# Anguilla House of Assembly

## **Minutes of Proceedings**

The Fourth Meeting of the First Session of the Thirteenth Anguilla House of Assembly

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Start Time: 10:00a.m.

## Presiding Officer:

Hon. Speaker, Ms. Tara Carter

#### Members Present in the Assembly:

Hon. Member for Sandy Hill, Mrs. Cora Richardson Hodge\*
Hon. Member for Island Harbour, Dr. Ellis Lorenzo Webster
Hon. Member for West End, Mr. Cardigan Connor
Hon. Member for Valley North, Mrs. Shellya Rogers-Webster
Hon. Member for Road South, Mr. Haydn Hughes\*
Hon. Member for Road North, Mr. Merrick Richardson
Hon. Member for Valley South, Mr. Cordell Richardson
Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. Evans McNiel Rogers
Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. Kyle Hodge\*
Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. Jeison Bryan
Hon. Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley
Hon. Attorney General (Ag), Mr. Ivor Greene

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

#### Members Not Present in the Assembly with Reason:

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

#### In Attendance:

Clerk to the House of Assembly, Mr. Lenox Proctor Executive Secretary, Ms. Ronequa Hodge Senior Clerical Officer, Ms. Ste-Kaylah Richardson Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Carl Ruan Chaplain, Pastor Lucian MacDonna

## Order of Business

- a) **Prayers** 
  - i) Prayers were said by the Chaplain to the Assembly.

## b) Confirmation of Minutes

- i) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Evans McNiel Rogers moved that the Minutes of Proceedings for the Third Meeting of the First Session of the Thirteenth Anguilla House of Assembly be accepted with amendment. The motion was seconded by the Hon. Member for Valley North.
- ii) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Minutes be accepted with amendment.
- iii) Minutes of Proceedings for the Third Meeting of the First Session of the Thirteenth Anguilla House of Assembly was voted in favour by the Assembly with amendment.

# Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge arrived at 10:04a.m.

#### c) Oaths of Allegiance to New Members

- i) The following Member was administered the Oath of Allegiance before the Speaker.
  - Hon. Attorney General (Ag), Mr. Ivor Greene.

# Hon. Member for Road South and Sandy Hill arrived at 10:06a.m.

#### d) Announcements by the Direction of the Speaker

- i) Apologies were given on behalf of the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool who is absent with reason.
- ii) Leave was given to the Hon. Member for Valley South to give an announcement.

#### e) Questions

i) None.

# f) Government Statements on Recent Developments

- i) Hon. Member for Valley North 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 Valley North gave the statement.
- iv)Hon. Speaker opened the floor for any questions on the statement in accordance with Rule 27.
- v) No questions were asked.

#### 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 7/2025-1/13HOA: Approval of House of Assembly (Procedure) (Amendment) Rules, 2025
  - Hon. Member for Valley North moved Motion 7/2025-1/13HOA: Approval of House of Assembly (Procedure) (Amendment) Rules, 2025.
  - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge seconded the motion.
  - Hon. Member for Island Harbour spoke.
  - Hon. Member for Valley North responded.
  - Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 7/2025-1/13HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

## Motion 7/2025-1/13HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

# ii) Motion 8/2025-1/13HOA: Appointment of Members of the OECS Assembly 2025 – 2027

- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill moved Motion 8/2025-1/13HOA: Appointment of Members of the OECS Assembly 2025 2027.
- Hon. Member for Road South seconded the motion.
  - Proposed Members of the OECS Assembly are as follows:
    - i) Hon. Member for Sandy Hill.
    - ii) Hon. Member for Island Harbour.
    - iii) Hon. Member for Valley North.
- No Debate.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 2/2025-1/13HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

## Motion 8/2025-1/13HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

# iii) Motion 9/2025-1/13HOA: Approval of Higher Education Licensing (Authorization of Accreditation) (Amendment) Regulations, 2025

- Hon. Member for Valley North moved Motion 9/2025-1/13HOA: Approval of Higher Education Licensing (Authorization of Accreditation) (Amendment) Regulations, 2025.
- Hon. Member for Road South seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour spoke.
- Hon. Member for Valley North responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 9/2025-1/13HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

# Motion 9/2025-1/13HOA was made a Resolution of the House.

## m) Personal Explanations

i) None.

# n) Other Business

## I) Government Business

i) None.

# II) Private Members' Bills

i) None.

## III) Private Bills

i) None.

# IV) Other Orders of the Day

- i) The following Members extended condolences to all who mourn, in particular, Mrs. Carmencita Davis, Pastor Norril Gumbs, Mr. Jeffery Wade and Ms. Rosiline Webster.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour,
- Hon. Member for Road South,
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Evans McNiel Rogers,
- Hon. Member for West End,
- Hon. Member for Road North,
- Hon. Member for Valley North and
- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill.
- ii) The following Members commended the Members of the Anguilla National Cricket Team for their stellar performance in Antigua during the Leeward Islands T20 Tournament.
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Evans McNiel Rogers,
- Hon. Member for West End,
- Hon. Member for Road North,

- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Jeison Bryan,
- Hon. Member for Valley North and
- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill.
- iii) The following Members congratulated the Men's Week Honorees.
- Hon. Member for Road North,
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Jeison Bryan and
- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill.
- iv)Hon. Member for Island Harbour recommended the Anguilla Cricket Association, Department of Sports to sponsor an annual T20 tournament.
- v) Hon. Member for West End commended the Wizard on winning Boat Race.
- vi)Hon. Member for Road North congratulated the Bethel Methodist Church on celebrating 147 years of Stewardship in Anguilla.
- vii) Hon. Member for Valley North wished the best to the Member of the Anguilla Summer Festival Committee, Mr. Corwin Carty, who will be travelling to Music Festival in St. Kitts to represent the Summer Festival Committee.
- viii)Hon. Member for Sandy Hill congratulated the Wizard on their win. The Member also thanked Apany for the opportunity to be able to attend the Apany function and give remarks.

ix)Hon. Speaker commended the family of the late Mr. Albert Hughes.

# o) Adjournment

- i) Hon. Member for Sandy Hill moved that the meeting be adjourned until Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 10:00a.m. It was seconded by the Hon. Member for West End
- ii) Hon. Speaker put the question that the House stands adjourned until Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 10:00a.m. The Assembly voted in favour.
- iii) The Assembly was adjourned at 11:19a.m.

Tara Carter Speaker

Confirmed in the House of Assembly on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of **July, 2025**.

Lenox J. Proctor Clerk of the House of Assembly