

SPEAKER'S COMMITTEE FOR THE IPSA

**FORMAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 20 JANUARY 2020
IN THE SPEAKER'S STUDY**

Present:

Mr Speaker (Chair)	Sir Desmond Swayne
Marion Fellows	Cindy Butts
Jacob Rees-Mogg	Bronwen Curtis CBE
Sir Charles Walker	Shrinivas Honap

Apologies were received from Dame Cheryl Gillan and Valerie Vaz.

1. Minutes of the Committee's meeting on 16 October 2019

The Committee agreed the minutes of the previous meeting.

2. Committee spokesperson

The Speaker reported that he had appointed Sir Charles Walker as Committee spokesperson.

3. Recruitment to the Chair and board of IPSA

The Committee discussed this matter.

4. Presentation from IPSA representatives

Richard Lloyd, Interim Chair, Marcial Boo, Chief Executive, and Alistair Bridges, Director of Finance and Corporate Services, IPSA, addressed the Committee about IPSA's Supplementary Estimate for 2019-20, and its draft Corporate Plan and Main Estimate for 2020-21.

5. IPSA Supplementary Estimate 2019-20

The Committee approved IPSA's Supplementary Estimate for 2019-20.

6. IPSA Main Estimate 2020-21

The Committee discussed IPSA's proposals for its Main Estimate for 2020-21.

[The Committee adjourned]

SPEAKER'S COMMITTEE FOR THE IPSA

**FORMAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 2 MARCH 2020
IN COMMITTEE ROOM 15**

Present:

Mr Speaker (Chair)	Valerie Vaz
Marion Fellows	Sir Charles Walker
Kate Green	Peter Blausten
Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg	Cindy Butts
Sir Desmond Swayne	

Apologies were received from Dame Cheryl Gillan and Shrinivas Honap.

1. Declarations of interests

Parliamentary members declared their interests as listed in the Register of Members' Financial Interests as at 10 February 2020. Kate Green declared an additional interest as a member of Unite the Union.

Lay members declared their interests (see Appendix).

2. Minutes of the Committee's meeting on 20 January

The Committee agreed the minutes of the previous meeting.

3. IPSA's Main Estimate and Corporate Plan 2020-21

Richard Lloyd, Interim Chair, Marcial Boo, Chief Executive, and Alastair Bridges, Director of Finance and Corporate Services, Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority, gave oral evidence in public.

The Committee, having regard to advice from the Treasury, decided that it was satisfied that the estimate was consistent with the efficient and cost-effective discharge by the IPSA of its functions.

4. Appointments to the Chair and Board of IPSA

The Committee considered this matter.

[The Committee adjourned

SPEAKER'S COMMITTEE FOR THE IPSA

FORMAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 13 MAY 2020 VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Present:

Mr Speaker (Chair)

Peter Blausten

Chris Bryant

Cindy Butts

Marion Fellows

Dame Cheryl Gillan

Shrinivas Honap

Sir Desmond Swayne

Valerie Vaz

Sir Charles Walker

Apologies were received from the Leader of the House.

1. Declarations of interests

Chris Bryant and Dame Cheryl Gillan declared their interests as recorded in the register of Member's interests as at 27 April 2020.

2. Minutes of the Committee's meeting on 2 March

The minutes were approved.

3. Recruitment to the Chair and Board of IPSA

The Committee discussed recruitment to the Chair of IPSA and to the two positions on the IPSA board that would become vacant at the end of the year.

4. Discussion with IPSA representatives

Richard Lloyd, Interim Chair, Marcial Boo, Chief Executive, and Georgia Wilson, Director of Improvement and MPs support, joined the meeting. Richard Lloyd updated the Committee on proposed changes to IPSA's spending plans in light of Covid-19 and the outcome of a review of IPSA governance. Members then discussed the issues with the IPSA representatives.

The IPSA representatives withdrew and the Committee held further discussions in private.

[The Committee adjourned]

SPEAKER'S COMMITTEE FOR THE IPSA

FORMAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 24 JUNE 2020 VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Present:

Mr Speaker (Chair)	Dame Cheryl Gillan
Peter Blausten	Shrinivas Honap
Chris Bryant	Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg
Cindy Butts	Sir Desmond Swayne
Marion Fellows	Sir Charles Walker

5. Minutes of the Committee's meeting on 13 May

The minutes were approved.

6. IPSA Supplementary Estimate 2020-21

Richard Lloyd, Interim Chair of IPSA, joined the meeting. He presented a proposed Supplementary Estimate, which IPSA had drawn up following discussions at the last meeting.

After discussion with Richard Lloyd had concluded, he withdrew from the meeting.

The Committee, having regard to advice from the Treasury, reviewed the Estimate and was satisfied that it was consistent with the efficient and cost-effective discharge by the IPSA of its functions. All Members listed above agreed to this decision.

7. Recruitment of a Chair of IPSA

The Committee considered progress with the recruitment of an IPSA Chair. It agreed to pause the process and restart later in the year with new consultants.

8. Recruitment of ordinary members of the IPSA board

The Committee discussed this matter.

9. Engagement with Members' staff representatives

The Committee agreed that it would include a discussion with representatives from Unite the Union and the Members' and Peers' Staff Association as an item on the agenda of some future meetings. The representatives would not be involved in any statutory proceedings.

[The Committee adjourned]

SPEAKER'S COMMITTEE FOR THE IPSA

FORMAL MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 9 DECEMBER 2020 HYBRID MEETING IN THE SPEAKER'S STUDY AND VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Present:

Mr Speaker (Chair) (physical)	Shrinivas Honap (virtual)
Peter Blausten (virtual)	Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg (physical)
Chris Bryant (physical)	Sir Desmond Swayne (physical)
Cindy Butts (virtual)	Sir Charles Walker (physical)
Marion Fellows (virtual)	Valerie Vaz (virtual)
Dame Cheryl Gillan (virtual)	

10. Minutes of the Committee's meeting on 24 June

The minutes were approved.

11. Discussion with MAPSA and Unite representatives

Georgina Kessler, from the Members' and Peers' Staff Association, and Max Freedman and Priya Dev, from Unite the Union, spoke to the Committee about their members' recent experiences and perceptions of IPSA.

12. IPSA Main Estimate 2021-22

Richard Lloyd, Interim Chair, Ian Todd, Chief Executive, and Karen Walker, Director of Strategy and Change, IPSA, spoke to the Committee about IPSA's initial proposals for its Main Estimate for 2021-22, and matters relating to IPSA's corporate plan.

13. Recruitment of ordinary members of the IPSA board

The Committee considered the report of the panel appointed to shortlist and interview candidates. It agreed with Mr Speaker that Helen Jones should be recommended for appointment to the former Member of the House of Commons position for a five-year term, and that Sir Robert Owen should be recommended for re-appointment to the former holder of high judicial office position for a further three-year term. It agreed that a report to this effect should be laid before the House.

[The Committee adjourned