

Anguilla House of Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

The Seventeenth Meeting of the First Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly

Date: 9 March 2021

Start Time: 10:00am

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 Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. Kenneth Hodge

Hon. Member for Valley South, Ms. Dee-Ann Kentish Rogers

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. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford*

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

Member Absent in the Assembly with reason:

Hon. Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley

Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie

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

1. Prayers

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

Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool arrived at 10:06am.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

- a) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool moved that the Minutes of Proceedings for the Sixteenth Meeting of the First Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly be accepted as circulated. The motion was seconded by the Hon. Member for Road South.
- b) Minutes of Proceedings for the Sixteenth Meeting of the First Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly was confirmed by the Assembly without amendment.

3. Oaths of Allegiance to New Members

- a) None.

4. Announcements by the Direction of the Speaker

- a) Apologies were given on behalf of the Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie who will be absent.
- b) Apologies were given on behalf of the Attorney General who will be late.
- c) Happy Women's Day was expressed to all women in the Chamber (especially the women parliamentarians) and in Anguilla at large.
- d) The upcoming 45th Anniversary of the Anguilla House of Assembly was announced stating that plans are underway.

5. Papers

- a) None.

6. Reports from Committees

- a) None.

7. Petitions

- a) None.

8. Government Notices

- a) None.

9. Unofficial Notices

- a) None.

10. Questions

- a) None.

11. Motions

- a) None.

12. Other Business

12.1 Government Business

12.1.1 A Bill for, Reduction of Salaries and Allowances of Ministers Act, 2021

12.1.1.1 Second Reading:

- a) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill have its second reading.
- b) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge seconded the motion.
- c) Hon. Member for Island Harbour gave the objects and reasons for the Bill.
- d) Hon. Member for West End spoke.
- e) Hon. Member for Sandy Hill spoke.
- f) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool spoke.
- g) Hon. Member for Road South spoke.

Hon. Attorney General arrived at 10:48am.

- h) Hon. Speaker welcomed Ms. Tyeisha Emmanuel and Ms. Alysha Carty (Members of the Youth Parliament).
- i) Hon. Speaker gave apologies for the Hon. Deputy Governor who was unable to attend the meeting.
- j) Hon. Member for Valley North Spoke.
- k) Hon. Attorney General spoke.

Hon. Speaker allowed for a recess for lunch for one hour at 12:38pm with the agreement from the Assembly.

House resumed Sitting at 2:25pm.

Hon. Attorney General did not return.

- l) Hon. Member for Valley South spoke.
- m) Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- n) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the Assembly voted in favour.

12.1.1.2 Committee Phase:

- a) Under Rule 54 of the Legislative Assembly Rules of Procedure the Bill was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to consider it clause by clause.
- b) Committee agreed that clauses 1-7, the title and the enacting clause stand part of the Bill and reported same to the Assembly.

12.1.1.3 Third Reading:

- a) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill be read a third time and passed.
- b) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge seconded the motion.
- c) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a third time and passed and the Assembly voted in favour.

A Bill for, Reduction of Salaries and Allowances of Ministers Act, 2021 passed without amendment.

12.1.2 A Bill for, Biodiversity and Heritage Conversation (Amendment) Act, 2021

12.1.2.1 Second Reading:

- a) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge moved that the Bill have its second reading.
- b) Hon. Member for Valley South seconded the motion.
- c) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge gave the objects and reasons for the Bill.
- d) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool spoke.
- e) Hon. Member for Road South spoke.
- f) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge responded.
- g) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the Assembly voted in favour.

12.1.2.2 Committee Phase:

- a) Under Rule 54 of the Legislative Assembly Rules of Procedure the Bill was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to consider it clause by clause.
- b) Committee agreed that clause 1, 2 as amended and seconded by the Member for Valley South, and clause 3, the title and the enacting clause stand part of the Bill and reported same to the Assembly.

12.1.2.3 Third Reading:

- a) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge moved that the Bill be read a third time and passed.
- b) Hon. Member for Valley South seconded the motion.
- c) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a third time and passed and the Assembly voted in favour.

A Bill for, Biodiversity and Heritage Conversation (Amendment) Act, 2021 passed with amendment.

12.1.3 A Bill for, Education (Amendment) Act, 2021

12.1.3.1 Second Reading:

- a) Hon. Member for Valley South moved that the Bill have its second reading.
- b) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge seconded the motion.
- c) Hon. Member for Valley South gave the objects and reasons for the Bill.
- d) Hon. Member for Sandy Hill spoke.
- e) Hon. Member for Road South spoke.
- f) Hon. Member for Valley South responded.
- g) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the Assembly voted in favour.

12.1.3.2 Committee Phase:

- a) Under Rule 54 of the Legislative Assembly Rules of Procedure the Bill was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to consider it clause by clause.

- b) Committee agreed that clauses 1-7, 8 as amended and seconded by the Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge, and clause 9, the title and the enacting clause stand part of the Bill and reported same to the Assembly.

12.1.3.3 Third Reading:

- a) Hon. Member for Valley South moved that the Bill be read a third time and passed.
- b) Hon. Member for Road North seconded the motion.
- c) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a third time and passed and the Assembly voted in favour.

A Bill for, Education (Amendment) Act, 2021 passed with amendment.

12.1.4 A Bill for, Anguilla Community College (Amendment) Act, 2021

12.1.4.1 Second Reading:

- a) Hon. Member for Valley South moved that the Bill have its second reading.
- b) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge seconded the motion.
- c) Hon. Member for Valley South gave the objects and reasons for the Bill.
- d) Hon. Member for Sandy Hill spoke.
- e) Hon. Member for Road South spoke.

Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool left at 5:15pm.

- f) Hon. Member for Valley North spoke.
- g) Hon. Member for Valley South responded.
- h) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the Assembly voted in favour.

12.1.4.2 Committee Phase:

- a) Under Rule 54 of the Legislative Assembly Rules of Procedure the Bill was referred to a Committee of the Whole House to consider it clause by clause.
- b) Committee agreed that clauses 1-5, the title and the enacting clause stand part of the Bill along with the amendment to the Objects and Reasons seconded by the Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge and reported same to the Assembly.

12.1.4.3 Third Reading:

- a) Hon. Member for Valley South moved that the Bill be read a third time and passed.
- b) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge seconded the motion.
- c) 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 Community College (Amendment) Act, 2021 passed with amendment.

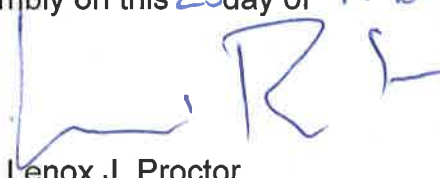
13. Adjournment

- a) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the meeting be adjourned until Tuesday 23rd March 2021 at 10am. It was seconded by the Hon. Member for Valley South.
- b) Hon. Speaker put the question that the House stands adjourned until Tuesday 23rd March 2021 at 10am and the Assembly voted in favour.
- c) The Assembly was adjourned at 6:17pm.



Barbara Webster-Bourne
Speaker

Confirmed in the House of Assembly on this 23rd day of March, 2021



Lenox J. Proctor
Clerk of the House of Assembly