

Anguilla House of Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

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

Date: 15 February 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 West End, Mr. Cardigan Connor
Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. José Vanterpool*
Hon. Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley*

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

Members Present in the Assembly with Reason:

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), Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie
Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford

In Attendance:

Clerk to the House of Assembly, Mr. Lenox Proctor
Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Carl Ruan

Order of Business

Hon. Member for Sandy Hill arrived at 10:01a.m.

a) Prayers

i) Prayers were said by the Hon. SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge.

b) Confirmation of Minutes

- i) Hon. Member for Road North moved that the Minutes of Proceedings for the Ninth Meeting of the Second Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly be accepted as circulated. The motion was seconded by the Hon. Member for SIWED, Kenneth Hodge.
- ii) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Minutes be accepted as circulated.
- iii) Minutes of Proceedings for the Ninth Meeting of the Second Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly was voted in favour by the Assembly without amendment.

Hon. Member for SIWED, José Vanterpool arrived at 10:02a.m.

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 Hon. Member for Valley North and Valley South and Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie. Apologies were also given on behalf of the Deputy Governor who is running late.

Hon. Member for Road South arrived at 10:03a.m.

e) Questions

- i) Hon. Member for Sandy Hill put three (3) questions to the Hon. Member for Island Harbour and responses were given.
 - a) Hon. Member for Sandy Hill put two (2) supplemental questions to the Hon. Member for Island Harbour and responses were given.

f) Government Statements on Recent Developments

- i) Hon. Member for SIWED, Kyle Hodge asked leave of the Assembly to give a Government statement on a recent development.
- ii) Hon. Speaker allowed the statement under Rule 27.
- iii) Hon. Member for SIWED, Kyle Hodge gave the statement.
- iv) Hon. Speaker opened the floor for any questions on the statement in accordance with Rule 27.
- v) Hon. Member for Sandy Hill put three (3) questions to the Hon. Member for SIWED, Kyle Hodge and responses were given.

Apologies were given for the absence of the Hon. Attorney General.

g) Papers

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour begged leave of the Assembly to lay Paper 1 and 2 together as the papers are similar in nature.
- Hon. Speaker put the question for Papers 1 and 2 to be read together and the Assembly agreed.

i) Actuarial Review of the Public Service Pension Fund, The Police Pension Scheme and Pension financed by the Consolidated Fund (as of 31 December, 2019)

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour laid the Actuarial Review of the Public Service Pension Fund, The Police Pension Scheme and Pension financed by the Consolidated Fund (as of 31 December, 2019) on the table.

ii) Government of Anguilla Public Service Pension Fund, Actuarial Review as of December 31, 2020

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour laid the Government of Anguilla Public Service Pension Fund, Actuarial Review as of December 31, 2020 on the table.

iii) Anguilla Financial Services Commission, Annual Report 2020

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour laid the Anguilla Financial Services Commission, Annual Report 2020 on the table.

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 6/2022-2/12HOA: Appointment of Administration Committee

- Hon. Member for Road North moved Motion 6/2022-2-12HOA: Appointment of Administration Committee
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Kyle Hodge seconded the motion.

Proposed Members of the Administration Committee are as follows:

- Hon. Speaker, Mrs. Barbara Webster-Bourne

- Hon. Deputy Speaker, Mr. Merrick Richardson
- Hon. Member for Valley North, Mr. Evans McNeil Rogers
- Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District, Mr. José Vanterpool
- Hon. Member for Valley South, Ms. Dee-Ann Kentish Rogers
- Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District, Mr. Kenneth Hodge and
- Hon. Member for Road South, Mr. Haydn Hughes

Debate on Motion 6/2022-2-12HOA

- Hon. Member for SIWED, José Vanterpool spoke.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Kenneth Hodge spoke.
- Hon. Member for Road North responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 6/2022-2/12HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

Motion 6/2022-2/12HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

ii) Motion 7/2022-2/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 7/2022-2/12HOA) Regulations, 2022 – Dr. Lowell Hughes.

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour asked leave of the Assembly to read Motions 7 to 9 together as the Resolutions are similar in nature.
- Hon. Speaker put the question for Motions 7 to 9 to be read together and the Assembly agreed.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour read the text to the Motions and moved Motion 7/2022-2/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 7/2022-2/12HOA) Regulations, 2022 – Dr. Lowell Hughes.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Kyle Hodge seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Kenneth Hodge spoke.
- Hon. Member for West End spoke.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 7/2022-2/12HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

Motion 7/2022-2/12HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

iii) Motion 8/2022-2/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 8/2022-2/12HOA) Regulations, 2022 – Ms. Marslyn Richardson

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved Motion 8/2022-2/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 8/2022-2/12HOA) Regulations, 2022 – Ms. Marslyn Richardson.
- Hon. Member for Road North seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for Road South spoke.
- Hon. Member for Road North spoke.
- Hon. Member for West End spoke.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.

- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 8/2022-2/12HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

Motion 8/2022-2/12HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

iv) Motion 9/2022-2/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 9/2022-2/12HOA) Regulations, 2022 – Ms. Kniquiah Hughes

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved Motion 9/2022-2/12HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 9/2022-2/12HOA) Regulations, 2022 – Ms. Kniquiah Hughes.
- Hon. Member for Road North seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Kenneth Hodge spoke.
- Hon. Member for Road South spoke.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 9/2022-2/12HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

Motion 9/2022-2/12HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

Hon. Deputy Governor arrived at 11:19a.m.

m) Personal Explanations

- i) None.

n) Other Business

I) Government Business

a) A Bill for Evidence Act, 2022

i) First Reading:

- Hon. Speaker deferred the first reading of this Bill to the next House Sitting, due to the absence of the Attorney General.

b) A Bill for Electronic Evidence Act, 2022

i) First Reading:

- Hon. Speaker deferred the first reading of this Bill to the next House Sitting, due to the absence of the Attorney General.

II) Private Members' Bills

- i) None.

III) Private Bills

- i) None.

IV) Other Orders of the Day

- i) Hon. Member for Island Harbour expressed condolences to the family of the late Carlyle Wallace and Tr. Ursilla Harrigan. He also urged all eligible parents and guardians to register for vaccination.
- ii) Hon. Member for SIWED, Kenneth Hodge expressed condolences to the Labour Commissioner Ms. Joan Hodge on the passing of her mother Sheila Pigard. He also expressed condolences to the late Tr. Ursilla Harrigan and Tr. Veda Harrigan.
- iii) Hon. Madam Speaker also gave her condolences on behalf of herself and the parliamentary staff.

o) Adjournment

- i) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the meeting be adjourned until Tuesday, 22nd February, 2022 at 10:00a.m. It was seconded by the Hon. Member for Road North.
- ii) Hon. Speaker put the question that the House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 22nd February, 2022 at 10:00a.m. and the Assembly voted in favour.
- iii) The Assembly was adjourned at 11:29a.m.



Barbara Webster-Bourne
Speaker

Confirmed in the House of Assembly on this day of , 2022



Lenox J. Proctor
Clerk of the House of Assembly