP	Member
Mr Sebastian HUGHES	“
Mr Tom FU	“
Ms Elaine SHIU	“
Mr Ronald SUM, JP	“
Mr Chris CHONG, SBS, JP	Director of Legal Aid
Mr Patrick WONG	Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms Juliana CHAN, JP	Deputy Director of Legal Aid (Policy & Administration)
Mr Bryan CHEUNG	EO/LASC

ABSENT WITH APOLOGIES

Mr Robin EGERTON	Member
Ms Serena LAU, MH, JP	“
Ms Rosita LEE	“



Item

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(I) INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed Members and Ms Juliana CHAN of the Legal Aid Department (LAD) to the meeting. He also congratulated Director of Legal Aid (DLA) on his being awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star in July 2025.

(II) CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2025

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 2025-26 – Paper No. LASC I/P 16/25

6.1 The Quarterly Report summarised the income and expenditure of the Council in the first quarter of financial year 2025-2026 from 1 April to 30 June 2025. The overall spending position as at the end of June arrived at 24% of the approved budget, which was well controlled.

6.2 Members took note of the Quarterly Report.

(V) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Schedule of Meetings

10. Regarding the meeting schedule of the Council, the Chairman said that the meeting dates would be fixed in November each year. To facilitate the preparation of quarterly statistics and information paper by LAD, the meeting dates were normally set on the third Tuesday of the relevant month in each quarter. Members would be informed of the proposed schedule of meetings in November and might suggest alternative dates if there were any foreseeable commitments that coincided with the proposed meeting dates. Besides, while the Lunar New Year would fall in the third week of February next year, the Chairman also suggested the Secretariat propose a suitable meeting date and circulate the proposed schedule to Members by next meeting.

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(VI) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11. There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:46 p.m. The next Council Meeting would be held on Friday, 28 November 2025.

(Post-meeting note: The next Council Meeting was originally scheduled on 18 November 2025. Due to other commitments of LAD, it was agreed to reschedule to 28 November 2025.)

LASC Secretariat
September 2025