



PARLIAMENT
OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

State Opening and Throne Speech

FIRST MEETING - FIRST SITTING | 2026-2027 SESSION

2:00PM, FRIDAY, 19TH JUNE, 2026

HOUSE OF PARLIAMENT | 33 FORT STREET
GEORGE TOWN, CAYMAN ISLANDS



HIS MAJESTY THE KING'S REPRESENTATIVE

Her Excellency the Governor
Mrs. Jane Owen

THE SPEAKER

Hon. D. Ezzard Miller

THE PREMIER

Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP
Minister of Financial Services & Commerce
Elected Member for West Bay South

LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Hon. Joseph X. Hew, JP, MP
Elected Member for George Town North

CAYMAN ISLANDS

PROCLAMATION NO.3 OF 2026

BY HER EXCELLENCY JANE OWEN, GOVERNOR OF
THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

JANE OWEN
GOVERNOR



WHEREAS section 83(1) of the Constitution of the Cayman Islands provides that the sessions of the Parliament of the Cayman Islands shall be held at such places and begin at such times as the Governor may from time to time by proclamation appoint:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Owen, Governor of the Cayman Islands, by virtue of the powers conferred upon me by section 83(1) of the Constitution of the Cayman Islands HEREBY PROCLAIM that a session of the Parliament of the Cayman Islands shall be held at the House of Parliament, George Town, Grand Cayman and begin at 2 p.m. on the 19th day of June, 2026. The session shall continue to be held at such places, on such dates and times as the Parliament may adjourn thereto.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
PUBLIC SEAL OF THE CAYMAN
ISLANDS AT GEORGE TOWN IN THE
ISLAND OF GRAND CAYMAN THIS
20 DAY OF MAY IN THE YEAR
OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND
AND TWENTY-SIX IN THE FOURTH
YEAR OF THE REIGN OF HIS
MAJESTY KING CHARLES III

MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CABINET

Hon. André M. Ebanks, MP

Premier, Minister of Financial Services & Commerce

Elected Member for West Bay South

Hon. Gary B. Ruddy, MP

Deputy Premier, Minister of Tourism & Trade Development

Elected Member for George Town South

Hon. Katherine A. Ebanks-Wilks, MP

Minister of Health, Environment & Sustainability

Elected Member for West Bay Central

Hon. Rolston M. Anglin, JP, MP

Minister of Finance & Economic Development *and* Education & Training

Elected Member for West Bay North

Hon. Johany S. Ebanks, JP, MP

Minister of Planning, Lands, Agriculture, Housing & Infrastructure

Elected Member for North Side

Hon. Isaac D. Rankine, JP, MP

Minister of Social Development & Innovation *and* Youth, Sports, Culture & Heritage

Elected Member for East End

Hon. Nickolas T. A. DaCosta, JP, MP

Minister of District Administration & Home Affairs

Elected Member for Cayman Brac West and Little Cayman

Hon. Michael S. Myles, MP

Minister of Caymanian Employment & Immigration

Elected Member for Prospect

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Hon. Franz I. Manderson, MBE, Cert. Hon., JP

Deputy Governor, ex-officio Member

Responsible for the Portfolio of the Civil Service

Hon. Reshma Sharma, KC, JP

Acting Attorney General, ex-officio Member

Responsible for the Portfolio of Legal Affairs

ELECTED MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

BACKBENCH MEMBERS AND PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES

Mrs. Julie J. T. Hunter, JP, MP

Elected Member for West Bay West

Ms. Heather D. Bodden, OCl, Cert. Hon., JP, MP

Elected Member for Savannah

Hon. G. Wayne Panton, JP, MP

Elected Member for Newlands

MEMBERS OF THE OPPOSITION

Hon. Joseph X. Hew, JP, MP

Leader of the Opposition

Elected Member for George Town North

Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, JP, MP

Deputy Leader of the Opposition

Elected Member for George Town Central

Hon. Pearlina L. McGaw-Lumsden, JP, MP

Deputy Speaker

Elected Member for George Town West

Hon. Juliana Y. O'Connor-Connolly, JP, MP

Elected Member for Cayman Brac East

Mr. Roy M. McTaggart, JP, MP

Elected Member for George Town East

Mr. A. Roy Tatum, Cert. Hon., JP, MP

Elected Member for Red Bay

INDEPENDENT OPPOSITION MEMBERS

Mr. Christopher S. Saunders, JP, MP

Elected Member for Bodden Town West

Mr. Dwayne S. Seymour, CCl, JP, MP

Elected Member for Bodden Town East

PROGRAMME

1:35pm	Members of the public arrive
1:40pm	Guard of Honour in position
1:45pm	Members of Parliament seated Members of the public seated
1:50pm	Chief Justice Honourable Margaret Ramsay-Hale seated
1:52pm	Pastor Ormond A. Williams seated
1:54pm	Arrival of the Honourable Premier <i>General Salute</i>
1:56pm	Arrival of the Honourable Speaker <i>General Salute</i>
2:00pm	SPEAKER'S PROCESSION <i>(All rise)</i> The Serjeant-at-Arms <i>(bearing the Mace)</i> The Honourable Speaker The Clerks of the Parliament The Deputy Serjeant-at-Arms The Honourable Speaker proceeds to the Chair <i>(and bows to the right and to the left)</i>

PRAYERS

The Honourable Speaker requests Pastor Ormond A. Williams to say prayers.
The Honourable Speaker asks for all to be seated.

PROCLAMATION SUMMONING THE FIRST MEETING OF THE 2026-2027 SESSION OF PARLIAMENT

Proclamation read by the Clerk.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATHS OR AFFIRMATIONS

Oaths of Allegiance and Due Execution of Office *(administered by the Clerk)*

By Ms. Reshma Sharma, the Acting Honourable Attorney General, responsible for the Portfolio of Legal Affairs to be the Temporary ex-officio Member of the Parliament.

MOTION FOR THE SUSPENSION OF THE HOUSE

The Premier, Honourable André Ebanks, MP - Minister of Financial Services & Commerce moves -

“That this Honourable House do suspend to invite Her Excellency the Governor Mrs. Jane Owen to deliver the Throne Speech to the Parliament”.

The Question is proposed and put.

The Honourable Speaker suspends the House to meet Her Excellency the Governor.

The Serjeant-at-Arms places the Mace in the lower cradle.

All rise as the Honourable Speaker, preceded by the Serjeant-at-Arms, followed by the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition and the Clerks proceed to the forecourt of the Building to meet Her Excellency the Governor.

INSPECTION OF THE GUARD OF HONOUR

2:10pm Arrival of Her Excellency the Governor.
(Met by the Honourable Speaker)

2:11pm Royal Salute.

The Honourable Speaker, the Premier, the Leader of the Opposition, the Clerks, and Serjeant-at-Arms in attendance, stand at the top of the steps to watch the Inspection of the Guard of Honour.

2:15pm Royal Salute.

2:17pm The Honourable Speaker and the Clerks escort Her Excellency the Governor and the Governor's Aide-de-Camp inside the House of Parliament.

PROCESSION

The Serjeant-at-Arms
The Honourable Speaker
Her Excellency the Governor
The Governor's Aide-de-Camp
The Honourable Premier
The Honourable Leader of the Opposition
The Clerks of the Parliament
The Deputy Serjeant-at-Arms

Proceed to the main doors of the Chamber.

The Governor's Aide-de-Camp gives three knocks on the door.

As the doors open, the Serjeant-at-Arms heads the Procession and announces: *"Her Excellency the Governor"*.

As the Procession enters the Chamber. *(All Stand)*

Her Excellency the Governor proceeds to the left and upon reaching the Speaker's dais, takes the Speaker's Chair. The Honourable Speaker takes a seat to the right of Her Excellency and the Governor's Aide-de-Camp to the left.

Her Excellency the Governor bows to the right and the left and says “*Please be seated*”. Her Excellency takes her seat.

The Honourable Speaker invites Her Excellency the Governor, to deliver the Throne Speech to the House.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Her Excellency the Governor delivers the Throne Speech. At the conclusion, the Governor’s Aide-de-Camp approaches Her Excellency the Governor, bows and receives a copy of the Speech, which is given to the Clerk to be laid on the Table.

Her Excellency the Governor (*all rise*), bows to the right and to the left.

The Serjeant-at-Arms approaches the Table.

DEPARTURE OF HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

Procession departs in the following order:

- The Serjeant-at-Arms
- The Honourable Speaker
- Her Excellency the Governor
- The Governor’s Aide-de-Camp
- The Chief Justice, Hon. Margaret Ramsay-Hale
- Pastor Ormond A. Williams

THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER RE-ENTERS

The Serjeant-at-Arms announces: “*Mister Speaker*” (All stand).

The Honourable Speaker re-enters the Chamber preceded by the Serjeant-at-Arms who lays the Mace in the upper cradle.

RESUMPTION OF THE SITTING OF THE PARLIAMENT

The Honourable Speaker bows to the right and the left and takes the Chair.
The Honourable Speaker calls the House to order.

VOTE OF THANKS TO HER EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR

The Speaker:

“This Honourable Parliament does record its grateful thanks to Her Excellency the Governor, Mrs. Jane Owen for the Throne Speech delivered at this Sitting”.

MOTION TO DEFER DEBATE ON THE THRONE SPEECH

The Premier, Honourable André Ebanks, moves:

*“BE IT RESOLVED that the Throne Speech delivered by Her Excellency the Governor, Mrs. Jane Owen be debated and that the debate be deferred until **Tuesday, 23rd June, 2026**”.*

The Question is proposed and put.

READING BY THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER OF MESSAGES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION FOR THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE

The Honourable Premier moves for the adjournment of the House.

The Question is proposed and put.

PROCESSION FROM THE CHAMBER

(All Stand)

The Serjeant-at-Arms, bearing the Mace, leads the Honourable Speaker from the Chamber.

OFFICERS OF THE PARLIAMENT

Mrs. Zena Merren-Chin, BSc., LLB
Clerk & Chief Officer of the Parliament

Mrs. Twila Escalante, LLB
Deputy Clerk of the Parliament

Mrs. Patricia Priestley, BSc., LLB (Hons)
Assistant Clerk of the Parliament

Ms. Nordra Walcott, LLB (Hons)
Assistant Clerk of the Parliament

Rev. J. Kim Evans, NP
Serjeant-at-Arms

Mr. Christopher Clarke
Deputy Serjeant-at-Arms



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