PARLIAMENT OF THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

GOVERNMENT MOTION NO. 1 of 2026-2027

CHILDREN (ADVISORY PANEL) REGULATIONS, 2026

WHEREAS section 83K(1) of the Children Act (2012 Revision) ("the Children Act"), as inserted by regulation 50 of the Children (Amendment) Act, 2024 ("the Amending Act"), makes provision for Cabinet to appoint an advisory panel the functions of which include the provision of advice and assistance to the Commissioner for Children and Young Persons appointed pursuant to section 83A;

AND WHEREAS section 83K(3) of the Children Act, as inserted by the Amending Act, provides that Cabinet may make regulations prescribing the criteria and process for appointment to the advisory panel; the terms and conditions that apply to an appointment; and the procedures of the advisory panel;

AND WHEREAS section 83(R) of the Children Act, as inserted by the Amending Act, provides that notwithstanding section 95(1) and (2), the Cabinet may make regulations subject to affirmative resolution for giving effect to the provisions of Part 11A (Commissioner for Children and Young Persons);

AND WHEREAS the Cabinet approved the Children (Advisory) Panel Regulations, 2026 on **November 4th 2026**;

AND WHEREAS the Government of the Cayman Islands, pursuant to section 83K of the Children Act, as inserted by the Amending Act, is seeking approval of the Parliament for the attached Regulations;

BE IT NOW THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Parliament hereby approves the Children (Advisory) Panel Regulations, 2026.

MOVED BY: Honourable Isaac Rankine, JP, MP
Minister for Social Development & Innovation

Received in the Office of the Clerk this 6th day of November, 2026

Passed/Rejected by the Parliament this day of , 2026

Clerk of the Parliament

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In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 83K and 95(4) of the Children Act (2012 Revision), the Cabinet makes the following Regulations —

Citation and commencement

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Children (Advisory Panel) Regulations, 2026.

(2) These Regulations come into force immediately after the *Children (Amendment) Act, 2024* comes into force.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations —

"**eligible person**" means a person who —

(a) is at least thirteen years of age but who has not attained the age of twenty-four years; and

(b) satisfies the criteria set out in regulation 3(2) for appointment to the advisory panel; and

"**member**" means a person appointed to the advisory panel.

Criteria for appointment to advisory panel

3. (1) A person is eligible for appointment to the advisory panel if the person —

(a) is at least thirteen years of age but has not attained the age of twenty-four years; and

(b) satisfies the criteria set out in paragraph (2) for appointment to the advisory panel.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1), the criteria for appointment to the advisory panel is as follows —

(a) that the person demonstrates knowledge of the functions and powers of the Commissioner for Children and Young Persons;

(b) that the person demonstrates knowledge of the duties of the advisory panel;

(c) that the person demonstrates an interest in policy relating to children, and has knowledge of matters affecting children, including matters relating to persons with disabilities, sexual orientation, education, health, poverty, technology and safeguarding;

(d) that the person demonstrates the ability to communicate effectively and work collaboratively with others;

(e) that the person is willing and able to dedicate the necessary time for attending meetings, and contributing to the work, of the advisory panel; and

(f) that the person demonstrates knowledge of the socio-cultural landscape of the Islands and an understanding of how the person is to contribute effectively to the work of the advisory panel in this context.

Process for appointment to advisory panel

4. (1) The Commissioner for Children and Young Persons shall —

(a) interview an eligible person; and

(b) obtain the names of at least two other persons who will provide written references to the Cabinet in respect of the eligible person, if the Commissioner for Children and Young Persons proposes to recommend the eligible person for appointment to the advisory panel.

(2) Where, pursuant to paragraph (1), the Commissioner for Children and Young Persons recommends the eligible person for appointment to the advisory panel, in accordance with section 83K(1) of the Act, the Cabinet shall determine whether the person shall be appointed.

(3) Where the Cabinet appoints a person to the advisory panel, the Cabinet shall notify in writing the person who is appointed to the advisory panel.

(4) The Cabinet shall —

(a) keep and maintain a record of those persons appointed to the advisory panel; and

(b) cause a notice of each appointment to the advisory panel to be published in the *Gazette*.

Procedures and internal management

5. (1) Prior to the first meeting of the advisory panel, the Commissioner for Children and Young Persons shall select a member who is at least eighteen years of age to be the chairperson.

(2) Subject to the Act and these Regulations, the advisory panel may make rules as it thinks fit to regulate its procedures and its own internal management.

Meetings

6. (1) The chairperson shall summon regular meetings of the advisory panel as often as may be required but not less than five times a year.

(2) Meetings of the advisory panel shall be held at such places, on such days and at such times as the chairperson shall determine, and due notice of the place, date and time shall be given to each member in writing at least seven days before the time at which the meeting is to be held.

(3) A meeting of the advisory panel may be convened through videoconference, teleconference or any other electronic method determined by the chairperson.

(4) The chairperson may at any time call a special meeting of the advisory panel within three days of receipt of request for that purpose addressed to the chairperson in writing and signed by any three members.

(5) A meeting of the advisory panel shall be presided over by —

(a) the chairperson; or

(b) in the absence of the chairperson, a member chosen by a majority of the members present and forming a quorum to preside as chairperson over that meeting.

(6) To the extent that it is possible, the member chosen under paragraph (5)(b) should be a member who is at least eighteen years of age.

(7) The quorum for meetings of the advisory panel shall be four members.

(8) Decisions at meetings of the advisory panel shall be taken by a majority of the members present and voting and, in the event of an equality of votes, the chairperson shall have a casting vote.

Consideration of certain matters in carrying out functions

7. In carrying out its functions under section 83K(2) of the Act or under any other law, the advisory panel shall consider —

(a) Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child;

(b) the Lundy Model;

(c) any other European or international treaties or conventions protecting the rights of children or young persons that extend or apply to the Islands; and

(d) any other matters that the advisory panel considers relevant to the carrying out of its functions.

Keeping and maintaining of records

8. The advisory panel shall keep and maintain —

(a) a minute book recording the minutes of meetings of the advisory panel;

(b) a record of the work and activities of the advisory panel; and

(c) any other records or particulars with respect to the advisory panel as the advisory panel may consider necessary.

Termination of appointment

9. (1) Subject to paragraphs (2), (3), (4) and (5), a member shall hold and vacate office in accordance with the terms of the member's appointment, which shall be specified by the Cabinet.

(2) The chairperson may resign office by notice in writing addressed to the Cabinet and copied to the Commissioner for Children and Young Persons.

(3) A member other than the chairperson may resign office by notice in writing addressed to the Cabinet and copied to the chairperson and the Commissioner for Children and Young Persons.

(4) The Cabinet may terminate a member's appointment if the Cabinet is satisfied that the member —

(a) is failing, without reasonable excuse, to carry out that member's duties in a reasonable or timely manner;

(b) is absent from three consecutive meetings of the advisory panel —

(i) in the case of a member other than the chairperson, without leave of the chairperson; or

(ii) in the case of the chairperson, without leave of the Cabinet;

(c) has, in the opinion of the Cabinet, an unacceptable conflict of interest;

(d) is of unsound mind or is incapable of carrying out that member's duties;

(e) has engaged in —

(i) serious misconduct in relation to that member's duties;

(ii) conduct that is detrimental to the effective governance of the advisory panel; or

(iii) conduct that brings the advisory panel into disrepute;

(f) becomes bankrupt, suspends payment to or compounds with that member's creditors; or

(g) is convicted of an offence for which that member is sentenced by a court to a term of imprisonment.

(5) The Cabinet, before deciding whether to terminate a member's appointment, shall —

(a) notify the member in writing of the reasons why it is proposed that the appointment should be terminated; and

(b) give the member an opportunity to make representations in writing.

(6) Where the Cabinet terminates a member's appointment, the Cabinet shall notify —

(a) the person in writing of the termination; and

(b) the Commissioner for Children and Young Persons of the termination.

Made in Cabinet the 4 day of November, 2026.

Clerk of the Cabinet

Laid in the Parliament the day of , 2026.

These Regulations were affirmed by the Parliament on the day of , 2026 by Government Motion [ ] in accordance with section 83R of the *Children Act (2012 Revision)*.

Clerk of the Parliament