

Anguilla House of Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

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

Date: 27th May 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 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. José Vanterpool
Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. Jeison Bryan
Hon. Deputy Governor (Ag), Dr. Bonnie Richardson-Lake

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

Members Not Present in the Assembly with Reason:

Hon. Member for Valley South, Mr. Cordell Richardson
Hon. Attorney General (Ag), Mr. Ivor Greene

In Attendance:

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

Order of Business

a) Prayers

i) Prayers were said by Mr. Clive Smith.

Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Evans McNiel Rogers begged leave of the house to extend condolences to the family of the late Mr. Franklin Gumbs of Stoney Ground who passed on 26th May 2025. The Member requested a Moment of silence.

Moment of Silence was granted.

b) Confirmation of Minutes

- i) Hon. Member for Sandy Hill moved that the Minutes of Proceedings for the Second Meeting of the First Session of the Thirteenth Anguilla House of Assembly be accepted as circulated. The motion was seconded by the Hon. Member for West End.
- ii) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Minutes be accepted as circulated.
- iii) Minutes of Proceedings for the Second Meeting of the First Session of the Thirteenth Anguilla House of Assembly was voted in favour by the Assembly without amendment.

c) Oaths of Allegiance to New Members

- i) The following Member was administered the Oath of Allegiance before the Speaker.
 - Hon. Deputy Governor (Ag), Dr. Bonnie Richardson-Lake

d) Announcements by the Direction of the Speaker

- i) During the week of May 12-16th, the Speaker and the Clerk of the Assembly attended the Commons and Overseas Territories Speakers Conference in the United Kingdom. A brief synopsis on the trip was given. The Speaker also mentioned that they would have hosted an event called Mentor and Mingle, which was an impactful event.
- ii) Hon. Speaker commended the Administration Committee for very fruitful meetings.

e) Questions

- i) None.

f) Government Statements on Recent Developments

- i) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. 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, Mr. Kyle Hodge 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) Draft Terms of Reference of the Administration Committee

- Hon. Member for Road North laid the Draft Terms of Reference of the Administration Committee 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 1/2025-1/13HOA: Consideration of Government's Legislative Agenda

- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill moved Motion 1/2025-1/13HOA: Consideration of Government's Legislative Agenda.
- Hon. Member for West End seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill presented the Legislative Agenda.
- In accordance with the House of Assembly Rules of Procedures, Rule 13(3), the Leader of the Opposition may reply to the Opening Address at the next ordinary sitting of the Assembly.
- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 1/2025-1/13HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

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

m) Personal Explanations

- i) None.

n) Other Business

l) Government Business

- i) None.

II) Private Members' Bills

- i) None.

III) Private Bills

- i) None.

IV) Other Orders of the Day

- i) House of Assembly Statement on Surge in Gun Violence in Anguilla. Hon. Member for Sandy Hill read the statement. The following Members spoke in relation to the statement.
 - Hon. Member for Sandy Hill,
 - Hon. Member for Island Harbour,
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge and
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Evans McNiel Rogers.
- ii) Hon. Member for Island Harbour
- iii) The following Members extended condolences to all who mourn, in particular, Mr. Franklin Gumbs, Pastor Norril Gumbs and Mr. Aubrey Smith.
 - Hon. Member for Valley North,
 - Hon. Member for Island Harbour,
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Evans McNiel Rogers and
 - Hon. Member for Sandy Hill.
- iv) The following Members wished all Anguillians a "Happy Anguilla Day". Congratulations to all honorees were extended.
 - Hon. Member for Road North,
 - Hon. Member for Valley North,
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Jeison Bryan,
 - Hon. Member for Island Harbour,
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool,
 - Hon. Member for West End,
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge,
 - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Evans McNiel Rogers and
 - Hon. Member for Sandy Hill.
- v) Hon. Member for Island Harbour congratulated all graduates who have graduated and who are about to graduate.
- vi) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool congratulated the Speaker on her recently held successful event in the United Kingdom "Mentor and Mingle". The Member indicated that he would have received lots of positive feedback.
- vii) Hon. Member for West End commended the members of the Anguilla Enhancement Project.
- viii) Hon. Member for Sandy Hill thanked the Speaker and the Clerk for their representation in the UK. The Member also thanked the Hon. Member for Valley North for her presence at the Anguilla Day events in the UK.
- ix) Hon. Speaker extended apologies on behalf of the Hon. Member for Valley South and Hon. Attorney General (Ag.) who are absent with reason.
- x) Hon. Speaker

Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge left with the consent of the Speaker at 12:13p.m.

o) Adjournment

- i) Hon. Member for Sandy Hill moved that the meeting be adjourned until Tuesday 10th June 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 10th June 2025 at 10:00a.m. The Assembly voted in favour.
- iii) The Assembly was adjourned at 12:23p.m.



Tara Carter
Speaker

Confirmed in the House of Assembly on this th24 day of June 2025.



Lenox J. Proctor
Clerk of the House of Assembly