

## Anguilla House of Assembly

### Minutes of Proceedings

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

**Date:** 21 December 2022

**Start Time:** 1:00p.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 Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. Kyle Hodge  
Hon. Member for Road South, Mr. Haydn Hughes  
Hon. Member for Road North, Mr. Merrick Richardson\*  
Hon. Member for Sandy Hill, Mrs. Cora Richardson 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 Valley North, Mrs. Shellya Rogers-Webster\*  
Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie\*  
Hon. Deputy Governor (Ag), Dr. Aidan Harrigan  
Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford\*

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

### In Attendance:

Clerk to the House of Assembly, Mr. Lenox Proctor  
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 Fourth Meeting of the Third Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly be accepted as circulated. The motion was seconded by the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge.
- ii) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Minutes be accepted as circulated.
- iii) Minutes of Proceedings for the Fourth Meeting of the Third Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly was voted in favour by the Assembly without amendment.

**Hon. Member for Sandy Hill arrived at 1:02p.m.**

**Hon. Member for Road North arrived at 1:02p.m.**

**Hon. Member for Island Harbour arrived at 1:02p.m.**

**Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie arrived at 1:04pm.**

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

- i) The following Member was administered the Oath of Allegiance before the Speaker.  
- Hon Deputy Governor (Ag), Dr. Aidan Harrigan.

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

- i) Apologies were given on behalf of the Hon. Attorney General who would be arriving late.

**Hon. Member for Valley North arrived at 1:06p.m.**

**Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford arrived at 1:06pm.**

**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.

**Hon. Member for Valley South arrived at 1:08p.m.**

**n) Other Business**

**l) Government Business**

**a) A Bill for Commercial Registry and Beneficial Ownership Registration System (Amendment) Act, 2022**

**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. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford 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, Commercial Registry and Beneficial Ownership Registration System (Amendment) Act, 2022 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, the Schedule, title and enacting clause stand part of the Bill and reported same to the Assembly.

**i) 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, Commercial Registry and Beneficial Ownership Registration System (Amendment) Act, 2022 passed without amendment.**

**b) A Bill for Financial Services Commission (Amendment) Act, 2022**

**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.
- 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, Financial Services Commission (Amendment) Act, 2022 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 1-3, the Schedule, title and enacting clause stand part of the Bill and reported same to the Assembly.

**ii) 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, Financial Services Commission (Amendment) Act, 2022 passed without amendment.**

**c) A Bill for Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Act, 2022**

**i) Second Reading:**

- Hon. Member for Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford moved that the Bill has its second reading.
- Hon. Member for Road North seconded the motion.
- Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford gave the objects and reasons for the Bill.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour spoke.
- Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the Assembly voted in favour.
- A Bill for, Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Act, 2022 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 1-15, the Schedule, title and enacting clause stand part of the Bill and reported same to the Assembly.

**iii) Third Reading:**

- Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford 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, Proceeds of Crime (Amendment) Act, 2022  
passed without amendment.**

**d) A Bill for Magistrates Code of Procedure (Amendment) Act, 2022**

**i) Second Reading:**

- Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford moved that the Bill has its second reading.
- Hon. Member for Road North seconded the motion.
- Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford gave the objects and reasons for the Bill.
- No Debate.
- Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the Assembly voted in favour.
- A Bill for, Magistrates Code of Procedure Act, 2022 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 1-3, the Schedule, title and enacting clause stand part of the Bill and reported same to the Assembly.

**iii) Third Reading:**

- Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford 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, Magistrates Code of Procedure (Amendment) Act, 2022  
passed without amendment.**

**e) A Bill for Universal Social Levy (Amendment) Act, 2022**

**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.
- No Debate.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the Assembly voted in favour.
- A Bill for, Universal Social Levy (Amendment), 2022 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 1-3, the Schedule, 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 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, Universal Social Levy (Amendment) Act, 2022  
passed without amendment.**

**f) A Bill for Criminal Justice (International Co-Operation) (Anguilla) (Amendment) Act, 2022**

**i) Second Reading:**

- Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford moved that the Bill has its second reading.
- Hon. Member for Road North seconded the motion.
- Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford gave the objects and reasons for the Bill.
- No Debate.
- Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the Assembly voted in favour.
- A Bill for, Criminal Justice (International Co-Operation) (Anguilla) (Amendment) Act, 2022 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 identified error in numbering and agreed to correct Citation 5 to read as Citation 3.
- Committee agreed that clauses 1-3, the Schedule, title and enacting clause stand part of the Bill and reported same to the Assembly.

**iii) Third Reading:**

- Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford 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, Criminal Justice (International Co-Operation) (Anguilla) (Amendment) Act, 2022 passed with amendment.**

**g) A Bill for Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act, 2022**

**i) Second Reading:**

- Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford moved that the Bill has its second reading.
- Hon. Member for Road North seconded the motion.
- Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford gave the objects and reasons for the Bill.
- No Debate.
- Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the Assembly voted in favour.
- A Bill for, Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act, 2022 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 1-3, the Schedule, title and enacting clause stand part of the Bill and reported same to the Assembly.

**iii) Third Reading:**

- Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford 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, Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Act, 2022 passed without amendment.**

**h) A Bill for Elections (Amendment) Act, 2022**

**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.
- No Debate.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the Assembly voted in favour.
- A Bill for, Elections (Amendment) Act, 2022 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 1-3, the Schedule, 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 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, Elections (Amendment) Act, 2022 passed without amendment.**

**Hon. Speaker allowed a 5 minute recess at 2:30p.m.  
House resumed at 2:44p.m.**



**i) A Bill for, Appropriation (2023) Act, 2022**

**i) Second Reading (Cont'd) Budget Debate**

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour sought and was granted leave for the Bill for Appropriation (2023) Act, 2022 to continue its seconding reading.
- Hon. Speaker opened the floor for contributions.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool spoke for 46 minutes.
- Hon. Member for Valley North spoke for 36 minutes.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge spoke for 1 hour and 30 minutes.

**Hon. Speaker allowed a recess at 5:40p.m.**

**House resumed at 7:35p.m.**

- Hon. Speaker invited the mover to respond.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded for 1 hour and 6 minutes.

**Hon. Speaker gave apologies on behalf of the Hon. Member for Sandy Hill for their absence.**

**Hon. Member for Sandy Hill arrived at 7:50p.m.**

**Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool arrived at 8:29p.m.**

- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the Assembly voted in favour.

**i) Committee Stage:**

**Hon. Speaker allowed a short recess at 8:44p.m.**

**House resumed at 8:48p.m.**

- 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.

**PS Finance, Mrs. Kathleen Rogers, Ms. Marissa Harding-Hodge and Ms. Jamila Gumbs joined.**

- Committee agreed that clauses 1-2, the Schedule, title and enacting clause stand part of the Bill and reported same to the Assembly.

**PS Finance, Mrs. Kathleen Rogers, Ms. Marissa Harding-Hodge and Ms. Jamila Gumbs left.**

**ii) 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, Appropriation (2023) Act, 2022 passed without amendment.**

**II) Private Members' Bills**

- i) None.

**III) Private Bills**

- i) None.

**IV) Other Orders of the Day**

- j) The following Members extended Season's Greetings:

- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool
- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill
- Hon. Member for Valley North
- Hon. Member for Road North
- Hon. Member for Road South
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie
- Hon. Member for Valley South
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge
- Hon. Member for West End
- Hon. Deputy Governor (Ag), Dr. Aidan Harrigan
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour

**o) Adjournment**

- i) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the meeting be adjourned *Sine die*. It was seconded by the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge.
- 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 9:48p.m.



Barbara Webster-Bourne  
*Speaker*

Confirmed in the House of Assembly on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022



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