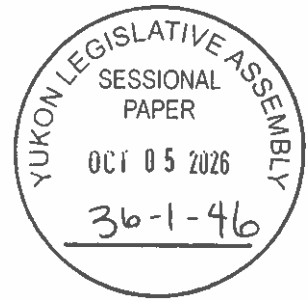




**Report from the Clerk of the Yukon Legislative Assembly
on the Absence of Members from Sitzings of the
Legislative Assembly and its Committees**

October 5, 2026

Introduction

Subsections 39(5) and 39(6) of the *Legislative Assembly Act* state:

- 39(5) From the indemnity payable to a member under this section a deduction of \$100 shall be made
- (a) for each day the member is absent from a sitting of the Legislative Assembly;
 - (b) for each day the member is absent from a sitting of a committee of which they are a member, if the absence is not excused by the rules of the committee providing for another member of the Legislative Assembly to take the place of the absent committee member; and
 - (c) for each day the member is named and suspended from the service of the Legislative Assembly.
- (6) No deduction shall be made under subsection (5) in respect of any absence resulting from
- (a) the sickness of the member;
 - (b) a sickness or death in the immediate family of the member;
 - (c) any cause beyond the reasonable control of the member as determined by the Speaker; or
 - (d) the attendance of the member at any meeting or event as a member of the Executive Council, as a representative of the Government of the Yukon or as a representative of the Legislative Assembly.

The Members' Services Board establishes the administrative procedures followed in implementing this legislation. Since 1981, the Clerk has been required to prepare a report on the absence of members and deductions from members' indemnities. This report is to be tabled by the Speaker at the beginning of each Spring and Fall Sitting of the Yukon Legislative Assembly.

The current form for Members of the Legislative Assembly to complete to submit their declarations respecting absences from sittings and committee meetings was adopted by the Members' Services Board in 2017. In establishing the current form, Members' Services Board noted that attending a constituency event, funeral for a constituent, or a caucus even does not fall under the category of attending an event "as a representative of the Legislative Assembly" and therefore does not constitute an acceptable reason under paragraph 39(6)(d) of the *Legislative Assembly Act*.

Absences from sittings of the 36th Legislative Assembly

For the period from March 19, 2026 to October 4, 2026, a total of 24 declarations were submitted to the Clerk respecting an absence from a sitting of the 36th Legislative Assembly. In four of these declarations a request was made for a deduction to be made from a member's pay due to the absence of the member from one or more sittings of the House. In 20 of the declarations a reason was provided for the absence and no deduction was made from the member's indemnity.

Of the 21 Members of the Legislative Assembly, 12 were absent for at least one sitting day of the 2026 Spring Sitting.

There was a total of 32 absences from the 2026 Spring Sitting.

Declaration of absence and deduction requested

Brent McDonald

March 19, 2026

March 31, 2026

Tyler Porter

April 30, 2026

Lane Tredger

March 26, and 30, 2026

Declaration of absence and reason provided

Hon. Cory Bellmore

April 8, 2026

Reason: "the attendance of the member at any meeting or event as a member of the Executive Council, as a representative of the Government of the Yukon or as a representative of the Legislative Assembly – Travelling to Pelly with Premier Currie Dixon for Selkirk First Nation Chief and Council swearing-in ceremony." (paragraph 39(6)(d))

May 5, 2026

Reason: "the attendance of the member at any meeting or event as a member of the Executive Council, as a representative of the Government of the Yukon or as a representative of the Legislative Assembly – Speaking at Land Blessing Ceremony for the Dawson City Recreation Centre" (paragraph 39(6)(d))

Hon. Linda Benoit

April 29, 2026

Reason: "sickness of member" (paragraph 39(6)(a))

Hon. Currie Dixon

April 2, 2026

Reason: "the attendance of the member at any meeting or event as a member of the Executive Council, as a representative of the Government of the Yukon or as a representative of the Legislative Assembly – Meeting with RRDC Chief and Council in Ross River" (paragraph 39(6)(d))

April 8, 2026

Reason: "the attendance of the member at any meeting or event as a member of the Executive Council, as a representative of the Government of the Yukon or as a representative of the Legislative Assembly – Swearing In Ceremony with Selkirk First Nation in Pelly Crossing" (paragraph 39(6)(d))

Hon. Jen Gehmair

March 30 and 31, 2026

Reason: "the attendance of the member at any meeting or event as a member of the Executive Council, as a representative of the Government of the Yukon or as a representative of the Legislative Assembly – To attend executive

council duties as Minister of Economic Development at an FPT meeting in Ottawa" (paragraph 39(6)(d))

Hon. Ted Laking

March 31, 2026

Reason: "the attendance of the member at any meeting or event as a member of the Executive Council, as a representative of the Government of the Yukon or as a representative of the Legislative Assembly – Dawson Regional Land Use Ceremony – Dawson City, Yukon" (paragraph 39(6)(d))

April 13, 2026

Reason: "the attendance of the member at any meeting or event as a member of the Executive Council, as a representative of the Government of the Yukon or as a representative of the Legislative Assembly – Meeting with Federal Ministers" (paragraph 39(6)(d))

April 21, 2026

Reason: "the attendance of the member at any meeting or event as a member of the Executive Council, as a representative of the Government of the Yukon or as a representative of the Legislative Assembly – Energy Summit, Meeting with Federal Minister" (paragraph 39(6)(d))

April 22, 2026

Reason: "the attendance of the member at any meeting or event as a member of the Executive Council, as a representative of the Government of the Yukon or as a representative of the Legislative Assembly – Energy Summit, Meeting with Federal Minister" (paragraph 39(6)(d))

April 23, 2026

Reason: "the attendance of the member at any meeting or event as a member of the Executive Council, as a representative of the Government of the Yukon or as a representative of the Legislative Assembly – Energy Summit, Meeting with Federal Minister" (paragraph 39(6)(d))

May 5, 2026

Reason: "the attendance of the member at any meeting or event as a member of the Executive Council, as a representative of the Government of the Yukon or as a representative of the Legislative Assembly – Meeting with Ross River Dena Chief and Council" (paragraph 39(6)(d))

Hon. Laura Lang

March 19, 2026

Reason: "a sickness or death in the immediate family of the member – Bereavement / death in immediate family" (paragraph 39(6)(b))

Brent McDonald

April 15 and 16, 2026

Reason: "sickness of member" (paragraph 39(6)(a))

Debra-Leigh Reti

May 7, 2026

Reason: "any cause beyond the reasonable control of the member as determined by the Speaker – I had a medical procedure on May 8th in Vancouver that had to be done without delay to prohibit further health complications I had been facing" (paragraph 39(6)(c))

Lane Tredger

April 14, 2026

Reason: "sickness of member" (paragraph 39(6)(a))

April 27 and 28, 2026

Reasons: "sickness of member" (paragraph 39(6)(a)) and "a sickness or death in the immediate family of the member" (paragraph 39(6)(b))

May 5 and 6, 2026

Reason: "sickness of member" (paragraph 39(6)(a))

Kate White

April 28, 29 and 30, 2026

Reason: "sickness of member" (paragraph 39(6)(a))

Justin Ziegler

April 22 and 23, 2026

Reason: "sickness of member" (paragraph 39(6)(a))

Absences from committee meetings

For the period from March 19, 2026 to October 4, 2026, six declarations were submitted to the Clerk respecting an absence from a sitting of a committee of the 36th Legislative Assembly. In four of these declarations a request was made for a deduction to be made from the member's pay due to the absence of the member from a committee. In two of the declarations a reason was provided for the absence of the member and no deduction was made from the member's indemnity.

Declaration of absence and deduction requested

Debra-Leigh Reti

Standing Committee on Appointments to Major Government Boards and Committees.

April 16, 2026

June 26, 2026

Standing Committee on Rules, Elections and Privileges.

June 26, 2026

Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

June 26, 2026

Declaration of absence and reason provided

Debra-Leigh Reti

Special Committee on Electoral Financing

July 20, 2026

Reason: "a sickness or death in the immediate family of the member"
(paragraph 39(6)(b))

September 15, 2026

Reason: "the attendance of the member at any meeting or event as a member of the Executive Council, as a representative of the Government of the Yukon or as a representative of the Legislative Assembly – 69th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference." (paragraph 39(6)(d))



Allison Lloyd

Clerk of the Yukon Legislative Assembly