



**Legislative Assembly of the Cayman Islands**

**GOVERNMENT MOTION NO. 8 of 2019/2020**

**Motion to establish Standing Orders Select Committee to consider proposal to amend Standing Orders to facilitate the conduct of “Virtual” meetings of the Legislative assembly**

**WHEREAS** SECTION 71(1) OF THE Cayman Islands Constitution Order 2009 provides that subject to the Constitution, the Legislative Assembly may from time to time make, amend and revoke Standing Orders for the regulation and orderly conduct of its own proceedings;

**AND WHEREAS** the current Standing Orders contemplate that members of the Legislative Assembly are required to be physically present in the Legislative Assembly Chambers for the conduct of proceedings of the Legislative Assembly for the purposes of debating and voting;

**AND WHEREAS** because of the outbreaks of the COVID-19 Virus Pandemic it has become mandatory for the purpose of health and safety to observe “Social Distancing;”

**AND WHEREAS** because of the current configuration of the Chambers of the Legislative Assembly, it would be impossible for all Members and staff of the Legislative Assembly to be physically accommodated without violating the physical distancing requirements;

**AND WHEREAS** it is imperative that the Legislative Assembly be able to meet to deal with urgent matters to help to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic;

**BE IT NOW RESOLVED THAT** the Legislative Assembly, pursuant to Standing Order 78, establish a Standing Orders Committee (“SOC”) to consider the attached proposal for amendments to the Standing Orders to facilitate the Legislative Assembly conducting meetings by “Virtual” means, and for the SOC to report back to the Legislative Assembly in accordance with Standing Order 87.

**MOVED BY:** Hon. Alden McLaughlin, MBE, JP, MLA  
Premier  
Minister of Employment, Border Control, Community Affairs, International Trade,  
Investment, Aviation and Maritime Affairs.

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Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.