

## **Anguilla House of Assembly**

### **Minutes of Proceedings**

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

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> April 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. Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley  
Hon. Attorney General (Ag), Ms. Dawne Richardson

\*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  
Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. Jeison Bryan

### **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  
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 Sandy Hill moved that the Minutes of Proceedings for the First 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 Valley North.
- ii) Hon. Speaker put the question that the Minutes be accepted as circulated.
- iii) Minutes of Proceedings for the First 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 Members were administered the Oath of Allegiance before the Speaker.
  - Hon. Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley
  - Hon. Attorney General (Ag), Ms. Dawne Richardson

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

- i) Apologies were given on behalf of the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Jeison Bryan and Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool who are absent with reason.
- ii) Condolences were extended to the Speaker of the Bermuda House of Assembly, who is mourning the loss of his wife. Condolences were also extended to the family and the Catholic Church on the passing of Pope Francis.
- iii) Congratulations were extended to the young male footballers who returned from BVI with success.
- iv) Thanks were extended to the Festival Del Mar committee.
- v) Thanks were extended to the Youth Parliamentarians for attending the Mentor and Mingle event hosted by the Hon. Speaker of the House. She encouraged Members who were unable to make it, to still reach out.

**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) **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.

**Hon. Member for Road South arrived at 10:26a.m.**

- 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.

ii) **Motion 2/2025-1/13HOA: Appointment of Administration Committee**

- Hon. Member for Valley North moved Motion 2/2025-1/13HOA: Appointment of Administration Committee.
  - Hon. Member for Road South seconded the motion.
- Proposed Members for the Administration Committee are as follows:
- i) Hon. Speaker as the Chair of the Committee.
  - ii) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Jose Vanterpool.
  - iii) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge.
  - iv) Hon. Member for Valley North.
  - v) Hon. Member for Road South.
  - vi) Hon. Member for Road 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 2/2025-1/13HOA was made a Resolution of the House.**

iii) **Motion 3/2025-1/13HOA: Appointment of Public Accounts Committee**

- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill moved Motion 3/2025-1/13HOA: Appointment of Public Accounts Committee.
- Hon. Member for Road North seconded the motion.

Proposed Members for the Public Accounts Committee are as follows:

- i) Hon. Member for Island Harbour.
- ii) Hon. Member for Road North.
- iii) Hon. Member for Valley South.
- iv) Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Jeison Bryan
- No Debate.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 3/2025-1/13HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

**Motion 3/2025-1/13HOA was made a Resolution of the House.**

**Hon. Speaker allowed a 5-minute recess at 10:38a.m.**

**House resumed at 10:44a.m.**

- iv) **Motion 4/2025-1/13HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 4/2025-1/13HOA) Regulations, 2025 – Anguilla Football Association**
  - Hon. Member for Sandy Hill moved Motion 4/2025-1/13HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 4/2025-1/13HOA) Regulations, 2025 – Anguilla Football Association.
  - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge seconded the motion.
  - Hon. Member for Valley North spoke.
  - Hon. Member for West End spoke.
  - Hon. Member for Road North spoke.
  - Hon. Member for Island Harbour spoke.
  - Hon. Member for Sandy Hill responded.
  - Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 4/2025-1/13HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

**Motion 4/2025-1/13HOA was made a Resolution of the House.**

- v) **Motion 5/2025-1/13HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 5/2025-1/13HOA) Regulations, 2025 – La Vue Boutique Inn**
  - Hon. Member for Sandy Hill moved Motion 5/2025-1/13HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 5/2025-1/13HOA) Regulations, 2025 – La Vue Boutique Inn.
  - Hon. Member for Road South seconded the motion.
  - Hon. Member for Road South spoke.
  - Hon. Member for West End spoke.
  - Hon. Member for Valley North spoke.
  - Hon. Member for Road North spoke.
  - Hon. Member for Island Harbour spoke.
  - Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge spoke.
  - Hon. Member for Sandy Hill responded.
  - Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 5/2025-1/13HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

**Motion 5/2025-1/13HOA was made a Resolution of the House.**

**vi) Motion 6/2025-1/13HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 6/2025-1/13HOA) Regulations, 2025 – Lions Community**

- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill moved Motion 6/2025-1/13HOA: Customs Duty and Tax Exemption (Motion 6/2025-1/13HOA) Regulations, 2025 – Lions Community.
- Hon. Member for Road South seconded the motion.
- Hon. Member for Valley North spoke.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Evans McNiel Rogers spoke.
- Hon. Member for West End spoke.
- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill responded.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 6/2025-1/13HOA become a Resolution of the House and the Assembly voted in favour.

**Motion 6/2025-1/13HOA 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, Mr. Aubrey Smith, Pope Francis, Elaine Richardson, Rose Richardson and Jason Gumbs.
  - Hon. Member for Island Harbour,
  - Hon. Member for Road North,
  - Hon. Member for West End,
  - Hon. Member for Valley North,
  - Hon. Member for Sandy Hill.
- ii) The following Members thanked the Festival Del Mar Committee for their commitment and hard work. Members also thanked the vendors, the people of Anguilla and the visitors for their support.
  - Hon. Member for Island Harbour.
  - Hon. Member for Valley North and
  - Hon. Member for Sandy Hill.
- iii) Hon. Member for Island Harbour noted that Anguilla commissioned two ambulance that were donated by the UK Government and the people of the UK. The Member

thanked the people and the government of Bermuda who also promised two ambulances to enhance emergency services in Anguilla. The Member also thanked the UK Government for the patrol boat. The Member commended Mr. Robert Clark on his reappointment as Commissioner of Police.

- iv) Hon. Member for Road North congratulated the football under 15 team who won the championship in BVI, the senior football team, who played against the BVI and won, and the entire CARIFTA Team. Congratulations were also extended to the organizer of the show "Inside a Young Mind", which was an amazing show.
- v) Hon. Member for West End extended congratulations to the boat racers.
- vi) Hon. Member for Valley North informed the general public of her absences over the next few weeks.
- vii) Hon. Speaker announced that the Clerk and herself will be attending the Speakers conference in the UK in May.

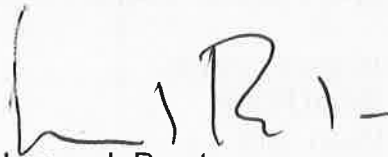
**o) Adjournment**

- i) Hon. Member for Sandy Hill moved that the meeting be adjourned until Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 10:00a.m. It was seconded by the Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge.
- ii) Hon. Speaker put the question that the House stands adjourned until Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 10:00a.m. The Assembly voted in favour.
- iii) The Assembly was adjourned at 11:34a.m.



Tara Carter  
*Speaker*

Confirmed in the House of Assembly on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of **May, 2025.**



Lenox J. Proctor  
*Clerk of the House of Assembly*