

## **Anguilla House of Assembly**

### **Minutes of Proceedings**

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

**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> April 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 Valley South, Ms. Dee-Ann Kentish Rogers  
Hon. Member for Road South, Mr. Haydn Hughes\*  
Hon. Attorney General (Ag), Ms. Erica Edwards

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

### **Members Not Present in the Assembly with Reason:**

Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie  
Hon. Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley  
Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. José Vanterpool  
Hon. Member for Valley North, Mrs. Shellya Rogers-Webster  
Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. Kyle Hodge

### **In Attendance:**

Clerk to the House of Assembly, Mr. Lenox Proctor  
Clerk of Committees, Ms. Vanisha Proctor  
Executive Secretary, Ms. Ronequa Hodge  
Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Carl Ruan  
Chaplain, Pastor Victor Hugo Brooks

### **Order of Business**

#### **a) Prayers**

- i) Prayers were said by the Chaplain to the Assembly.

**b) Confirmation of Minutes**

- i) Hon. Member for Road North moved that the Minutes of Proceedings for the Fourteenth 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 Valley South.
- ii) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Minutes be accepted as circulated.
- iii) Minutes of Proceedings for the Fourteenth 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) The following Member was administered the Oath of Allegiance before the Speaker.
  - Hon. Attorney General (Ag), Ms. Erica Edwards

**d) Announcements by the Direction of the Speaker**

- i) Apologies were given with reason on behalf of the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gums-Marie, Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool, Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge, Hon. Member for Valley North and Hon. Deputy Governor.
- ii) Hon. Speaker recognized the presence of the students and teachers of the Albena Lake Hodge Comprehensive School who are visiting the Assembly as part of the House of Assembly's Educational Program "Understanding Democracy".

**e) Questions**

- i) None.

**f) Government Statements on Recent Developments**

- i) None.

**g) Papers**

- i) None.

**h) Reports from Committees**

- i) Hon. Member for Sandy Hill reported briefly on the current work of the Public Accounts Committee.

**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 Integration of Registry Into Financial Services Commission (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 2024.**

i) **Second Reading:**

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill has its second reading.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge seconded the motion.

**Hon. Member for Road South arrived at 10:10a.m.**

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour gave the objects and reasons for the Bill.
- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill spoke.
- Hon. Member for Road South spoke.
- Hon. Member for Valley South spoke.
- Hon. Member for Road North spoke.

**Hon. Speaker allowed a recess for lunch at 1:26p.m.**

**House resumed at 2:35p.m.**

- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge spoke.
- Hon. Member for West End 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, Integration of Registry Into Financial Services Commission (Miscellaneous Amendments) 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 sections 1-17, with amendments to section 10 and 17, title and enacting clause, with an amendment to the commencement reference immediately before the long title of the bill by deleting the reference to section 17

and substituting it with section 18, 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 SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge 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, Integration of Registry Into Financial Services Commission (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 2024, passed with amendments.**

**b) A Bill for Digital Assets Business (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.
- No Debate.
- 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, Digital Assets Business (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 1-2, 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 Road North 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, Digital Assets Business (Amendment) Act, 2024,  
passed without amendment.**

**II) Private Members' Bills**

- i) None.

**III) Private Bills**

i) None.

**IV) Other Orders of the Day**

i) None.

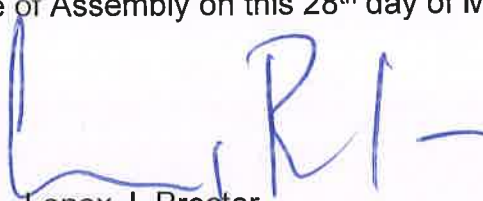
**o) Adjournment**

- 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 5:22p.m.



Barbara Webster-Bourne  
*Speaker*

Confirmed in the House of Assembly on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024



Lenox J. Proctor  
*Clerk of the House of Assembly*