

Anguilla House of Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

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

Date: 4th March 2026

Start Time: 11:30a.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 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. Evans McNeil Rogers
Hon. Member for Valley South, Mr. Cordell Richardson
Hon. Attorney General, Mrs. Rachel Spearing KC
Hon. Deputy Governor (Ag), Dr. Bonnie Richardson-Lake

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

Members Not Present in the Assembly with Reason:

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

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

Order of Business

a) Prayers

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

b) Confirmation of Minutes

- i) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge moved that the Minutes of Proceedings for the Eighteenth Meeting of the First Session of the Thirteenth Anguilla House of Assembly be accepted with amendment. The motion was seconded by the Hon. Member for Road South.
- ii) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Minutes be accepted without amendment.
- iii) Minutes of Proceedings for the Eighteenth Meeting of the First Session of the Thirteenth 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) Apologies were given on behalf of the Hon. Member for Island Harbour, the Hon. Member for West End, the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool and the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Jeison Bryan who are absent with reason.
- ii) Prorogation of the House from March 11th 2026 to April 14th 2026. The Speaker noted that during this period the Members of the House will undertake several administration functions of this House.

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 Social Security (Amendment) 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 Valley North spoke.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge 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, Social Security (Amendment) 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.
Hon. Member for Road North put questions to the Hon. Attorney General and answers were given.
- 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 Sandy Hill moved that the Bill be read a third time and passed.
- Hon. Member SIWED, Mr. Kyle 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, Social Security (Amendment) Act, 2026 passed without amendment.

b) A Bill for Anguilla Special Trusts Act, 2026

i) Second Reading:

- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill moved that the Bill has its second reading.
- Hon. Member for Road South seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill gave the objects and reasons for the Bill.
- No Debate.
- 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, Anguilla Special Trusts Act, 2026 was read a second time.

Hon. Speaker invited Ms. Tina Bryan.

Ms. Tina Bryan gave a brief overview of the Bill and the Hon. Member for Road North put questions to her and responses were given.

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 1-34, the schedule, 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 SIWED, Mr. Kyle 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, Anguilla Special Trusts Act, 2026 passed without amendment.

Hon. Speaker thanked Ms. Tina Bryan.

II) Private Members' Bills

- i) None.

III) Private Bills

- i) None.

IV) Other Orders of the Day

- i) Hon. Speaker noted that the Hon. Member for Valley South will be attending the 74th Westminster Seminar on effective Parliament which will be held from March 9th – 13th at the UK House of Parliament in Westminster. The Speaker also noted that the notice has been indicated to the Leader of Opposition in respect of the dates that the Leader of Government Business intends to put to the Governor for prorogation. The House will be prorogued March 11th until April 14th 2026.

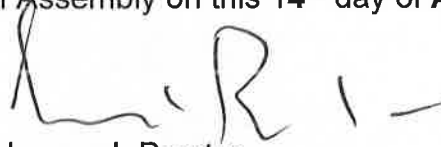
o) **Adjournment**

- i) Hon. Member for Sandy Hill moved that the meeting be adjourned *Sine die*. It was seconded by the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge.
- ii) Hon. Speaker put the question that the House stands adjourned *Sine die*. The Assembly voted in favour.
- iii) The Assembly was adjourned at 12:28p.m.



Tara Carter
Speaker

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



Lenox J. Proctor
Clerk of the House of Assembly