Parliament of the Cayman Islands

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION NO. 22 of 2026-2027

Expanding connected persons to include election nominees in the Ministerial Code of Conduct and the Standards in Public Life Act (2021 Revision)

WHEREAS the Ministerial Code of Conduct serves as the core ethical framework for Cabinet Ministers to ensure integrity, accountability, and public trust in executive governance;

AND WHEREAS the Standards in Public Life Act (2021 Revision) serves as the core ethical framework for Public Officials to set standards of integrity, and monitors ethical conduct in Parliament and the Cabinet;

AND WHEREAS Section 4 of the Code emphasises that Ministers must ensure no conflict of interest arises, or is perceived to arise, between their public duties and their private interests;

AND WHEREAS public perception of a conflict of interest can be as damaging to public confidence in government decisions as an actual conflict;

AND WHEREAS the current definitions within the Code regarding "connected persons" cover immediate family members and close business associates, but do not explicitly include official election campaign nominees;

AND WHEREAS public transactions, appointments, or policy decisions involving an official election nominee create a strong perception of favouritism, political payback, or conflict of interest.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Government consider amending the Ministerial Code of Conduct and the Standards in Public Life Act (2021 Revision) to:

a) expand connected persons to explicitly include official election campaign nominees of a Premier and Ministers within the formal definition of "connected persons" or "associated entities"; and
b) require the Premier and Ministers to formally declare any official relationship with a *"connected person"* upon taking office and to recuse themselves from Cabinet decisions, procurement approvals, or appointments involving them.

Moved By: Hon. Kenneth V. Bryan, JP, MP
Deputy Leader of the Opposition
Elected Member for George Town Central

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Elected Member for Bodden Town West

Received in the Office of the Clerk this 11th day of November, 2026.

Passed/Rejected by the Parliament of the Cayman Islands this day of 2026.

Clerk of the Parliament