

## Anguilla House of Assembly

### Minutes of Proceedings

The First Meeting of the Second Session of the Thirteenth Anguilla House of Assembly

**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Start Time:** 2:00p.m.

### Presiding Officer:

Hon. Speaker, Ms. Tara Carter

### Members Present in the Assembly:

Hon. Member for Sandy Hill, Mrs. Cora Richardson Hodge  
Hon. Member for Island Harbour, Dr. Ellis Lorenzo Webster  
Hon. Member for West End, Mr. Cardigan Connor  
Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. Kyle Hodge  
Hon. Member for Valley North, Mrs. Shellya Rogers-Webster  
Hon. Member for Road South, Mr. Haydn Hughes\*  
Hon. Member for Road North, Mr. Merrick Richardson  
Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. José Vanterpool  
Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. Jeison Bryan  
Hon. Member for Valley South, Mr. Cordell Richardson  
Hon. Attorney General, Mrs. Rachel Spearing KC  
Hon. Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley\*

\*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), Mr. Evans McNeil Rogers

### In Attendance:

Clerk to the House of Assembly, Mr. Lenox Proctor  
Clerk of Committees, Ms. Vanisha Proctor  
Executive Secretary, Ms. Ronequa Hodge  
Senior Clerical Officer, Ms. Ste-Kaylah Richardson  
Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Carl Ruan  
Chaplain, Pastor Lucian MacDonna

### Order of Business

#### a) Prayers

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

**b) Confirmation of Minutes**

i) None.

**c) Oaths of Allegiance to New Members**

i) None.

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

- i) Welcome back to everyone and trust that everyone had a healthy and happy Easter Break and working prorogation.
- ii) Apologies were given on behalf of the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Evans McNiel Rogers who is absent with reason. Apologies were also given on behalf of the Hon. Deputy Governor who will be late.
- iii) Pursuant to standing order 9, the House was called to meet earlier than stated in the Prorogation.
- iv) Members were advised that during the months of April and May there will be a variation with respect to the May sittings because the Speaker's Conference is coming up. The Meeting dates are as follows: April 14<sup>th</sup> 2026, April 28<sup>th</sup> 2026, May 5<sup>th</sup> 2026 and May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2026.

**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 1/2026-2/13HOA: Suspension of Rule 13 of the House of Assembly Procedure Rules.**

- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill moved Motion 1/2026-2/13HOA: Suspension of Rule 13 of the House of Assembly Procedure Rules.
- Hon. Speaker granted leave to move Motion 1/2026-2/13HOA: Suspension of Rule 13 of the House of Assembly Procedure Rules.
- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill gave a brief explanation of the motion.

**Hon. Member for Road South and Hon. Deputy Governor arrived at 2:07 p.m.**

**Hon. Speaker requested a 5-minute recess at 2:09p.m. due to the loss of electricity.**

**House resumed at 2:16p.m.**

- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill continued.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for Valley North spoke.
- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 1/2026-2/13HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

**Motion 1/2026-2/13HOA was made a Resolution of the House.**

**ii) Motion 2/2026-2/13HOA: Suspension of Rule 32(1) and Rule 44 of the House of Assembly Procedure Rules.**

- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill moved Motion 2/2026-2/13HOA: Suspension of Rule 32(1) and Rule 44 of the House of Assembly Procedure Rules.
- Hon. Speaker granted leave to move Motion 2/2026-2/13HOA: Suspension of Rule 32(1) and Rule 44 of the House of Assembly Procedure Rules.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool seconded the motion.
- No Debate.
- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 2/2026-2/13HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

**Motion 2/2026-2/13HOA was made a Resolution of the House.**

**m) Personal Explanations**

i) None.

n) **Other Business**

l) **Government Business**

a) **A Bill for Customs (Temporary Modification of Valuation of Import Duty) Act, 2026.**

i) **First Reading:**

- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill moved that the Bill have its first reading.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle 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, Customs (Temporary Modification of Valuation of Import Duty) Act, 2026 was read a first time.**

b) **A Bill for Customs (Temporary Modification of Valuation of Import Duty) Act, 2026**

i) **Second Reading:**

- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill moved that the Bill has its second reading.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill gave the objects and reasons for the Bill.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour spoke.

**Hon. Speaker recessed the House at 3:02p.m.**

**House resumed at 3:12p.m.**

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour continued.
- Hon. Member for Valley North spoke.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool spoke.
- Hon. Member for Road North spoke.
- Hon. Member for Road South spoke.

**Hon. Member for Road North and Hon. Member for Island Harbour left without the consent of the Speaker at 5:37p.m.**

**Hon. Member for Road North left without the consent of the Speaker at 5:39p.m.**

- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge spoke.

**Hon. Speaker observed that pursuant to Standing Order 88, the practices of Parliament, are the standing orders that the Anguilla House of Assembly has adopted. The Speaker read Erskin May paragraph 21.42 for the record.**

- Hon. Member for West End spoke.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Jeison Bryan spoke.
- Hon. Member for Valley South spoke.
- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the Assembly voted in favour.
- A Bill for, Customs (Temporary Modification of Valuation of Import Duty) Act, 2026 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 Sandy Hill moved that the Bill be read a third time and passed.
- Hon. Member for West End 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, Customs (Temporary Modification of Valuation of Import Duty) Act, 2026,  
passed without amendment.**

**II) Private Members' Bills**

- i) None.

**III) Private Bills**

- i) None.

**IV) Other Orders of the Day**

- i) None.

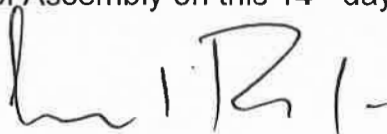
**o) Adjournment**

- i) Hon. Member for Sandy Hill moved that the meeting be adjourned until Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 11:00a.m. It was seconded by the Hon. Member for West End.
- ii) Hon. Speaker put the question that the House stands adjourned until Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 11:00a.m. The Assembly voted in favour.
- iii) The Assembly was adjourned at 6:26p.m.



Tara Carter  
*Speaker*

Confirmed in the House of Assembly on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of **April, 2026.**



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