

Anguilla House of Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

The Twenty Sixth Meeting of the First Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly

Date: 31 August 2021

Start Time: 10:00am

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 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
Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford*

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

Members Absent in the Assembly:

Hon. Member for Valley North, Mr. Evans McNiel Rogers
Hon. Member for Valley South, Ms. Dee-Ann Kentish Rogers

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. Speaker allowed a recess to fix the microphones at 10:06am.
House resumed at 10:12am.**

**Hon. Attorney General and Hon. Member for SIWED,
Mr. José Vanterpool arrived at 10:12am.**

2. Confirmation of Minutes

- a) Hon. Member for Road South moved that the Minutes of Proceedings for the Twenty Fifth 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 North.
- b) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Minutes be accepted as circulated.
- c) Minutes of Proceedings for the Twenty Fifth Meeting of the First Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly was voted in favour 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 for the absence of the Member for Valley North and Valley South.
- b) A Technical Review of the Organisation and Administration of the Assembly will be conducted based on recommendation 10 of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Benchmarking Assessment Report which states that "The House must have financial independence based on a budget it sets for its needs...".

Mr. Matthew Salik, Head of Parliamentary Development and Ms. Lydia Buchannan, Programme Manager for Bilateral Engagement will be meeting with various stakeholders to conduct the review after which a report will be presented to the Assembly.

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, Public Procurement and Contract Administration (Amendment) 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 Sandy Hill spoke.
- e) Hon. Member for Road South spoke.
- f) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie spoke.
- g) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge spoke.
- h) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge spoke.
- i) Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.

**Hon. Speaker allowed a recess at 12:28pm.
House resumed at 12:51pm.**

- j) 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 45 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 1-22 with amendments to clauses 1-3, 12-13 and 22, the title and 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. 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, Public Procurement and Contract Administration (Amendment) Act, 2021,
passed with amendment.**

12.1.2 A Bill for, Licensing of Businesses Act, 2021

12.1.2.1 First Reading:

- a) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge moved that the Bill have its first reading.
- b) Hon. Member for Road North seconded the motion.

Hon. Member for Sandy Hill returned at 1:10pm.

- c) A Bill for, Licensing of Businesses Act, 2021 was read a first time.

12.1.3 A Bill for, Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (Anguilla) (Amendment) Act, 2021

12.1.3.1 First Reading:

- a) Hon. Attorney General moved that the Bill have its first reading.
- b) Hon. Member for Road South seconded the motion.
- c) A Bill for, Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (Anguilla) (Amendment) Act, 2021 was read a first time.

12.1.4 A Bill for, Bail Act, 2021

12.1.4.1 First Reading:

- a) Hon. Attorney General moved that the Bill have its first reading.
- b) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge seconded the motion.
- c) A Bill for, Bail Act, 2021 was read a first time.

13. Adjournment


- a) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the meeting be adjourned until Tuesday, 7th September, 2021 at 10am.
- b) Hon. Speaker allowed Members to give condolences to the families of the Anguillians who have passed overseas due to COVID-19.
- c) Hon. Member for Road South expressed condolences to the families of the two persons of his constituency residing in the USVI and UK who have passed due to COVID-19 as well as to all others who have lost loved ones.
- d) Hon. Member for Sandy Hill expressed condolences to the families of the two persons in her constituency (Mrs. Theodora Rogers and Mr. Fleming) who passed as well as all others who have passed between the last Sitting of the House and this present Sitting.
- e) Hon. Member for Island Harbour expressed condolences the families of those who have passed throughout the island.

Best wishes was also extended to Mrs. Fleming in Mount Fortune who would be turning 100 on the 5th of September, 2021 and to Ms. Ursilla Connor in South Hill who turned 108.

Congratulations was also extended to those who have graduated from University and College.

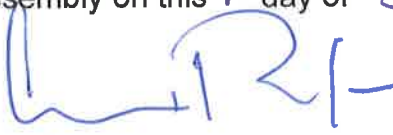
- f) The motion for adjournment was seconded by the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie.
- g) Hon. Speaker put the question that the House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 7th September, 2021 at 10am and the Assembly voted in favour.

h) The Assembly was adjourned at 1:15pm.



Barbara Webster-Bourne
Speaker

Confirmed in the House of Assembly on this ^{7th} day of *September*, 2021



Lenox J. Proctor
Clerk of the House of Assembly