

Anguilla House of Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

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

Date: 21st March 2024

Start Time: 2:00p.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 West End, Mr. Cardigan Connor

Hon. Member for Road North, Mr. Merrick Richardson

Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. Kenneth 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), 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. Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley*

Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford*

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

Members Not Present in the Assembly with Reason:

Hon. Member for Sandy Hill, Mrs. Cora Richardson Hodge

Hon. Member for Valley North, Mrs. Shellya Rogers-Webster

In Attendance:

Clerk to the House of Assembly, Mr. Lenox Proctor

Clerk of Committees, Ms. Vanisha Proctor

Senior Clerical Officer, Ms. Ronequa Hodge

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.

b) Confirmation of Minutes

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

Hon. Attorney General and Hon. Deputy Governor arrived at 2:03p.m.

Hon. Member for Island Harbour requested a moment of silence on the passing of the late Mr. Evans Harrigan.

Moment of Silence was granted.

c) Oaths of Allegiance to New Members

- i) None.

d) Announcements by the Direction of the Speaker

- i) Apologies were given on behalf of the Hon. Member for Sandy Hill and Hon. Member for Valley North who are absent with reason.

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) None.

m) **Personal Explanations**

i) None.

n) **Other Business**

l) Government Business

a) A Bill for Department of Health Services Act, 2024.

i) First Reading:

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill have its first reading.
- In accordance with Rule 42, subsection 3, of the House of Assembly Procedure Rules, the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool moved a motion that the Bill do not be read a first time.
- Hon. Member for West End seconded the motion.

Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge arrived at 2:10p.m.

- Hon. Speaker gave the Member permission to give an explanatory statement.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool gave his statement.
- In accordance with Rule #42, subsection 3, the Hon. Speaker asked the mover to give an explanatory statement.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour gave his statement.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool, requested a vote by division.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Members state where they stand on objecting to the first reading of the bill.

Hon. Speaker allowed a recess for 5 minutes at 2:32p.m.

House resumed at 2:38p.m.

- Hon. Speaker put the question on the motion opposing the introduction of the bill and the Assembly voted against.
- In accordance with Rule #68 of the House of Assembly Procedure Rules, the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool requested a vote by division.
- Hon. Speaker allowed the division.
- The Clerk asked each Member separately for their vote.
- Members voted as follows:

Member	Aye	No	Abstain
Hon Member for Road North		x	
Hon SIWED Member, Ms. Quincia Gumbs Marie		x	
Hon Member for Road South		x	
Hon SIWED Member, Mr. Kyle Hodge	x		
Hon Member for Valley South		x	
Hon SIWED Member, Mr. Kenneth Hodge		x	
Hon Member for Island Harbour		x	
Hon SIWED Member, Mr. Jose Vanterpool	x		
Hon Attorney General		x	
Hon Deputy Governor		x	
Hon Member for West End	x		
Hon Member for Sandy Hill			
Total	3	8	

- Hon. Speaker read the results; the majority voted against the motion objecting to the Bill being read a first time.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a first time and the Assembly voted in favour.

A Bill for, Department of Health Services Act, 2024 was read a first time.

b) A Bill for Department of Water Services Act, 2024.

i) First Reading:

- Hon. Member for Road South moved that the Bill have 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, Department of Water Services Act, 2024 was read a first time.

II) Private Members' Bills

- i) None.

III) Private Bills

- i) None.

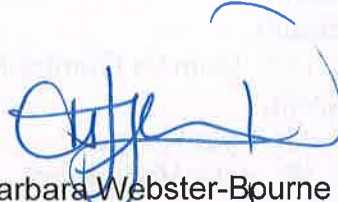
IV) Other Orders of the Day

- i) The following Members recognized the contribution of Mr. Evans Harrigan who would have served on the Islands Council and wished his family condolences. The Members also prayed to all who mourn and have lost loved ones.
 - Hon. Member for Island Harbour,
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge,
 - Hon. Member for Road South,
 - Hon. Member for Valley South,
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie,
 - Hon. Member for Road North,
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge,
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool,
 - Hon. Member for West End and
 - Hon. Speaker.
- ii) The following Members prayed for a safe and speedy recovery of Mr. John C Lake "POW".
 - Hon. Member for Island Harbour,
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge,
 - Hon. Member for Valley South,
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie,
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge,
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool,
 - Hon. Member for West End and
 - Hon. Speaker
- iii) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge, wished all participants in the Road Race well.

Hon. Attorney General left with the consent of the Speaker at 3:01p.m.

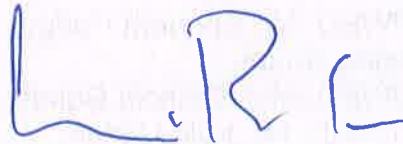
o) Adjournment

- i) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the meeting be adjourned until Tuesday 26th March 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 26th March at 10:00a.m. and the Assembly voted in favour.
- iii) The Assembly was adjourned at 3:04 p.m.



Barbara Webster-Bourne
Speaker

Confirmed in the House of Assembly on this 26th day of **March**, 2024



Lenox J. Proctor
Clerk of the House of Assembly