

Anguilla House of Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

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

Date: 11th, 12th & 13th December 2024

Start Time: 9:00a.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. Kyle Hodge
Hon. Member for Road South, Mr. Haydn Hughes
Hon. Member for Sandy Hill, Mrs. Cora Richardson Hodge*
Hon. Member for Road North, Mr. Merrick Richardson
Hon. Member for Valley North, Mrs. Shellya Rogers-Webster*
Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. Kenneth Hodge
Hon. Member for West End, Mr. Cardigan Connor
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. Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley
Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Kurt De Freitas OBE, KC

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

In Attendance:

Clerk to the House of Assembly, Mr. Lenox Proctor
Clerk of Committees, Ms. Vanisha Proctor
Executive Secretary, Ms. Ronequa Hodge
Clerical Officer, Ms. Ste-Kaylah Richardson
Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Carl Ruan

Order of Business

a) Prayers

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

Hon. Speaker allowed a 10-minute recess at 9:03a.m.

House resumed at 9:12a.m.

Hon. Member for Sandy Hill arrived at 9:13a.m.

b) Confirmation of Minutes

- i) Hon. Member for Valley South moved that the Minutes of Proceedings for the Fourth Meeting of the Fifth Session of the Twelfth Anguilla House of Assembly be accepted as circulated. The motion was seconded by the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Quincia Gumbs-Marie.
- ii) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Minutes be accepted as circulated.
- iii) Minutes of Proceedings for the Fourth Meeting of the Fifth 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) None.

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 Appropriation (2025) Act, 2024.

i) Second Reading:

- In accordance with Rule 64 of the House of Assembly Rules of Procedure, 2021, the Hon. Speaker proposed time limits of 2 hours and 20 minutes for the Leader of Opposition and 2 hours for each Member.

Hon. Speaker recessed the house at 9:17a.m.

House resumed at 9:23a.m.

Hon. Speaker proposed that there would be no time limits and the Assembly agreed.

- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill spoke. (9:24a.m. – 11:54a.m.)

Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge arrived at 9:42a.m.

Hon. Speaker allowed an hour recess for lunch at 11:54a.m.

House resumed at 1:00p.m.

- Hon. Member for Road North spoke. (1:00p.m. – 1:55p.m.)

Hon. Member for Valley North arrived at 1:48p.m.

- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool spoke. (1:56p.m. – 2:33p.m.)
- Hon. Member for Valley South spoke. (2:34p.m. – 5:34p.m.)
- Debate to be continued on Thursday, 12th December, 2024 at 9:00a.m.

o) Adjournment

- Hon. Member for Valley South moved that the meeting be adjourned until Thursday, 12th December, 2024 at 9:00a.m. It was seconded by the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the House stands adjourned until Thursday, 12th December, 2024 at 9:00a.m. The Assembly voted in favour.
- The Assembly was adjourned at 5:35p.m.

**CONTINUATION OF THE 5TH MEETING OF THE 5TH SESSION OF THE 12TH HOA
(DAY 2 OF BUDGET DEBATE)**

House resumed on Thursday, 12th December, 2024 at 9:00a.m.

Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie arrived at 9:05a.m.

Hon. Speaker allowed a 3-minute recess for technical issues at 9:06a.m.

Hon. Member for Road South arrived at 9:08a.m.

House resumed at 9:11a.m.

- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge spoke. (9:11a.m. – 11:20a.m.)

Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge arrived at 9:22a.m.

Hon. Member for Road North arrived at 9:32a.m.

Hon. Speaker allowed a 15-minute recess at 11:21a.m.

House resumed at 11:42a.m.

- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge spoke. (11:42a.m. – 12:44p.m.)

Hon. Speaker allowed an hour recess for lunch at 12:45p.m.

House resumed at 1:45p.m.

- Hon. Member for West End spoke. (1:45p.m. – 2:33p.m.)

- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie spoke. (2:33p.m. – 6:34p.m.)

Hon. Speaker allowed a 30-minute recess at 6:34p.m.

House resumed at 7:10p.m.

- Hon. Member for Road South spoke. (7:11p.m. – 8:17p.m.)

Hon. Speaker adjourned the House at 8:18p.m. until Friday, 13th December, 2024.

**CONTINUATION OF THE 5TH MEETING OF THE 5TH SESSION OF THE 12TH HOA
(DAY 3 OF BUDGET DEBATE)**

House resumed at 10:00a.m.

Hon. Member for Valley South said prayers.

- Hon. Member for Road South continued his debate. (10:03a.m. – 12:38p.m.)

Hon. Member for West End and Island arrived at 10:11a.m.

Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth Hodge arrived at 10:12a.m.

Hon. Member for Road North arrived 11:15a.m.

Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool arrived at 11:28a.m.

Hon. Speaker allowed an hour recess for lunch at 12:38p.m.

House resumed at 1:38p.m.

- Hon. Member for Road South continued his debate. (1:38p.m. – 4:38p.m.)

Hon. Speaker allowed a recess at 4:38p.m.

House resumed at 4:50p.m.

- Hon. Member for Road South continued his debate. (4:50p.m. – 6:08p.m.)

Hon. Speaker allowed a recess at 6:08p.m.

House resumed at 6:37p.m.

- Hon. Member for Road South continued his debate. (6:38p.m. – 7:13p.m.)
- Hon. Member for Valley North spoke. (7:14p.m. – 9:49p.m.)
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour responded. (9:50p.m. – 11:27p.m.)
- Hon. Speaker put the question that the Bill be read a second time and the Assembly voted in favour.
- A Bill for, Appropriation (2025) Act, 2024 was read a second time.

Hon. Speaker recessed the House at 11:30p.m. for 5-minutes to allow the Finance Staff to enter.

House resumed at 11:38p.m.

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 1-4, title and enacting clause stand part of the Bill and reported same to the Assembly.

Ministry of Finance staff exited. Hon. Speaker thanked the staff of the Ministry of Finance.

iii) Third Reading:

- Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the Bill be read a third time and passed.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kenneth 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, Appropriation (2025) Act, 2024, passed without amendment.

II) Private Members' Bills

- i) None.

III) Private Bills

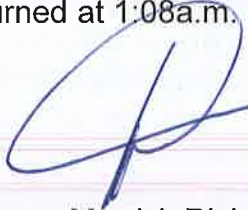
- i) None.

IV) Other Orders of the Day

i) None.

p) Adjournment

- i) Hon. Member for Island Harbour moved that the meeting be adjourned until Tuesday, 17th December, 2024 at 10:00a.m. It was seconded by the Hon. Member for Road South.
- ii) Hon. Speaker put the question that the House stands adjourned until Tuesday, 17th December, 2024 at 10:00a.m. The Assembly voted in favour.
- iii) The Assembly was adjourned at 1:08a.m.



Merrick Richardson
Deputy Speaker

Confirmed in the House of Assembly on this 17th day of **December, 2024.**



Lenox J. Proctor
Clerk of the House of Assembly