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**1<sup>st</sup> Meeting 2026, Session 6**

**CONVENER**

\*Martin Whitfield (South Scotland) (Lab)

**DEPUTY CONVENER**

\*Ruth Maguire (Cunninghame South) (SNP)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

\*Emma Roddick (Highlands and Islands) (SNP)

\*Sue Webber (Lothian) (Con)

\*Annie Wells (Glasgow) (Con)

\*attended

**CLERK TO THE COMMITTEE**

Catherine Fergusson

**LOCATION**

The David Livingstone Room (CR6)

**Scottish Parliament**  
**Standards, Procedures and**  
**Public Appointments Committee**

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*[The Convener opened the meeting at 09:30]*

**Decision on Taking Business in**  
**Private**

**The Convener (Martin Whitfield):** Good morning, and welcome to the first meeting in 2026 of the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee. Agenda items 2, 3 and 4 relate to consideration of standing orders rule changes, a temporary standing orders rule change and a consultation on proposed changes to the rules on cross-party groups. Under agenda item 1, do we agree to consider items 2, 3 and 4 in private?

**Members** *indicated agreement.*

**The Convener:** Excellent. I now close the public part of this meeting.

09:30

*Meeting continued in private until 10:19.*

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