

Anguilla House of Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

The Eleventh Meeting of the Fourth Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly

Date: 12th March 2024

Start Time: 10:00a.m.

Presiding Officer:

Hon. Speaker, Mrs. Barbara Webster-Bourne

Members Present in the Assembly:

Hon. Member for Island Harbour, Dr. Ellis Lorenzo Webster
Hon. Member for Sandy Hill, Mrs. Cora Richardson Hodge
Hon. Member for West End, Mr. Cardigan Connor
Hon. Member for Road North, Mr. Merrick Richardson
Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. Kenneth Hodge
Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. José Vanterpool
Hon. Member for Valley North, Mrs. Shellya Rogers-Webster
Hon. Member for Valley South, Ms. Dee-Ann Kentish Rogers
Hon. Member for Road South, Mr. Haydn Hughes
Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie
Hon. Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley

*Denotes a Member arriving after the meeting has been called to Order.

Members Not Present in the Assembly without Reason:

Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. Kyle Hodge
Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford

In Attendance:

Clerk to the House of Assembly, Mr. Lenox Proctor
Clerk of Committees, Ms. Vanisha Proctor
Senior Clerical Officer, Ms. Ronequa Hodge
Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Carl Ruan

Order of Business

a) Prayers

- i) Prayers were said by the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge.

b) Confirmation of Minutes

- i) Hon. Member for Road North moved that the Minutes of Proceedings for the Tenth Meeting of the Fourth Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly be accepted as circulated. The motion was seconded by the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia-Gumbs-Marie.
- ii) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Minutes be accepted as circulated.
- iii) Minutes of Proceedings for the Tenth Meeting of the Fourth Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly was voted in favour by the Assembly without amendment.

c) Oaths of Allegiance to New Members

- i) None.

d) Announcements by the Direction of the Speaker

- i) Hon. Speaker granted the Hon. Member for SIWED, Kenneth Hodge permission to make an announcement during other orders of the day. Congratulations were extended to Ms. Ronequa Hodge on her new appointment as Executive Secretary and wished her much success in her new role.

e) Questions

- i) None.

f) Government Statements on Recent Developments

- i) None.

g) Papers

- i) None.

h) Reports from Committees

- i) None.

i) Petitions

- i) None.

j) Government Notices

- i) None.

k) Private Members' Notices

- i) None.

l) Motions

i) None.

m) Personal Explanations

i) None.

n) Other Business

l) Government Business

a) A Bill for Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Act, 2024.

i) Second Reading:

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill has its second reading.
- Hon. Member for Valley South seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour gave the objects and reasons for the Bill.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool spoke.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the Assembly voted in favour.
- A Bill for, Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Act, 2024 was read a second time.

ii) Committee Stage:

- Under Rule 45 of the House of Assembly (Procedure) Rules the Bill was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to consider it clause by clause.
- Committee agreed that clauses 1-8, title and enacting clause stand part of the Bill and reported same to the Assembly.

iii) Third Reading:

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill be read a third time and passed.
- Hon. Member for Valley South seconded the motion.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a third time and passed and the Assembly voted in favour.

**A Bill for, Special Economic Zones (Amendment) Act, 2024,
passed without amendment.**

II) Private Members' Bills

i) None.

III) Private Bills

i) None.

IV) Other Orders of the Day

- i) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge gave his announcement.
- ii) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie informed the House that the establishment of the new renewable unit was formally launched within the Department of Natural Resources. The Member invited all persons and stakeholders to a meeting for egg production. As Woman's Week concluded the Member recognized all woman and in particular Ms. Vanessa Connor.
- iii) The following Members congratulated the Literary Debators, who did an exceptional job in St. Kitts and Nevis.
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie,
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool,
 - Hon. Member for Valley South,
 - Hon. Member for Valley North,
 - Hon. Member for West End and
 - Hon. Member for Road South.
- iv) The following Members congratulated Pink House and all athletes on all houses for their job well done. The Members encouraged the public to go out and support the athletes.
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool,
 - Hon. Member for Valley South,
 - Hon. Member for Valley North and
 - Hon. Member for West End.
- v) Hon. Member for Valley South thanked all women.

Hon. Member for Sandy Hill left at 10:35am

- vi) Hon. Member for Valley North congratulated the OKPS on winning the basketball championship and all the other participants in the basketball championship on their job well done. The Member congratulated the Women's Week Honorees. The Member also congratulated the House of Assembly for launching their Educational Program.
- vii) Hon. Member for Road South congratulated Ms. Vanessa Connor and the team at Liberty. Congratulations were extended to the Hon. Member for Island Harbour for pushing to get the Island Harbour Primary School redeveloped. The Member also mentioned that in a few days they would be signing a contract for a contractor to develop the new Airport Terminal.

o) Adjournment

- i) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the meeting be adjourned *Sine die*. It was seconded by the Hon. Member for Road North.
- ii) Hon. Speaker put the question that the House stands adjourned *Sine die* and the Assembly voted in favour.
- iii) The Assembly was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.



Barbara Webster-Bourne
Speaker

Confirmed in the House of Assembly on this 21st day of **March**, 2024



Lenox J. Proctor
Clerk of the House of Assembly