

Parl: 2/1/30

October 18, 2021

Dear Member,

### **Meeting of the Electoral College**

Section 28 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (the Constitution) provides for the convening of an Electoral College by the Speaker of the House, as Chairman. The Electoral College is a unicameral body consisting of all the Members of the Senate and all the Members of the House of Representatives assembled together.

The Leader of the Opposition and Member for Siparia has given notice of her intention to propose to the House of Representatives a motion pursuant to Section 36(1)(a) of the Constitution.

Therefore, the occasion has arisen for the Electoral College to be convened.

Section 36(1)(c) of the Constitution requires the summoning of the Electoral College for the vote to adopt the motion.

I hereby give notice that the Speaker has appointed Thursday October 21, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. as the date and time for a meeting of the Electoral College for the vote to adopt the motion.

A copy of the motion filed by the Leader of the Opposition and Member for Siparia is enclosed.

### AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE THURSDAY OCTOBER 21 at 11:30 A.M.

- 1. Entrance of the Chairman
- National Anthem
- Prayer of the Electoral College
- 4. Confirmation of Members
- Announcements
- 6. Vote to adopt the Motion filed by the Leader of the Opposition and Member for Siparia (In accordance with Section 36(1)(c) of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago)
- 7. Adjournment

















Regulation 3 of the Electoral College Regulations (the Regulations) states, *inter alia*, that the Regulations shall have effect for the purpose of any meeting of the Electoral College. Regulation 23 of the Regulations states:

"In all matters not provided for in these regulations, the Speaker when presiding at a meeting of the Electoral College shall have power to regulate the conduct of business."

I advise that guidelines for the conduct of business during the Meeting of the Electoral College to be held on Thursday October 21, 2021 will be circulated to all Members on **Tuesday October 19**, **2021**.

Yours respectfully,

Jacqui Sampson-Meiguel Clerk of the House

cc: Speaker of the House - Chairman

Encl.



Hon. Kamla Persad-Bissessar, SC, MP Member for Siparia

14th October 2021.

Hon. Bridgid Annisette-George, MP

Speaker of the House Parliament of the Republic of Trinidad & Tobago Red House Parliamentary Complex St. Vincent Street Port of Spain

Dear Hon. Speaker,

# Re: Motion brought pursuant to Section 36 of the Constitution

I hereby file pursuant to the relevant Standing Orders, the attached motion, in my name in accordance with Section 36 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago which is supported and co-signed by all nineteen (19) Opposition Members of Parliament, being not less than one-third of the total membership of the House of Representatives.

Regards,

Kamla Persad-Bissessar SC, MP

Leader of the Opposition Member for Siparia.

The Clerk of the House, Mrs. Sampson-Meiguel CC.

#### MOTION

WHEREAS section 35 of the Constitution provides that the President may be removed under section 36 from office where she-

- (a) wilfully violates any provision of the Constitution; and/ or
- (b) behaves in such a way as to bring her office into hatred, ridicule or contempt and/
- (c) behaves in a way that endangers the security of the State.

## AND WHEREAS there have been unrefuted reports:

- a) of recent events at President's House of interference in the selection processes undertaken by the Police Service Commission ("PSC"); and
- b) that a list of nominees for Commissioner of Police prepared by the PSC was recently submitted to The President and she refused to notify the House of these nominees.

**AND WHEREAS** The President has neglected to publicly address those reports and has otherwise failed to faithfully execute her several duties under the Constitution.

**AND WHEREAS** in the circumstances, The President should be removed from office since she:

- (a) willfully violated the provisions of the Constitution securing the independence of the PSC in the performance of its functions and also willfully violated section 123 of the Constitution;
- (b) behaved in such a way as to bring her office into hatred, ridicule or contempt by interfering and/or facilitating interference with the PSC and also by proceeding in the circumstances to appoint new members of the PSC;

- (c) behaved in a way that has resulted in the endangerment of the security of the State through her inactions and/ failure and / or neglect to act; and
- (d) has otherwise failed and/or neglected to execute her duties under the Constitution.

**BE IT NOW RESOLVED THAT** pursuant to section 36 of the Constitution, a Tribunal be established to investigate the removal of Her Excellency Paula Mae-Weekes, ORTT from the Office of the President.

This Motion is proposed pursuant to Section 36 of the Constitution of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago which is supported by we the undersigned Members of the House of Representatives, being not less than one-third of the total membership thereof.

Dated 14th October 2021.

Signed by:

Kamla Persad-Bissessar SC, MP (Siparia)

Saddam Hosein, MP (Barataria/ San Juan)

Arnold Ram, MP (Caroni Central)

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Dr. Lakram Bodoe, MP (Fyzabad)
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Anita Haynes, MP (Tabaquite)

Rushton Paray, MP (Mayaro)

by me; Rushton PARMY, MPand sent electronically as I am currently out of the Jurisdiction.

14.10.2021