Anguilla House of Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

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

Date: 10th December 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 Road South, Mr. Haydn Hughes

Hon. Member for Sandy Hill, Mrs. Cora Richardson Hodge

Hon. Member for Road North, Mr. Merrick Richardson

Hon. Member for Valley North, Mrs. Shellya Rogers-Webster

Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. Kenneth Hodge

Hon. Member for West End, Mr. Cardigan Connor

Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. José Vanterpool*

Hon. Member for Valley South, Ms. Dee-Ann Kentish Rogers

Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie

Hon. Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley

Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Kurt De Freitas OBE, KC

Members Not Present in the Assembly without Reason:

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 Clerical Officer, Ms. Ste-Kaylah Richardson Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Carl Ruan

Order of Business

a) Prayers

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

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

A Moment of Silence was granted on the passing of Mr. Leroy Gumbs. Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool arrived at 10:03a.m.

b) Confirmation of Minutes

- i) Hon. Member for Road North moved that the Minutes of Proceedings for the Third Meeting of the Fifth 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 Third Meeting of the Fifth Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly was voted in favour by the Assembly with amendment.

c)	Oaths	of	Allegiance	to	New	Members
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- i) None.
- d) Announcements by the Direction of the Speaker
 - i) None.
- 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) Motion 2/2024-5/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 2/2024-5/12HOA) Regulations, 2024 – Paradise Holding Company Limited.

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved Motion 2/2024-5/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 2/2024-5/12HOA) Regulations, 2024 – Paradise Holding Company Limited.

- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge seconded the motion.

- No Debate.

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.

 Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 2/2024-5/12HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

Motion 2/2024-5/12HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

ii) Motion 3/2024-5/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 3/2024-5/12HOA) Regulations, 2024 – Anguilla Alumni / Zuleka Frazer

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved Motion 2/2024-5/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 2/2024-5/12HOA) Regulations, 2024 – Anguilla Alumni / Zuleka Frazer.

- Hon. Member for Valley South seconded the motion.

- Hon. Member for Valley South spoke.

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.

- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 3/2024-5/12HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

Motion 3/2024-5/12HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

iii) Motion 4/2024-5/12HOA: Financial Administration and Audit Act Remittance (Charles Ronald Leroy Webster) Regulations, 2024

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved Motion 4/2024-5/12HOA: Financial Administration and Audit Act Remittance (Charles Ronald Leroy Webster) Regulations, 2024.

- Hon. Member for Road South seconded the motion.

- No Debate.

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.

- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 4/2024-5/12HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

Motion 4/2024-5/12HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

m) Personal Explanations

i) None.

n) Other Business

I) Government Business

a) A Bill for Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Act, 2024.

i) First Reading:

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

A Bill for, Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Act, 2024 was read a first time.

b) A Bill for Inland Revenue Department (Amendment) Act, 2024.

i) First Reading:

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill have its first reading.
- Hon, Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge seconded the motion.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a first time and the Assembly voted in favour.

A Bill for, Inland Revenue Department (Amendment) Act, 2024 was read a first time.

c) A Bill for Allowances (Temporary) Reduction (Amendment) Act, 2024.

i) First Reading:

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill have its first reading.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge seconded the motion.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a first time and the Assembly voted in favour.

A Bill for, Allowances (Temporary) Reduction (Amendment) Act, 2024 was read a first time.

II) Private Members' Bills

i) None.

III) Private Bills

i) None.

IV) Other Orders of the Day

- i) The following Members extended condolences to the families of the late Mr. Leroy Gumbs, Ms. Olivia Paul, the Aunt of the Permanent Secretary of Finance, Ms. Marissa Harding-Hodge
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge,
- Hon. Member for Valley South,
- Hon. Member for Valley North,
- Hon. Member for West End,
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool,
- Hon. Member for Road South,
- Hon. Member for Road North,
- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill,

- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie,
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour and
- Hon. Speaker.
- ii) Hon. Member for Island Harbour wished the Hon. Deputy Governor a Happy Birthday. The Member also wished a speedy recovery to the Chaplain to the Assembly.
- iii) Hon. Speaker wished prayers and a speedy recovery for the Chaplain to the Assembly.

o) Adjournment

- i) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the meeting be adjourned until Wednesday, 11th December, 2024 at 9:00a.m. It was seconded by the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge.
- ii) Hon. Speaker put the question that the House stands adjourned until Wednesday, 11th December, 2024 at 9:00a.m. The Assembly voted in favour.
- iii) The Assembly was adjourned at 11:19a.m.

Barbara Webster-Bourne

Speaker

Confirmed in the House of Assembly on this 11th day of December, 2024.

Lenox J. Proctor

Clerk of the House of Assembly