

The following is Motion 5, moved by the Government House Leader, seconded by the Member for Moncton East, which was carried by the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick on October 27, 2026.

WHEREAS the government committed in its 2024 election platform to modernizing the rules and practices of the Legislative Assembly;

WHEREAS the Standing Rules of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick were formally adopted on June 17, 1986, marking their 40th anniversary this year, and have since been amended from time to time;

WHEREAS the Standing Rules are fundamental to the orderly conduct of parliamentary democracy and serve to protect the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of all Members of the Legislative Assembly;

WHEREAS parliamentary institutions must continue to evolve in order to reflect modern democratic expectations, accessibility requirements, technological realities, and the changing needs of Members and the public they serve;

WHEREAS the modernization and the evolution of parliamentary procedure are essential to ensuring that the Legislative Assembly remains effective, relevant, transparent, and accessible to the people of New Brunswick;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the House appoint a Select Committee on the Modernization of the Standing Rules of the Legislative Assembly to examine the current Standing Rules, review practices and procedures in comparable Canadian jurisdictions, conduct consultations as it sees fit, and make recommendations to the House respecting the modernization, improvement, and continued evolution of parliamentary procedure in New Brunswick;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Select Committee report back to the House no later than May 28, 2027, with recommendations for amendments to the Standing Rules to be implemented during the Fourth Session of the 61st Legislative Assembly;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the membership of the Select Committee be composed of the following Members of the Legislative Assembly: Mr. Arseneault, Mr. Doucet, Mr. M. LeBlanc, Mr. Robichaud, Ms. Vautour, Ms. Wilcott, Mr. Savoie, Mr. Cullins, Mr. Oliver, Ms. M. Johnson, and Mr. Coon.