

Anguilla House of Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

The Eighth Meeting of the Second Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly

Date: 11 January 2022

Start Time: 9:00a.m.

Presiding Officer:

Hon. Speaker, Mrs. Barbara Webster-Bourne

Members Present in the Assembly:

Hon. Member for Valley North, Mr. Evans McNeil Rogers
Hon. Member for Island Harbour, Dr. Ellis Lorenzo Webster
Hon. Member for Valley South, Ms. Dee-Ann Kentish Rogers
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 Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie
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. Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley

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

Members Absent in the Assembly with Reason:

Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford

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.

**Hon. Member for Road South arrived at 9:01a.m. and
the Hon. Member for West End arrived at 9:02a.m.**

b) Confirmation of Minutes

- i) Hon. Member for Road South moved that the Minutes of Proceedings for the Seventh Meeting of the Second Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly be accepted as circulated. The motion was seconded by the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge.
- ii) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Minutes be accepted as circulated.
- iii) Minutes of Proceedings for the Seventh Meeting of the Second 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) None.

d) Announcements by the Direction of the Speaker

- i) The Assembly will resume its Sitting to undertake the biggest exercise of the Assembly that is the budget debate.
- ii) There will be no time limits set; but there is a circulated schedule for Members to be guided by.

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, Appropriation (2022) Act, 2022

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

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour sought and was granted leave to say a few words to his constituents and offered condolences to the family of the Late Basil Rey.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour sought and was granted leave for the Bill for, Appropriation (2022) Act, 2022 to continue its second reading.
- Hon. Speaker opened the floor for contributions.
- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill spoke for 1 hour and 58 minutes.

**Hon. Deputy Speaker allowed a 20 minute recess at 11:07a.m.
House resumed at 11:33a.m.**

- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge spoke for 39 minutes.
- Hon. Member for Road North spoke for 19 minutes.

**Hon. Speaker allowed a recess for Lunch at 12:34p.m.
House resumed at 2:00p.m.**

- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge spoke for 47 minutes.

**Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool arrived at 2:03p.m.
Hon. Member for Road South arrived at 2:05p.m.
Hon. Member for Sandy Hill arrived at 2:07p.m.**

**Hon. Speaker gave apologies for the absence of the Hon. Attorney General
and acknowledged the presence of the past President of the
Civil Service, Mr. Alkins Rogers.**

- Hon. Member for Road South spoke for 4 hours and 30 minutes.

**Hon. Speaker allowed a 15 minute recess at 3:30p.m.
House resumed at 3:45p.m.**

**Hon. Speaker allowed a 30 minute recess at 6:30p.m.
House resumed at 7:08p.m.**

**Hon. Speaker ordered the Hon. Member for Sandy Hill
to withdraw from the Assembly.
Hon. Member for Sandy Hill left at 8:03p.m.**

- Hon. Member for Valley South spoke for 30 minutes.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool requested that the Assembly breaks and reconvene the following day and the Assembly did not agree.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool spoke for 33 minutes.

**Hon. Member for Valley South left at 9:00p.m. with the consent of the
Hon. Speaker in accordance with Rule 10(2).**

- Hon. Member for West End spoke for 36 minutes.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie spoke for 1 hour and 20 minutes.

Hon. Member for Valley South returned at 11:30p.m.

- Hon. Member for Valley South moved that the meeting be adjourned until Wednesday, 12th January, 2022 at 10:00a.m. It was seconded by the Hon. Member for Road South.
- The Assembly was adjourned at 11:31p.m.

House reconvened on Wednesday, 12th January, 2022 at 10:00a.m.

- Prayers were said by the Chaplain.

**Hon. Member for Sandy Hill arrived at 10:02a.m. and the
Hon. Member for Road South and Valley South arrived at 10:04a.m.**

- Hon. Speaker gave apologies on behalf of the Hon. Attorney General and Hon. Deputy Governor for their absence. Apologies were also given for the Hon. Member for West End who would be arriving late.

**Hon. Member for West End arrived at 10:15a.m. and the
Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool arrived at 10:36a.m.**

- Hon. Member for Valley North spoke for 3 hours and 21 minutes.

**Hon. Speaker allowed a recess for Lunch at 1:25p.m.
House resumed at 2:30p.m.**

- Hon. Speaker invited the mover to respond.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded for 2 hours and 28 minutes.

Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool arrived at 2:35p.m.
Hon. Member for Sandy Hill arrived at 2:37p.m.
Hon. Member for Road South arrived at 2:43p.m.
Hon. Member for West End arrived at 2:51p.m.

Hon. Speaker allowed a 5 minute recess at 4:48p.m.
House resumed at 5:08p.m.

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

ii) Committee Stage:

Hon. Speaker allowed a short recess at 5:33p.m.
House resumed at 5:36p.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. Shona Proctor joined.

- Committee agreed that clauses 1 - 4, 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. Shona Proctor left.

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, Appropriation (2022) Act, 2022 passed without amendment.

II) Private Members' Bills

- i) None.

III) Private Bills

- i) None.

IV) Other Orders of the Day

i) None.

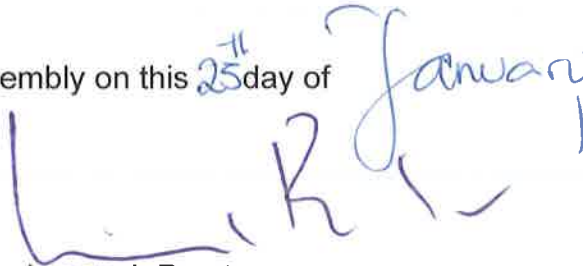
o) Adjournment

- i) Hon. Member for 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 6:00p.m.



Barbara Webster-Bourne
Speaker

Confirmed in the House of Assembly on this ^{25th} day of *January*, 2022



Lenox J. Proctor
Clerk of the House of Assembly