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CPA and National Assembly Host Parliamentary Whips Training Session

Wednesday 20th August, 2025 – The National Assembly of Belize in conjunction with the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) organized a virtual **Parliamentary Whip Training Session**. The training which was aimed at strengthening parliamentary practice and enhancing the roles of the Whips in the House of Representatives, who are the Honourable **Henry Charles Usher, Whip of the Governing side, Minister of Public Service, Governance, and Disaster Risk Management and Member for Fort George and the Honourable Lee Mark Chang, Whip of the Opposition and Member for Mesopotamia**.

A Parliamentary Whip is the Member responsible for keeping colleagues in their party informed of House business and ensuring their attendance, particularly during key votes on legislation.

The training was provided by **Honourable Chris Elmore, Member of Parliament and Whip in the UK House of Commons**.

In attendance were also the **Hon. Valerie Woods**, Speaker of the House of Representatives, **Mrs. Clarita Pech**, Clerk of the National Assembly and **Mr. Jack Harcastle**, Good Governance Project Leader of the CPA.

This training underscores the Parliament's commitment to capacity building and fostering effective parliamentary democracy in Belize.

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