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# STANDARDS, PROCEDURES AND PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

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**STANDARDS, PROCEDURES AND PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting 2010, Session 3**

**CONVENER**

\*Gil Paterson (West of Scotland) (SNP)

**DEPUTY CONVENER**

\*Marilyn Livingstone (Kirkcaldy) (Lab)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

\*Robert Brown (Glasgow) (LD)

\*Aileen Campbell (South of Scotland) (SNP)

Nanette Milne (North East Scotland) (Con)

Peter Peacock (Highlands and Islands) (Lab)

\*Dave Thompson (Highlands and Islands) (SNP)

**COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES**

Alasdair Morgan (South of Scotland) (SNP)

Mary Mulligan (Linlithgow) (Lab)

Mike Rumbles (West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine) (LD)

Elizabeth Smith (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Con)

\*attended

**THE FOLLOWING ALSO ATTENDED:**

Jackie Baillie (Dumbarton) (Lab)

**CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE**

Gillian Baxendine

Alison Walker

**LOCATION**

Committee Room 5



## Scottish Parliament

### Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee

*Tuesday 2 March 2010*

[The Convener *opened the meeting at 14:15*]

### Decision on Taking Business in Private

**The Convener (Gil Paterson):** I welcome everyone to the third meeting in 2010 of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee. We have received apologies from Peter Peacock and Nanette Milne. I welcome Jackie Baillie, whom I will bring in for item 2, if that is required.

Item 1 is a decision on whether to take in private item 3, which is the committee's first detailed consideration of a possible rule change. Are members happy to take item 3 in private?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

**The Convener:** Thank you.

## Cross-party Group

14:15

**The Convener:** Item 2 is consideration of an application to recognise the proposed cross-party group on muscular dystrophy. I have no questions for Jackie Baillie on the group. If members have no questions, are we happy to approve the application?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

**The Convener:** Thank you. Do you want to add anything, Jackie?

**Jackie Baillie (Dumbarton) (Lab):** Thank you for a pleasant and painless experience.

**The Convener:** I will make sure that that does not happen again.

14:16

*Meeting continued in private until 15:59.*



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