

Anguilla House of Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

The Twenty first Meeting of the Fourth Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly

Date: 23rd July 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 Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. Kenneth Hodge
Hon. Member for Road South, Mr. Haydn Hughes
Hon. Member for West End, Mr. Cardigan Connor
Hon. Member for Sandy Hill, Mrs. Cora Richardson Hodge
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 Valley North, Mrs. Shellya Rogers-Webster
Hon. Deputy Governor (Ag), Dr. Aidan Harrigan
Hon. Attorney General (Ag), Ms. Dawne Richardson

*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. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. Kyle Hodge
Hon. Member for Road North, Mr. Merrick Richardson

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 South moved that the Minutes of Proceedings for the Twentieth 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 Twentieth 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 Members was administered the Oath of Allegiance before the Speaker.
 - Hon Deputy Governor (Ag), Dr. Aidan Harrigan.
 - Hon Attorney General (Ag), Ms. Dawne Richardson.

d) Announcements by the Direction of the Speaker

- i) Apologies were given with reason on behalf of the Hon. Member for Road North, Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge and Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie.

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 4/2024-4/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 4/2024-4/12HOA) Regulations, 2024

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved Motion 4/2024-4/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 4/2024-4/12HOA) Regulations, 2024.
- Hon. Member for Valley South seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for Valley South spoke.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Jose Vanterpool spoke.
- Hon. Member for Valley North spoke.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 4/2024-4/12HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

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

m) Personal Explanations

- i) None.

n) Other Business

l) Government Business

a) A Bill for Economic Residence (Amendment) 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 Island Harbour gave the objects and reasons for the Bill.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Jose 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, Economic Residence (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- 5, 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, Economic Residence (Amendment) Act, 2024, passed without amendment.

b) A Bill for Law Revision (Miscellaneous Amendments) Act, 2024.

i) Second Reading:

- Hon. Member for Attorney General moved that the Bill has its second reading.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour gave the objects and reasons for the Bill.
- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill spoke.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour spoke.
- Hon. Member for Road South spoke.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge spoke.
- Hon. Member for Attorney General responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the Assembly voted in favour.
- A Bill for, Law Revision (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 clauses 1- 14, title and enacting clause stand part of the Bill and reported same to the Assembly.

iii) Third Reading:

- Hon. Member for Attorney General 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, Law Revision (Miscellaneous Amendment) Act, 2024, passed without amendment.

II) Private Members' Bills

- i) None.

III) Private Bills

- i) None.

IV) Other Orders of the Day

- i) The following Members extended condolences to all who mourn at this time, in particular, the family of Tr. Robbin Richardson and Mr. Don Mitchell.
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge,
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool,
 - Hon. Member for Island Harbour

ii) The following Members spoke on the recent increase in gun violence in Anguilla and advocated for a cease-fire.

- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge,
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool and
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour.

iii) Hon. Member for Island Harbour extended congratulations to the athletes who participated at Culturama.

o) Adjournment

i) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the meeting be adjourned *Sine die*. It was seconded by the Hon. Member for Valley South.

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 11:23 a.m.



Barbara Webster-Bourne
Speaker

Confirmed in the House of Assembly on this 20th day of August, 2024



Lenox J. Proctor
Clerk of the House of Assembly