Present:

George Adam                      Colin Beattie
Chic Brodie                      Mark Griffin (Deputy Convener)
Gordon MacDonald                 Stewart Maxwell (Convener)
John Pentland                    Mary Scanlon
Tavish Scott (Committee Substitute)

Also present: Jim Eadie, Iain Gray, Liz Smith, Sandra White

Apologies were received from Liam McArthur.

The meeting opened at 9.52 am.

1. **Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill**: The Committee considered the Bill at Stage 2.

   The following amendments were agreed to (without division): 4B, 4, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 1, 19, 20, 2, 21, 22, 23A, 23, 53, 55, 24, 25 and 26.

   The following amendments were agreed to (by division)—
   
   3 (For 5, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
   5 (For 7, Against 2, Abstentions 0)
   6 (For 6, Against 2, Abstentions 1)
   7 (For 6, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
   8 (For 6, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
   9 (For 6, Against 3, Abstentions 0)
   10 (For 6, Against 2, Abstentions 1)
   11 (For 6, Against 2, Abstentions 1)
   30 (For 5, Against 4, Abstentions 0)
   63 (For 5, Against 4, Abstentions 0)

   The following amendments were disagreed to (by division)—
   
   27 (For 2, Against 7, Abstentions 0)
The following amendments were not moved: 4A and 49.

The following provisions were agreed to without amendment: sections 5, 7, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 and 23, and the long title.

The following provisions were agreed to as amended: sections 4, 6, 10, 15 and 19 and the schedule.

The Committee completed Stage 2 consideration of the Bill.

2. **Subordinate legislation:** The Committee considered the following negative instruments—
Named Persons (Training, Qualifications, Experience and Position) (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/16); Child’s Plan (Scotland) Order 2016 (SSI 2016/17).

The Committee agreed to make no recommendations in relation to the instruments.

The meeting closed at 1.22 pm.

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