

# MINUTES

**Meeting: London Assembly  
(Mayor's Question Time)**  
**Date: Wednesday 25 March 2015**  
**Time: 10.00 am**  
**Place: Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's  
Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

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**Present:**

Roger Evans AM (Chairman)	Jenny Jones AM
Jennette Arnold OBE AM (Deputy Chair)	Stephen Knight AM
Tony Arbour AM	Kit Malthouse AM
Gareth Bacon AM	Joanne McCartney AM
John Biggs AM	Steve O'Connell AM
Victoria Borwick AM	Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
James Cleverly AM	Murad Qureshi AM
Tom Copley AM	Dr Onkar Sahota AM
Andrew Dismore AM	Navin Shah AM
Len Duvall AM	Valerie Shawcross CBE AM
Nicky Gavron AM	Richard Tracey AM
Darren Johnson AM	Fiona Twycross AM

## **1 Apologies for Absence and Chairman's Announcements (Item 1)**

- 1.1 An apology for absence was received on behalf of Andrew Boff AM.
- 1.2 The Chairman informed the Assembly of the recent death of Catherine Crawford, the last Chief Executive of the Metropolitan Police Authority. He placed on record the Assembly's condolences and explained that he would be sending a letter of condolence to Catherine Crawford's family on the Assembly's behalf.
- 1.3 Len Duvall AM, former Chair of the Metropolitan Police Authority, and Kit Malthouse AM, former Chair of the Metropolitan Police Authority and former Deputy Mayor for Policing, paid tribute to Catherine Crawford. Len Duvall AM suggested the establishment of an annual memorial lecture on policing and associated issues in Catherine Crawford's name.
- 1.4 During the course of the meeting the Chairman welcomed to the public gallery: politics students from the University of Westminster; students from St Lawrence University, New York; pupils from George Mitchell School, Leyton; students from Debate Mate; visitors from Age UK, Harrow; and taxi drivers who were in attendance to show support for the London Assembly Transport Committee's report on Taxi and Private Hire Services in London.

## **2 Declarations of Interests (Item 2)**

- 2.1 The Assembly received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

### **2.2 Resolved:**

**That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Agenda Item 2, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests.**

## **3 Minutes (Item 3)**

### **3.1 Resolved:**

**That the minutes from the London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) meeting held on 23 February 2015 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.**

#### **4 Mayor's Report (Item 4)**

##### **4.1 Resolved:**

**That the Mayor's Report covering the period from 10 February to 11 March 2015 be noted.**

4.2 In accordance with Standing Order 5.4A, the Mayor gave an oral update on matters occurring since the publication of his report. The record of the oral update is attached at **Appendix 1**.

4.3 The Assembly noted the Mayor's announcement that, following the selection of Victoria Borwick AM as a parliamentary candidate, she would be stepping down as Deputy Mayor on 13 May 2015 and would be succeeded by Roger Evans AM, who had been appointed to the office of Deputy Mayor with effect from 14 May 2015.

#### **5 Questions to the Mayor (Item 5)**

5.1 The record of the discussion with the Mayor, including oral answers given by the Mayor to Members' questions, is attached as **Appendix 2**.

5.2 The written answers to those questions not asked or unanswered during the meeting is attached as **Appendix 3**.

5.3 At 11.37am, the Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow visitors to leave the public gallery. The meeting resumed at 11.39am.

5.4 During the course of the question and answer session the Chairman proposed, and it was agreed, that Standing Order 2.9B be suspended to extend the meeting in order to allow the remaining questions on the priority order paper to be put to the Mayor and for the remaining items of business on the agenda to be considered.

5.5 At the conclusion of the question and answer session, the Assembly agreed the motion set out on the agenda in the name of the Chairman, namely:

**"That the Assembly notes the answers to the questions asked".**

## **6 Proposed Delegation of Authority to the Chairman of the London Assembly (Item 6)**

### **6.1 Resolved:**

**That it be agreed, in relation to urgent matters only, that a general delegation of authority in respect of the Assembly's powers and functions (apart from those that cannot under the Greater London Authority Act 1999 be delegated) be given to the Chairman of the Assembly, in consultation with the Deputy Chair, party Group Leaders and relevant Committee Chair(s), from the close of the London Assembly (Mayor's Question Time) meeting on 25 March 2015 until the Annual Meeting of the London Assembly on 13 May 2015.**

## **7 Date of Next Meeting (Item 7)**

7.1 It was noted that the next scheduled meeting of the London Assembly would be the Assembly's Annual Meeting, which would take place at 10.00am on Wednesday 13 May 2015 in the Chamber, City Hall.

## **8 Any Other Business the Chairman Considers Urgent (Item 8)**

8.1 There was no urgent business requiring consideration.

## **9 Close of Meeting**

9.1 The meeting closed at 12.49pm

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Chairman

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