



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

of the

CAYMAN ISLANDS

REPORT

of the

STANDING BUSINESS COMMITTEE

**Fourth Meeting of the 2019/2020
Session of the Legislative Assembly**

Laid upon the Table of this Honourable House this day of , 2020.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Legislative Assembly appointed the Standing Business Committee with the passing on 31st May, 2017 of Government Motion No. 1 and resolved that –

“In accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 79, this House appoints a Standing Business Committee charged with deciding the order of business of the House and, in particular –

- (a) to consider the Business Papers of the House;*
- (b) to decide and inform the Clerk the order in which Private Members’ Motions are to be debated on;*
- (c) to decide and to inform the Clerk two clear days before a Question Day the questions to be put down for reply on the Order Paper for that Question Day;*
- (d) to provide a ready means of consultation between Members who are not Members of the Cabinet, and the Leader of Government Business, the Leader of the Opposition, the Presiding Officer and the Clerk;*
- (e) to select a Member to read Prayers on each day of a Meeting of the House other than the State Opening Meeting;*
- (f) to inform the Clerk the order in which Bills shall be set down upon the Order Paper;*

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Standing Business Committee shall comprise five Elected Members;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the quorum for the Committee shall be three Members of the Committee including the Chairman and that the Committee shall meet at such times as called by the Chairman;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Committee review its terms of reference and report any recommendations to this Honourable House.

The Motion was moved by the Deputy Governor the Honourable ex officio Member responsible for the Portfolio of the Civil Service.

2. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE

The following Members are Members of the Committee:

- Hon Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MLA, Premier - Chairman
- Hon Moses I Kirkconnell, JP, MLA, Deputy Premier - Member
- Mr D Ezzard Miller, MLA - Member
- Mr Bernie A Bush, MLA - Member
- Mr Alva H Suckoo, MLA, Deputy LoO - Member

3. BUSINESS OF THE COMMITTEE

In arranging the business of the House for the Fourth Meeting of the 2019/2020 Session of the Legislative Assembly, the Committee held one meeting via Zoom -

- Minutes – Tuesday 21st April, 2020.

Four (4) Business Papers containing the business of the House for the Fourth Meeting of the 2019/2020 Session of the Legislative Assembly was circulated. The Minutes of proceedings are attached hereto and form part of this Report.

4. REPORT TO THE HOUSE

The Committee agrees that this Report be the Report of the Standing Business Committee to this Honourable House.

Hon Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MLA
Premier
Minister of Employment, Border Control, Community Affairs,
International Trade, Investment, Aviation and Maritime Affairs
Elected Member for Red Bay
Chairman

Hon Moses I Kirkconnell, JP, MLA
Deputy Premier
Minister of District Administration, Tourism and Transport
Elected Member for Cayman Brac West and Little Cayman
Member

Mr D Ezzard Miller, MLA
Elected Member for North Side
Member

Mr Bernie A Bush, MLA
Elected Member for West Bay North
Member

Mr Alva H Suckoo, MLA
Deputy Leader of the Opposition
Elected Member for Newlands
Member



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STANDING BUSINESS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Meeting

Tuesday 21st April, 2020

Minutes of proceedings of the Standing Business Committee's meeting held via Zoom on Tuesday 21st April, 2020 at 4:08 pm to arrange the business of the House for the Fourth Meeting of the 2019/2020 Session of the Cayman Islands Legislative Assembly.

Present: Hon Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MLA, Premier – Chairman
Hon Moses I Kirkconnell, JP, MLA, Deputy Premier – Member
Mr Alva H Suckoo, MLA, Deputy LoO – Member
Mr Bernie A Bush, MLA – Member
Mr D Ezzard Miller, MLA - Member

1. Meeting to Order

There being a quorum present, the Chairman brought the meeting to order at 4:08 pm.

The Chairman welcomed and thanked the Honourable Members for attending the Meeting.

Before dealing with the business on the Agenda, the Chairman explained to the Committee the urgency of the business coming before the House, and hoped that Member would be in agreement to deal with the Government business. The Chairman also informed Members that relevant Standing Orders would have to be suspended in the House to deal with the business going forward.

The Chairman also advised the Members of the Committee that the House would have to nominate a Member to preside as Acting Speaker over the Meeting, as the Honourable Speaker was unable to do so, and the Deputy Speaker had resigned.

The Committee was in agreement that a Presiding Officer would be elected at the start of each Sitting.

2. Consideration of Business

The Committee considered Business Papers 1 through 4 and agreed to the following:-

First Sitting – Wednesday 22nd April, 2020

Prayers: Clerk to arrange for a Member to say Prayers.

Government Business:

Motions:

The Committee agreed for a Government Motion to be brought after the suspension of the relevant Standing Order in the House, to establish a Standing Order Select Committee to consider

proposal to amend the Standing Orders to facilitate the conduct of “Virtual” meetings of the Legislative Assembly.

The Committee also agreed that permission would be sought from the Presiding Officer to hold a Standing Order Select Committee Meeting to consider the proposed amendments to the Standing Orders on Wednesday 22nd April, 2020.

Second Sitting – Thursday 23rd April, 2020

Prayers: Clerk to arrange for a Member to say Prayers.

Government Business:

Bills: The Committee agreed to the First and Second Readings, Committee and Report stages, and Third Readings of the following Bills to be placed upon the Order Paper -

- (1) Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2020
- (2) Immigration (Transition) (Amendment) Bill, 2020
- (3) Labour (Amendment) Bill, 2020
- (4) National Pension (Amendment) Bill, 2020
- (5) Customs and Border Control (Amendment) Bill, 2020

The Committee agreed to deal with the following two Bills at a later Meeting of the House:-

- Report of Savings Income Information (European Union) (Repeal Bill, 2020; and
- Presumption of Death Bill, 2020.

5. **Other Business**

The Chairman advised the Committee that elections for a Deputy Speaker would need to be held at the end of the business on Thursday 23rd April, 2020.

The Committee agreed.

6. **Adjournment**

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.