

Anguilla House of Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

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

Date: 23 July 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 McNiel 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 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 Member arriving after the Meeting has been called to Order.

Member Absent in the Assembly:

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

1. Prayers

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

The Meeting was called to Order at 10am and the Hon. Speaker acknowledged the presence of Ms. Gleneva Hodge as well and Mr. and Mrs. Dillet who are visiting from the Bahamas.

Hon. Speaker asked leave of the Assembly for brief recess to allow the Technicians to resolve technical issues and by request asked that the Assembly also grants recess for the Hon. Member for Island Harbour who had to attend a Monetary Council Meeting.

The Assembly agreed and the Assembly recessed at 10:07am.

Hon. Member for Island Harbour arrived at 11:10am.

House resumed at 11:32am.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

- a) Hon. Member for Island Harbour pointed out a correction to the Minutes at the bottom of page 1 which should read "Twenty First Meeting" instead of "Twentieth Meeting".
- b) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Minutes be amended to read "Twenty-first Meeting".
- c) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Minutes be accepted with amendment.
- d) Minutes of Proceedings for the Twenty Second Meeting of the First Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly was confirmed by the Assembly with 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 Hon. Attorney General.
- b) Apologies for Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge who stepped out temporarily.

5. Papers

- a) None.

6. Reports from Committees

- a) The final report from the Select Committee established to consider the Petitions of the Concerned Citizens on the Bill for, Goods and Services Tax Act, 2021.
- b) Hon. Member for Road North and Chair of the GST Select Committee proposed that the laying of the report and Motion regarding same be rescheduled to July 26th, 2021.
- c) Hon. Speaker put the question that the report be rescheduled and the Assembly agreed.

7. Petitions

- a) None.

8. Government Notices

- a) None.

9. Unofficial Notices

- a) None.

10. Questions

- a) None.

11. Motions

11.1 Motion 11/2021-1/12 HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 11/2021-1/12 HOA) Regulations, 2021 – Mr. Trevor (Ras Bucket) Davis / Roots Binghi.

- a) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved Motion 11/2021-1/12 HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 11/2021-1/12 HOA) Regulations, 2021 – Mr. Trevor (Ras Bucket) Davis / Roots Binghi.
- b) Hon. Member for Valley South seconded the motion.
- c) Hon. Member for Road South spoke.
- d) Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- e) Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 11/2021-1/12 HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

Motion 11/2021 - 1/12HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

11.2 Motion 12/2021-1/12 HOA: House of Assembly (Procedure) Rules, 2021.

- a) Hon. Member for Road North and Deputy Speaker moved Motion 12/2021-1/12 HOA: House of Assembly (Procedure) Rules, 2021.
- b) Hon. Member for Valley South seconded the motion.
- c) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool spoke.
- d) Hon. Member for Road South spoke.
- e) Under Rule 20(3) of the Legislative Assembly Rules of Procedure the Hon. Member for Road North and Deputy Speaker requested that the motion be referred to a Committee of the whole House.
- f) Hon. Speaker put the question that the motion be referred to a Committee of the whole House and the Assembly agreed.

Committee Phase:

- g) Committee agreed that clauses 1-89, the title and the preamble stand part of the Motion.

Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge returned at 12:21pm

- h) Hon. Member for Road North and Deputy Speaker moved that the Motion passed through Committee without amendment and is ready for passage.
- j) Hon. Member for Island Harbour seconded the motion.
- k) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Motion be passed and the Assembly voted in favour.

Motion 12/2021 - 1/12HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

11.3 Motion 13/2021-1/12 HOA: Approval of Property Tax (Rates) (Temporary Reduction) Regulations, 2021.

- a) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved Motion 13/2021-1/12 HOA: Approval of Property Tax (Rates) (Temporary Reduction) Regulations, 2021.
- b) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge seconded the motion.
- c) Hon. Member for Sandy Hill spoke.
- d) Hon. Member for Road South spoke.
- e) Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- f) Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 13/2021-1/12 HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

Motion 13/2021 - 1/12HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

12. Other Business


12.1 Government Business

12.1.1 A Bill for, House of Assembly (Powers and Privileges) (Amendment) Act, 2021

12.1.1.1 A Bill for, House of Assembly (Powers and Privileges) (Amendment) Act, 2021 was read a first time.

13. Adjournment

- a) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the meeting be adjourned until Monday 26th July, 2021 at 2pm. It was seconded by the Hon. Member for Road South.
- b) Hon. Speaker put the question that the House stands adjourned until Monday 26th July, 2021 at 2pm and the Assembly voted in favour.
- c) The Assembly was adjourned at 12:50pm.



Barbara Webster-Bourne
Speaker

Confirmed in the House of Assembly on this 26th day of July, 2021



Lenox J. Proctor
Clerk of the House of Assembly