



Parliament of the Cayman Islands

GOVERNMENT MOTION NO. 9 of 2024/2025

Motion to Amend the Parliament Standing Orders (2024 Revision)

Pursuant to Standing Order 87

WHEREAS Section 71(1) of the Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009, as amended, provides that “Subject to this Constitution, the Parliament may from time to time make, amend and revoke Standing Orders for the regulation and orderly conduct of its own proceedings and the dispatch of business, and for the passing, intituling and numbering of Bills and for their presentation to the Governor for assent.”

AND WHEREAS the Parliamentary Standing Orders have never been reviewed and amended in their entirety since they came into effect in September 1976;

AND WHEREAS a Standing Orders Working Group (SOWG), was convened by the Honourable Speaker on 26th January 2022 to consider and propose amendments to the Parliament Standing Orders (2024 Revision);

AND WHEREAS the SOWG was comprised of:

Hon Sir Alden McLaughlin – Honourable Speaker/Chairman

Hon McKeeva Bush, Member of Parliament/Past Chairman

Hon Katherine Ebanks-Wilks, Member of Parliament/Past Chairman

Hon Samuel Bulgin, Attorney General

Mrs Zena Merren-Chin, Clerk of Parliament

Ms Cheryl Neblett, First Legislative Counsel

Mr Garfield Ellison, Chief Parliamentary Advisor

Ms Twila Escalante, Deputy Clerk

Ms Nordra Walcott, Assistant Clerk

AND WHEREAS the SOWG met a total of 27 times and has produced draft revised Parliament Standing Orders;

AND WHEREAS the Standing Orders Committee, being a committee of the whole House, met on Monday, 3rd February 2025 to consider the SOWG draft Parliament Standing Orders 2025;

AND WHEREAS following deliberation and amendments to the SOWG draft Standing Orders, the Standing Orders Committee agreed that the attached draft Parliamentary Standing Orders 2025 be reported to the House in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 87.

BE IT NOW RESOLVED THAT this Honourable House adopts the draft Parliament Standing Orders 2025 as the Standing Orders of the Parliament to come into force on the 28th of February 2025.

MOVED BY: Hon. Samuel Bulgin, KC, JP
Attorney General, ex officio Member responsible for the Portfolio of Legal Affairs

Received in the Office of the Clerk this 3rd day of February, 2025.

Passed/Rejected by the Parliament of the Cayman Islands this day of February, 2025.

Clerk of the Parliament