



# National Assembly of Belize

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### **Mrs. Clarita Pech appointed the Acting Clerk, National Assembly**

**--1<sup>st</sup> July 2024--** Today, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Hon. Valerie Woods, as the Chair of the National Assembly Staff Committee, received the official instrument from the Governor General, Dame Froyla Tzalam, appointing **Mrs. Clarita Pech** as the **Acting Clerk of the National Assembly of Belize**.

In accordance with section 5(1) of the National Assembly Staff Act, No. 1 of 2000, of the Substantive Laws of Belize, "the Clerk and the Deputy Clerk shall be appointed by the Governor-General, acting in accordance with the advice of the National Assembly Staff Committee." The Committee, upon receipt from the Office of the Governor General of the acceptance of the former Clerk's resignation, discussed the need for the appointment in the interest of the continuity of the business of the National Assembly, its administration and staff services and advised that Mrs. Pech be appointed the Acting Clerk.

Mrs. Clarita Pech has worked at the National Assembly for 25 years and during this time has held the post of Deputy Clerk for just under 15 years to date. Mrs. Pech has previously been appointed to act as the Clerk prior to the appointment of the former Clerk and has held over in his absence on various instances. Mrs. Pech holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Sector Management from the University of Belize and certificate courses from the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association's virtual academy on parliamentary mechanisms.

Speaker Woods commented, "We extend our appreciation and thanks to Mr. Eddie Webster for the 14 years of service provided to the National Assembly and wish him well in his future endeavours. The National Assembly Staff Committee upon the receipt of his resignation discussed the Acting appointment and advised the Governor General on its recommendation to appoint Mrs. Clarita Pech as the Acting Clerk until such time the post is substantively filled. The National Assembly Staff Committee is fully confident in Mrs. Pech serving in this critical role as the Clerk and Accounting Officer for the National Assembly. During her years of service and with her experience as the Deputy Clerk, Mrs. Pech is very knowledgeable of the business of the National Assembly and the Office of the Clerk. We look forward to working with her in this capacity."

The Clerk's position also serves as the Accounting Officer for the offices of the Contractor General, the Ombudsman and the Integrity Commission. The Acting Clerk's appointment takes effect as of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024.

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