

Anguilla House of Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

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

Date: 29 March 2022

Start Time: 10:00a.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 Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. José Vanterpool*
Hon. Member for Valley South, Ms. Dee-Ann Kentish Rogers
Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie
Hon. Attorney General (Ag.), Ms. Dawne Richardson
Hon. Deputy Governor (Ag.), Mr. Karim Hodge

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

Members Not Present in the Assembly with Reason:

Hon. Member for Valley North, Mr. Evans McNiel Rogers
Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford
Hon. Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley
Hon. Member for West End, Mr Cardigan Connor

Members Not Present in the Assembly without Reason

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. Attorney General (Ag.) arrived at 10:04a.m.
Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool arrived at 10:04a.m.

b) Confirmation of Minutes

- i) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Minutes of Proceedings for the Eleventh Meeting of the Second Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly be amended to include the word 'not' for members absent with and without reason.
- ii) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Minutes be accepted as amended.
- iii) Minutes of Proceedings for the Eleventh Meeting of the Second Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly was voted in favour by the Assembly with amendment.

c) Oaths of Allegiance to New Members

- i) Oath of allegiance was taken by the acting Deputy Governor, Mr. Karim Hodge.
- ii) Oath of allegiance was taken by the acting Attorney General, Ms. Dawne Richardson.

d) Announcements by the Direction of the Speaker

- i) Apologies were given for the absence of the Hon. Member for Valley North.
- ii) Condolences were given to the Chaplain to the Assembly on the passing of his brother.

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) **Motion 10/2022-2/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 10/2022-2/12HOA) Regulations, 2022 – Dr. Lowell Hughes**

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour asked leave of the Assembly to read Motions 10 to 15 together as the Resolutions are similar in nature.
- Hon. Speaker put the question for Motions 10 to 15 to be read together and the Assembly agreed.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour read the text to the Motions and moved Motion 10/2022-2/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 10/2022-2/12HOA) Regulations, 2022 – Dr. Lowell Hughes.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Kenneth Hodge seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 10/2022-2/12HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

Motion 10/2022-2/12HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

Hon. Member for Sandy Hill arrived at 10:17a.m.

ii) **Motion 11/2022-2/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 11/2022-2/12HOA) Regulations, 2022 – Mr. Joshua Gumbs**

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved Motion 11/2022-2/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 11/2022-2/12HOA) Regulations, 2022 – Mr. Joshua Gumbs.
- Hon. Member for Valley South seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for Road North spoke.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 11/2022-2/12HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

Motion 11/2022-2/12HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

iii) Motion 12/2022-2/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 12/2022-2/12HOA) Regulations, 2022 – Reverend Vincia Celestine

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved Motion 12/2022-2/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 12/2022-2/12HOA) Regulations, 2022 – Reverend Vincia Celestine.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Kyle Hodge seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 12/2022-2/12HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

Motion 12/2022-2/12HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

iv) Motion 13/2022-2/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 13/2022-2/12HOA) Regulations, 2022 – Mrs. Maxine Herbert-Duggins

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved Motion 13/2022-2/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 13/2022-2/12HOA) Regulations, 2022 – Ms. Maxine Herbert-Duggins.
- Hon. Member for Valley South seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Quincia Gumbs-Marie spoke.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 13/2022-2/12HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

Motion 13/2022-2/12HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

v) Motion 14/2022-2/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 14/2022-2/12HOA) Regulations, 2022 – Ms. Kendisha Hall-Prentice

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved Motion 14/2022-2/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 14/2022-2/12HOA) Regulations, 2022 – Ms. Kendisha Hall-Prentice.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Kenneth Hodge seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for Road South spoke.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Kenneth Hodge spoke.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 14/2022-2/12HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

Motion 14/2022-2/12HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

vi) **Motion 15/2022-2/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 15/2022-2/12HOA) Regulations, 2022 – Reverend Vincia Celestine**

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved Motion 15/2022-2/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 15/2022-2/12HOA) Regulations, 2022 – Reverend Vincia Celestine.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Kyle Hodge seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for Valley South spoke.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 15/2022-2/12HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

Motion 15/2022-2/12HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

m) **Personal Explanations**

- i) None.

n) **Other Business**

l) Government Business

a) A Bill for Business Companies Act, 2022

i) First Reading:

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill has its first reading.
- Hon. Member for Valley South seconded the motion.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a first time and the Assembly voted in favour.
- A Bill for, Business Companies Act, 2022 was read a first time.

b) A Bill for Commercial Registry and Beneficial Ownership Registration System Act, 2022

i) First Reading:

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill has its first reading.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Kenneth Hodge seconded the motion.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a first time and the Assembly voted in favour.
- A Bill for, Commercial Registry and Beneficial Ownership Registration System Act, 2022 was read a first time.

c) A Bill for Credit Reporting Act, 2022

i) First Reading:

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill has its first reading.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Kyle Hodge seconded the motion.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a first time and the Assembly voted in favour.
- A Bill for, Credit Reporting Act, 2022 was read a first time.

II) Private Members' Bills

- i) None.

III) Private Bills

- i) None.

IV) Other Orders of the Day

- i) Hon. Member for Island Harbour offered condolences to the Chaplain to the Assembly, the families of Miriam Hodge, Hugo Rey and all who mourn the loss of loved ones.
- ii) Hon. Member for Valley South, offered condolences to the Chaplain to the Assembly on the passing of his brother.
- iii) Hon. Speaker allowed a moment of silence on the passing of Mr. Hugo Rey, who was also a Member of the House of Assembly.

o) Adjournment

- i) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the meeting be adjourned *Sine die*. It was seconded by the Hon. Member for Valley South.
- 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 11:07a.m.



Barbara Webster-Bourne
Speaker

Confirmed in the House of Assembly on this 12th day of April, 2022



Lenox J. Proctor
Clerk of the House of Assembly