



# National Assembly of Belize

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### **Women's Parliamentary Caucus Convenes and Honours Outgoing Members with Luncheon and Awards**

**Friday, 3rd October, 2025** – The Women's Parliamentary Caucus (WPC) held its second meeting in the Committee Room of the National Assembly of Belize. The meeting brought together Members of the Caucus from both the House of Representatives and the Senate to discuss parliamentary matters and to reflect on the progress made over the last parliamentary term, and lay the groundwork for future initiatives aimed at advancing gender equality and strengthening the role of women in parliamentary leadership.

The meeting provided a platform for members to exchange ideas and reaffirm the WPC's commitment to promoting inclusive legislation, capacity-building among women parliamentarians, and broader engagement on issues impacting women across Belize.

Following its meeting, the Caucus hosted a Thank You Luncheon in recognition of the past WPC members who served from 2023 to 2025. The event, held within the National Assembly building, celebrated the dedication and achievements of the past members, whose contributions played a vital role in shaping the direction of the Caucus and championing women's voices in the legislative process.

In a gesture of appreciation, Parliamentary Service Plaques were presented to former members of the WPC in acknowledgment of their outstanding service and continued commitment to public leadership. These plaques served as tokens of gratitude for their tireless efforts in strengthening parliamentary democracy and advocating for the rights and representation of women in Belize. Among the recipients was former Senator Isabel G. Bennett Moody, who was also honoured for her contributions during her time with the Caucus.

The Chairperson of the WPC, Senator Janelle Chanona, praised the former members for their unwavering dedication, outstanding service, and strong leadership throughout their term. She acknowledged the key role they played in advancing the Caucus's mission and their consistent efforts toward achieving equity and equality for Belizean women and girls.

The Women's Parliamentary Caucus Standing Committee is a Standing Committee of the House of Representatives that brings together women parliamentarians to focus on advancing women's rights, promoting gender equality, and addressing related matters that impact women and girls in Belize.

The Members of the WPC include Senator Janelle Chanona, Honourable Valerie Woods, Honourable Dolores Balderamos-Garcia, Honourable Thea Garcia-Ramirez, Honourable Tracy Panton, Senator Carolyn Trench-Sandiford, Senator Brittney Galvez, Senator Rozel Arana and Senator Sheena Pitts.



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