

Anguilla House of Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

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

Date: 26 July 2021

Start Time: 2:05pm

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 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.

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.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

- a) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool moved that the Minutes of Proceedings for the Twenty Third 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) Minutes of Proceedings for the Twenty Third 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) Welcome was extended to the specialist advisers to the GST Select Committee in the persons of Mr. David Carty, past Honourable Speaker of the House; Dr. Wycliffe Fahie, doctor of Finance and expert in taxation and Ms. Gleneva Hodge, National Youth Ambassador who were summoned under Rule 54 of the Legislative Assembly (Procedure) Rules, 1976 to assist the Assembly.

5. Papers

- a) None.

6. Reports from Committees

- a) Final Report: 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 laid the final report on the table.

7. Petitions

- a) None.

8. Government Notices

- a) None.

9. Unofficial Notices

- a) None.

10. Questions

- a) None.

11. Motions

11.1 Motion 14/2021-1/12 HOA: Final Report: Select Committee Established to consider the Petitions of the Concerned Citizens on the Bill for, Goods and Services Tax Act, 2021.

- a) Hon. Member for Road North and Deputy Speaker moved Motion 14/2021-1/12 HOA: Final Report: 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 SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie seconded the motion.

- c) Hon. Member for Road North and Deputy Speaker summarized the work of the Committee including a brief outline of the report.

Hon. Speaker allowed a recess for five minutes to resolve technical issues.

Hon. Member for Valley South arrived at 2:34pm.

House resumed at 2:35pm.

- d) The Assembly agreed that the Members of the Assembly not give contributions to the report; but, allow the specialist advisers to give their findings on behalf of the Committee.
- e) Ms. Glenneva Hodge spoke.
- f) Mr. David Carty spoke.
- g) Dr. Wycliffe Fahie spoke.
- h) Hon. Member for Road North and Deputy Speaker responded.
- i) Hon. Speaker specified that the Motion is for general debate and does not call for the House to take any particular action or express a specific opinion. Therefore, based on Parliamentary practice there is no need for a vote on the matter unless the Assembly thinks otherwise.
- j) Hon. Speaker asked if the Assembly wishes to take any particular action relating to the Motion to which they responded no.

12. Other Business

12.1 Government Business

12.1.1 A Bill for, Business License Moratorium (Amendment) Act, 2021

12.1.1.1 A Bill for, Business License Moratorium (Amendment) Act, 2021 was read a first time.

13. Adjournment

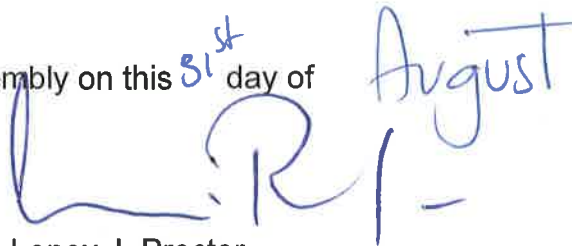
- a) Hon. Member for Island Harbour requested and was granted leave to acknowledge the gallery.
- b) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie requested and was granted leave to congratulate the Chaplain of the House for the 20th Anniversary of his church, World Harvest Assembly.
- c) Hon. Speaker extended congratulations as well.
- d) Hon. Member for Island Harbour also extended congratulations to the Chaplain; thanked the Members of the GST Select Committee and specialist advisers for their presentations made and acknowledged persons in the gallery including those coming from Antigua from the Cancer Centre for the Eastern Caribbean namely:- Mr. Henry Hazel, the Chief Operating Officer; Dr. Lalitha Sripathi, Clinical Oncologist and Ms. Lucie Bonakovska, Radiation Therapist who are here to meet with persons to do screening for different types of cancers. Other persons in the gallery included Mr. John C. Lake, President of the Anguilla Community Action Network, Ms. Lynn and Mr. Bourne.

- e) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the meeting be adjourned until Thursday 29th July, 2021 at 10am. It was seconded by the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge.
- f) Hon. Speaker put the question that the House stands adjourned until Thursday 29th July, 2021 at 10am and the Assembly voted in favour.
- g) The Assembly was adjourned at 3:25pm.



Barbara Webster-Bourne
Speaker

Confirmed in the House of Assembly on this 31st day of August, 2021



Lenox J. Proctor
Clerk of the House of Assembly