

2. Of significance, Ms Philip advised that the presence of the Office of the Commissioner of Co-operative Development at the meeting was to go over the checklist for the upcoming Annual General Meeting and to ensure that Eastern Credit Union Co-operative Society Limited was prepared. Additionally, Ms Phillip indicated that the Office of the Commissioner of Co-operative Development would render any assistance that may be needed. Importantly, Ms Phillip went through the checklist with brief discussions on items of importance to the Office of the Commissioner of Co-operative Development. Thereafter, the floor was opened for questions. Annexed hereto for your ease of reference is a copy the unconfirmed minutes of special board meeting of Eastern Credit Union held online on Tuesday 28th March 2023.
3. At no point in time during the meeting or before or after did the representatives of the Office of the Commissioner of Co-operative Development communicate a concern with respect to the Auditor's Report of my client and its inability to host the Hybrid Annual General Meeting on Saturday 22nd April 2023. Instead, my client had received from the Office of your good self a letter advising that approval was granted for the hosting of the Annual General Meeting using the proposed hybrid format. Annexed hereto for your ease of reference is a copy of Approval Letter issued to Eastern Credit Union Co-operative Society Limited from the Office of the Commissioner of Co-operative Development.
4. Up until 22nd April 2023, the Office of the Commissioner of Co-operative Development was in constant communication with my client yet never raised any issue with respect to the Auditor's Report of my client. However, on 22nd April 2023 at the 48th Annual General Meeting an individual purporting to be a representative of the Office of the Commissioner of Co-operative Development unceremoniously disrupted the meeting in the full view of the membership of the society outlining that the 48th Annual General Meeting was being held in breach of *Regulation 18(1) of the Co-operative Societies Act*. The individual also indicated that due to the breach, the meeting should be adjourned and/or discontinued. The purported representative of the Office of the Commissioner of Co-operative Development pursued a course of conducted which was viewed disruptive as the purported representative made no effort to contact the Board of Directors of my client directly or at all. Rather, the purported representative made references which suggested that my client was unlawfully