



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

## The Honourable the House of Assembly

AND

## The Honourable the Senate

At a joint meeting of the House of Assembly and the Senate at the Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre on Wednesday the 20th day of October, 2021, at 10.00 a.m. pursuant to proclamation dated the 18th day of October, 2021.

### **The Honourable the House of Assembly**

#### **PRESENT**

His Honour A. E. Holder, B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Speaker*)

His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. (*Deputy Speaker*)

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| Hon. R. St. C. Toppin, LL.B. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of International Business and Industry</i> )                                                                           | Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Home Affairs, Information and Public Affairs</i> )                           |
| Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, Q.C., LL.B. ( <i>Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment, Minister of National Security and the Civil Service</i> ) | Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i> ) |
| Hon. Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. ( <i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i> )                                                                           | Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology                                                                     |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i> )                                                                | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture and Food Security</i> )                                             |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.                                                                                                                                             | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. ( <i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i> )                                    |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Energy, Small Business and Entrepreneurship</i> )                                                                       | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Water Resources</i> )                                      |
| Lt. Col. the Hon. J. D. Bostic, MVO, B.A. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Health and Wellness</i> )                                                                              | Hon. P. R. Phillips ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i> )                                |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.                                                                                                                           | Hon. J. A. King, BSS ( <i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office</i> )                                                  |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) ( <i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i> )                                                        | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill ( <i>Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources</i> )                                |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i> )                                                | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Labour and Social Partnership Relations and the Third Sector</i> )     |
| Bishop J. J. S. Atherley, J.P., B.A., B.Sc., PgD. ( <i>Leader of the Opposition</i> )                                                                                     | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</i> )                                                             |
|                                                                                                                                                                           | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. ( <i>Minister of Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economy</i> )                |
|                                                                                                                                                                           | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i> )                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                                           | Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Investment</i> )              |
|                                                                                                                                                                           | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A.                                                                                             |

**ABSENT**

Mr. G. W. Payne, Q.C. and Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance*).

**The Honourable the Senate****PRESENT**

His Honour Senator R. R. Farley, B.Sc., C.P.A., C.M.A., J.P. (*President*)

His Honour Senator R. N. Greenidge, LL.B. (*Deputy President*)

Senator the Hon. Mr. J. X. Walcott, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.), J.P. (*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*) (*Leader of the Senate*)

Senator the Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (*Minister of Innovation, Science and Smart Technology*)

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*)

Senator Dr. R. O. Springer, Ph.D. (*Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training*)

Senator R. W. Grant, J.P., B.A. (Econ.), LL.B., PG Dip. MA

Senator Dr. L. P. Holder, M.B.A., M.Sc., M.Th., D.Th.

Senator Dr. C. K. M. Haynes, M.B.B.S.

Senator D. R. Sands, LL.B. (Hons.)

Senator R. J. H. Adams, B.Sc. (Econ.), M.Sc. (Political Sociology)

Senator C. A. Franklyn, J.P.

Senator Miss C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt), M.Phil Econ.

Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse, F.C.A., F.C.C.A.

Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S. (ENT)

Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A.

Senator Rev. Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D.

Senator K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C.

Senator Miss A. M. Wiggins, J.P., B.Sc.

and

Senator J. A. Hunte, B.Sc., B.A.

**ABSENT**

Senator Miss L. C. Moe.

Mr. Speaker assumed the Chair.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

The following Proclamation was read by the Clerk of Parliament:

**S.I. 2021 No. 70**



By Her Excellency Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, Dame Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Dame of St. Andrew, Queen's Counsel, Governor-General of Barbados.

S. MASON  
Governor-General

**A PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS it is provided by section 60(1) of the *Constitution* that each session of Parliament shall be held at such place and commence at such time as the Governor-General may appoint:

AND WHEREAS by Proclamation dated the 7th day of September, 2020 the Governor-General appointed the Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre, Two Mile Hill, Saint Michael as the place at which the Second Session of Parliament should be held on 15th September 2020 at 10:00 hours in the morning:

AND WHEREAS it was expedient to continue the session of Parliament at the Worthing Corporate Centre, Worthing, Christ Church with effect from the 22nd day of September, 2020:

AND WHEREAS it is now expedient to have this session continued with a Joint Sitting of both Houses of Parliament at the Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre on the 20th October, 2021:

NOW THEREFORE by virtue and in exercise of the power and authority in me vested, I, Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, Dame Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Dame of St. Andrew, Queen's Counsel, Governor-General of Barbados, DO HEREBY APPOINT the Lloyd Erskine Sandiford

Centre, Two Mile Hill, St. Michael as the place at which the session of Parliament shall be held on Wednesday, 20th October, 2021 and 10:00 in the morning as the time at which the said session shall commence.

Given under my hand and the  
Public Seal of Barbados this 18th day of  
October, 2021, and in the seventieth year  
of Her Majesty's Reign.

### **ROLL CALL**

A Roll Call of the Members of both Chambers was conducted by the Clerk of Parliament.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER**

Mr. Speaker announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid and Senator Miss L. C. Moe.

Mr. Speaker read the following:

### **PROCEDURE GUIDE FOR THE JOINT MEETING OF BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT**

Section 14(1) of the Constitution (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 2021 which was proclaimed on the 11th day of October, 2021 as Statutory Instrument 2021 No. 68 provides as follows:

In accordance with the provisions of this section,

- (a) the Prime Minister shall; and
- (b) the Leader of the Opposition may,

no later than 15th October, 2021, nominate a person to be elected as the President of Barbados.

(2) If the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition make in writing to the Speaker a joint nomination of a qualified candidate for election as President, being a nomination to which that candidate has consented, the Speaker shall notify both Houses of the joint nomination and, at a joint meeting of both Houses, the Speaker shall ask the members whether any member has an objection to the candidate being declared duly elected and if no member objects thereto, the Speaker shall declare the candidate duly elected.

The following Letter was received by the Speaker:



Ref. No. 0075/10

12 October 2021

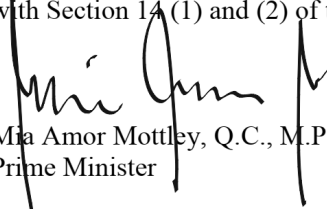
His Honour  
Speaker of The Honourable  
The House of Assembly  
Parliament of Barbados  
c/o Worthing Corporate Centre  
Wothing  
Christ Church

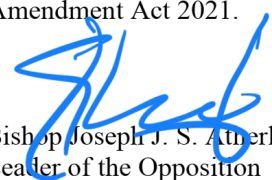
Dear Mr. Speaker,

Section 14 (1) of the Constitution Amendment Act 2021 provides for the Prime Minister and the Leader of Opposition to no later than the 15th October 2021 nominate a person to be elected as President of Barbados.

I have the honour to inform you that Her Excellency Dame Sandra Mason, G.C.M.G., DA, QC, Governor-General, has assented to the proposal to be nominated as President and Head of State of Barbados by myself, as Prime Minister, and by the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon. Joseph Atherley.

I therefore officially advise of you, Mr. Speaker, of the joint nomination of Her Excellency Dame Sandra Mason, G.C.M.G, DA, QC, Governor-General, by the Prime Minister of Barbados and the Leader of the Opposition of Barbados in accordance with Section 14 (1) and (2) of the Constitution Amendment Act 2021.

  
Mia Amor Mottley, Q.C., M.P.  
Prime Minister

  
Bishop Joseph J. S. Atherley, J.P., M.P.  
Leader of the Opposition

His Honour  
Speaker of The Honourable  
The House of Assembly

The Speaker informed the Honourable the House of Assembly on the 12th day of October, of this joint nomination.

By letter dated and addressed to His Honour Senator Reginald Farley, the President of the Senate, the following letter was sent:



*His Honour Arthur Holder, M.P.*  
SPEAKER, HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS

Your Ref.:

Our Ref.:

Tel.: (246) 426-5858

Fax: (246) 436-4143

**October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**His Honour Senator Reginald R. Farley**  
President of the Senate  
Parliament of Barbados  
C/o Worthing Corporate Centre  
Worthing  
**CHRIST CHURCH**

Dear Mr. President

I have the honour to inform the Honourable the Senate that the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition have in accordance with section 14(2) of the Constitution (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 2021 jointly nominated Her Excellency Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, GCMG, DA, QC, for the election to the office of President of Barbados.

I further have the honour to inform you that the election will take place at a joint meeting of both Houses on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre, Two Mile Hill in the parish of Saint Michael.

As the Honourable the Senate is not meeting at this time, it will not be possible for the usual Message to be sent to your Chamber.

Will you therefore bring the fact of that joint nomination to the attention of Senators before that joint meeting and formally to the attention of the Honourable the Senate when next it meets.

I have the honour to be yours faithfully.

**Arthur E. Holder**  
Speaker of the House of Assembly

Section 14 (8) The Speaker shall cause adequate notice of the election of a President to be published in the Gazette but the period of such notice shall be not less than,

- (a) if there is only one nominee, seven days; and
- (b) .....

The following Notice was gazetted:

**S.I. 2021 No. 69**

Constitution (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 2021  
Act (2021-22)

**ELECTION OF PRESIDENT NOTICE, 2021**

The Speaker, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 14(8) of the *Constitution (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 2021*, gives the following Notice:

1. This Notice may be cited as the *Election of President Notice, 2021*.
2. The Hon. Miss Mia Amor Mottley, Q.C. M.P., Prime Minister, and Bishop the Hon. Joseph J.S. Atherley, J.P. M.P., Leader of the Opposition, have jointly nominated Her Excellency Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, GCMG, D.A., Q.C. for election to the office of President of Barbados.
3. The election will take place at a joint meeting of both Houses on the 20th day of October, 2021 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre, Two Mile Hill in the parish of Saint Michael.

Given by the Speaker this 12th day of October, 2021.

A. HOLDER  
Speaker

Mr. Speaker asked whether any Member had an objection to the candidate being declared.  
Senator C. A. Franklyn objected.

**SUSPENSION**

Mr. Speaker suspended the Joint Meeting.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Mr. President read the Statement of the Poll taken in the Honourable Senate on the election of the President of Barbados. 18 votes were cast in favour of the candidate and there were none against.

Mr. Speaker read the Statement of the Poll taken in the Honourable the House on the election of the President of Barbados. There were 27 votes in favour and none against.

The candidate having received not less than two-thirds of the votes cast in each House, Mr. Speaker declared the candidate duly elected.

Mr. Speaker read the following:

**INSTRUMENT OF ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME GREETINGS**

WHEREAS it is provided by section 14(2) of the *Constitution (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 2021* (Act 2021-22) that if the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition make in writing to the Speaker a joint nomination of a qualified candidate for election as President, being a nomination to which that candidate has consented, the Speaker shall notify both Houses of the joint nomination and at a joint meeting of both Houses the Speaker shall ask the members whether any member has an objection to the candidate being declared duly elected and if no member objects thereto, the Speaker shall declare the candidate duly elected:

AND WHEREAS the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition jointly nominated Her Excellency Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, Dame Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and St George, Dame St Andrew, Queen's Counsel, Governor General of Barbados as the candidate for election for the office of President of Barbados:

AND WHEREAS the Speaker notified both Houses of the joint nomination and at a joint meeting of both Houses held on the 20th day of October, 2021 at the Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre one member objected to the said Dame Sandra Prunella Mason being declared duly elected:

AND WHEREAS pursuant to section 14(3), (4), (5) and (6) of the *Constitution (Amendment) (No. 2) Act 2021* (Act 2021-22) aforementioned, the Speaker suspended the joint meeting and the members reconvened in their respective House where the question mentioned in the first paragraph hereof was put to the vote and immediately upon announcement of the vote in each House the joint meeting resumed and the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House announced the result of the vote:

AND WHEREAS the candidate aforementioned received 18 votes in the Senate and 27 votes in the House of Assembly being not less than two-thirds of the votes cast in each House;

NOW THEREFORE I, Arthur Holder, Speaker of the House of Assembly of Barbados in accordance with the provisions of section 14 of the *Constitution (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 2021* (Act 2021-22) do hereby declare the said, Dame Sandra Prunella Mason elected as the President of Barbados.

Given under my hand this 20th day of October 2021

ARTHUR E. HOLDER (sgd)  
Speaker



Bishop J. J. S. Atherley spoke.  
Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Joint Sitting was adjourned.

At 12.20 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, Q.C.  
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified true and correct the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
LLOYD ERSKINE SANDIFORD CENTRE  
TWO MILE HILL  
ST. MICHAEL





**JOINT MEETING OF  
HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
AND SENATE**

**SECOND SESSION OF 2018 – 2023**

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**MINUTES**

Wednesday, 20th October, 2021.

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