

Anguilla House of Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

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

Date: 14 September 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. Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley*
Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford*

*Denotes a 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
Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. José Vanterpool

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 North and Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge arrived at 10:03am.

b) Confirmation of Minutes

- i) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge moved that the Minutes of Proceedings for the Twenty Seventh 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 SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie.
- ii) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Minutes be accepted as circulated.
- iii) Minutes of Proceedings for the Twenty Seventh Meeting of the First 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) Apologies were given for the absence of the Members for Valley South, Valley North and SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool.

Hon. Member for West End and Hon. Deputy Governor arrived at 10:05am.

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 15/2021-1/12HOA – Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 15/2021-1/12HOA) Regulations, 2021

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour asked and was granted leave of the Assembly to read Motion 15 and Motion 16 together.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved Motion 15/2021-1/12HOA – Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 15/2021-1/12HOA) Regulations, 2021.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for Road South spoke.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 15/2021-1/12HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

Motion 15/2021-1/12HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

ii) Motion 16/2021-1/12HOA – Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 16/2021-1/12HOA) Regulations, 2021

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved Motion 16/2021-1/12HOA – Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 16/2021-1/12HOA) Regulations, 2021.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge seconded the motion.
- No debate.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 16/2021-1/12HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

Motion 16/2021-1/12HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

Hon. Attorney General arrived at 10:30am.

iii) Motion 17/2021-1/12HOA – In the Matter of an Overdraft Facility 2021-2022

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved Motion 17/2021-1/12HOA – In the Matter of an Overdraft Facility 2021-2022.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge seconded the motion.
- No debate.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 17/2021-1/12HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

Motion 17/2021-1/12HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

m) Personal Explanations

- i) None.

n) Other Business

i) Government Business

a) A Bill for, Supplementary Appropriation (2021) Act, 2021

i) Second Reading:

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill have its second reading.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour gave the objects and reasons for the Bill.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge spoke.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge spoke.
- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill spoke.
- Hon. Member for Road South spoke.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie spoke.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the Assembly voted in favour.

ii) Committee Stage:

- 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.
- Committee agreed that clauses 1-2, the Schedule, title and enacting clause stand part of the Bill and reported same to the Assembly.

ii) Third Reading:

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill be read a third time and passed.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge 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, Supplementary Appropriation (2021) Act, 2021, passed without amendment.

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

i) Second Reading:

- Hon. Attorney General moved that the Bill have its second reading.
- Hon. Member for Road South seconded the motion.
- Hon. Attorney General gave the objects and reasons for the Bill.
- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill spoke.
- Hon. Attorney General responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the Assembly voted in favour.

ii) Committee Stage:

- 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.
- Committee agreed that clauses 1-3 with amendments to clause 2, the title and enacting clause stand part of the Bill and reported same to the Assembly.

iii) Third Reading:

- Hon. Attorney General moved that the Bill be read a third time and passed.
- Hon. Member for Road North 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, Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (Anguilla)
(Amendment) Act, 2021, passed with amendment.**

c) A Bill for, Bail Act, 2021

i) Second Reading:

- Hon. Attorney General moved that the Bill have its second reading.
- Hon. Member for Road South seconded the motion.
- Hon. Attorney General gave the objects and reasons for the Bill.
- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill spoke.
- Hon. Member for Road South spoke.
- Hon. Attorney General responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the Assembly voted in favour.

ii) Committee Stage:

- 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.
- Committee agreed that clauses 1-23 with amendments to clauses 1, 3, 5, 8, 11, 13, 16, and 20, the Schedule, title and enacting clause stand part of the Bill and reported same to the Assembly.

iii) Third Reading:

- Hon. Attorney General moved that the Bill be read a third time and passed.
- Hon. Member for Road North 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, Bail Act, 2021, passed with amendment.

ii) Private Members' Bills

- i) None.

iii) Private Bills

- i) None.

iv) Other Orders of the Day

- i) The following Members extended congratulations to Lester "Teal" Richardson on his birthday and retirement from the Public Service.
 - Hon. Member for Island Harbour also commended the Health Team.
 - Hon. Member for Road South.
 - Hon. Member for Road North also extended condolences to the Hodge family on the passing of Miriam Hodge who passed at age 103.
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge.
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge.
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie.
 - Hon. Deputy Governor.
 - Hon. Member for West End also extended condolences.
 - Hon. Member for Sandy Hill also extended condolences.
 - Hon. Attorney General.
 - Hon. Speaker.
- ii) Hon. Speaker presented Lester "Teal" Richardson a token of appreciation for his 29 years of service on behalf of the Assembly.

o) Adjournment

- i) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the meeting be adjourned until Tuesday, 28th September, 2021 at 10am. It was seconded by the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge.
- ii) Hon. Speaker put the question that the House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 28th September, 2021 and the Assembly voted in favour.
- iii) The Assembly was adjourned at 3:14pm.

Merrick Richardson
Deputy Speaker

Confirmed in the House of Assembly on this 28 day of September, 2021

Lenox J. Proctor
Clerk of the House of Assembly