



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Monday, November 6, 2023

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Official Languages met this day at 5:04 p.m., in room B30, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable René Cormier, presiding.

*Members of the committee present:* The Honourable Senators Clement, Cormier, Mégie and Poirier (4).

*Participating in the meeting:* Catlin Seibel-Kamél, Legislative Clerk, Committees Directorate; Marie-Ève Hudon, Analyst, Library of Parliament; Jérémie Spadafora, Communications Officer, Communications, Broadcasting and Publications Directorate.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, March 9, 2023, the committee continued its study of matters relating to minority-language health services.

### WITNESSES:

#### *Quebec Community Groups Network:*

Eva Ludvig, President *(by videoconference)*;

Sylvia Martin-Laforge, Director General *(by videoconference)*.

#### *Federation of Francophone and Acadian Communities of Canada:*

Liane Roy, President *(by videoconference)*;

Alain Dupuis, General Manager.

#### *Quebec Counsel for the Protection of Patients:*

Paul G. Brunet, Chair *(by videoconference)*.

The chair made a statement regarding National Francophone Immigration Week.

Eva Ludvig and Sylvia Martin-Laforge made a statement together.

The Honourable Senator Mégie moved that, notwithstanding usual practice and pursuant to rule 12-17, the committee be authorized to hold today's meeting without quorum, if necessary, for the purpose of receiving evidence, provided that two committee members are present.

The question being put on the motion, it was adopted.

Eva Ludvig and Sylvia Martin-Laforge answered questions.

At 6 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 6:05 p.m., the committee resumed.

Liane Roy made a statement and, with Alain Dupuis, answered questions.

At 6:53 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 6:55 p.m., the committee resumed.

Paul G. Brunet made a statement and answered questions.

At 7:31 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 7:32 p.m., pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee resumed in camera to discuss a draft agenda (future business).

At 7:43 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

*ATTEST:*

Karine Déquier

*Clerk of the Committee*