



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

STANDARDS, PROCEDURES AND PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

8th Meeting, 2019 (Session 5)

Thursday 16 May 2019

Present:

Bill Kidd (Convener)
Gil Paterson
John Scott
Maureen Watt

Tom Mason
Mark Ruskell (Deputy Convener)
Elaine Smith

Also present: Mike Rumbles

Apologies were received from Jamie Halcro Johnston.

The meeting opened at 9.40 am.

1. **Decision on taking business in private:** The Committee agreed to take item 6 in private.
2. **Cross-Party Group:** The Committee considered an application for recognition from the proposed Cross-Party Group on USA, and took evidence from—

Dean Lockhart, Convener of the proposed CPG on USA.
3. **Cross-Party Group - approval:** The Committee agreed to write to Dean Lockhart requesting further information before it considered whether to accord recognition to the proposed Cross-Party Group on USA.
4. **Annual report:** The Committee considered a draft annual report for the parliamentary year from 12 May 2018 to 11 May 2019. The report was agreed for publication.
5. **Correspondence:** The Committee considered correspondence it received.
6. **Standing Order rules changes (in private):** The Committee considered a draft report and draft Standing Order rule changes. The report was agreed for publication.

The meeting closed at 10.51 am.

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