

Anguilla House of Assembly

Minutes of Proceedings

The First Meeting of the First Session of the Twelfth House of Assembly

Date: 10 March, 2025

Start Time: 9:00am

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 Valley North, Mrs. Shellya Rogers-Webster
Hon. Member for Road South, Mr. Haydn Hughes
Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. Evans McNiel Rogers
Hon. Member for Road North, Mr. Merrick Richardson
Hon. Member for West End, Mr. Cardigan Connor
Hon. Member for Valley South, Mr. Cordell Richardson
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. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District (SIWED), Mr. Kyle Hodge
Hon. Deputy Governor (Ag.), Dr. Bonnie Richardson
Hon. Attorney General, Mr. Kurt De Freitas OBE, KC

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

The National Song and Anthem was sung by the National Choir.

a) Prayers

- i) Prayers were read by the Chaplain to the Assembly.

b) Election of the Speaker

- i) The Clerk of the House of Assembly, Mr. Lenox Proctor presided.

- ii) On 6th March 2025, a single nomination was received for Ms. Tara Carter to serve as Speaker of the Anguilla House of Assembly. The nomination was received from the Hon. Member for Sandy Hill and was accompanied by a declaration from Ms. Carter of her willingness to serve. As there has been only one nomination for Speaker, and having ascertain that Ms. Carter is willing to serve as Speaker, as per Rule 3(5) of the House of Assembly Procedure Rules, the Clerk hereby declare that Ms. Tara Carter has been elected as Speaker of the Anguilla House of Assembly.
- iii) The Hon Speaker made the Oath of Allegiance and assumed the Chair.
- iv) The Hon Speaker made remarks.

c) Election of the Deputy Speaker

- i) On 6th March 2025, a single nomination was received by the Office of the Clerk for the Hon. Single Island Wide Electoral District Member, Mr. Evans McNiel Rogers to serve as Deputy Speaker of the Anguilla House of Assembly. The nomination was received from the Hon. Member for Sandy Hill and was accompanied by Mr. Rogers' willingness to serve.
- ii) As there has been only one nomination for Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Rule 3(5) of the House of Assembly Procedure Rules, the Speaker hereby declare that Mr. Evans McNiel Rogers has been elected as Deputy Speaker of the Anguilla House of Assembly.
- iii) The Hon. Evan Evans McNiel Rogers was invited to take the Oath of Allegiance.

d) Oaths of Allegiance to the New Members

The following Members were administered the oath of allegiance before the Speaker:

- a) Hon. Member for Sandy Hill
- b) Hon. Member for West End
- c) Hon. Deputy Governor (Ag.)
- d) Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District, Mr. José Vantapool
- e) Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District, Mr. Kyle Hodge
- f) Hon. Member for Valley North
- g) Hon. Attorney General
- h) Hon. Member for Island Harbour
- i) Hon. Member for Valley South
- j) Hon. Member for Road South
- k) Hon. Member for Road North
- l) Hon. Member for Single Island Wide Electoral District, Mr. Jeison Bryan

e) Confirmation of Minutes

- i) None.

f) Announcements by the Direction of the Speaker

The Hon Speaker made the following announcement:

- i) The tragic passing of the late Mr. Shomari Fahie and recognized a moment of silence.

g) Questions

- i) None.

h) Government Statements on Recent Developments

- i) None.

i) Papers

- i) None.

j) Reports by Committees

- i) None.

k) Petitions

- i) None.

l) Government Notices

- i) None.

m) Private Members Notices

- i) None.

n) 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 begged to move that the Motion be adjourned until the next sitting of this house.
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge seconded the motion.
- Hon. Speaker put the question that Motion 1/2025-5/12HOA be adjourned until the next sitting of this house.

Motion 1/2025-1/13HOA adjourned.

o) Personal Explanations

- i) None.

p) Other Business

I) Government Business

- i) None.

II) Private Members' Bills

- ii) None.

III) Private Bills

- i) None.

IV) Other Orders of the Day

i) Statement by Members

Statements were made by the following Members—

- Hon. Member for Sandy Hill (9 mins)
- Hon. Member for West End (6 mins)
- Hon. Member for Valley North (6 mins)
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. José Vanterpool (4 mins)
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Kyle Hodge (6 mins)
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Jeison Bryan (4 mins)
- Hon. Member for Valley South (6 mins)
- Hon. Member for Road North (5 mins)
- Hon. Member for Road South (6 mins)
- Hon. Member for Island Harbour (8 mins)
- Hon. Member for SIWED, Mr. Evans McNiel Rogers (12 mins)
- Hon. Deputy Governor (Ag.) (2 min)

Hon. Speaker thanked the staff, the National Choir, the Chaplain and the Anguilla Youth Parliament

q) Adjournment

- a) Hon. Member for Sandy Hill moved that the meeting be adjourned *Sine die*. It was seconded by the Hon. Member for Road South.
- b) Hon. Speaker put the question that the House stands adjourned *Sine die*. The Assembly voted in favour.
- c) The Assembly was adjourned at 11:55a.m.



Tara Carter
Speaker

Confirmed in the House of Assembly on this 22nd day of April, 2025



Lenox J. Proctor
Clerk of the House of Assembly