



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Tuesday, the 29th day of September, 2026, at 10.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

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

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

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. (*Prime Minister, Minister of Economic Affairs and Development, Minister of National Security*)

Hon. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. (*Minister in the Prime Minister's Office – Pan African Affairs and Heritage*)

Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Energy, Business Development and Commerce*)

Mr. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (*Dist.*)

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (*Minister of Technological and Vocational Training*)

Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (*Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*)

Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister of Sports and Community Empowerment*)

Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (*Chairman of Committees*)

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill, J.P. (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*)

Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour, Social Security and the Third Sector*)

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Transport and Works*)

Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister of Finance*)

Hon. Ms. M. K.-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Prime Minister's Office – Economic Affairs and Planning*)

Ms. T. N. S.-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A.

Dr. the Hon. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and Works*)

Dr. the Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc., DBA (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness*)

Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance*)

Hon. M. A. Lashley, LL.B. (Hons.), L. E. C. (*Minister of Legal Affairs and Criminal Justice*)

Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb. (*Minister of Home Affairs and Information*) (*Acting Attorney General wef 29th September, 2026*)

Mr. R. R. Brathwaite, J.P., B.Sc.

Ms. T. Trotman, LL.B., L.E.C.

ABSENT

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Deputy Prime Minister*) (*Minister of Environment, National Beautification and Fisheries*) (*Leader of Government Business*), Dr. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min., Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B., L.E.C., (*Senior Minister*) (*Attorney General*), Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Public and Private Investment*), Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S., Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (*Minister of the Public Service and Talent Development*), Hon. C. J. Blackman, J.P., LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. (*Minister of Education Transformation*) and Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. (*Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security*).

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Canon Mark Harewood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 15th September, 2026 were deferred on the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds, seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith.

ORDERS OF THE DAY**SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the motion of Hon. K. D. Symmonds, seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith, Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**ORDER NO. 7**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE LEASE OF LAND AT
THE GARRISON ST. MICHAEL BY THE STATE TO
THE BARBADOS NATIONAL ART GALLERY**

On the Order being called Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith the passing of the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, approve the lease to the Barbados National Art Gallery of a parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at the Garrison in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island and more particularly described in the *First Schedule* on the terms and conditions set out in the *Second Schedule* for the purpose of headquarters and to house the Barbados National Art Gallery.

FIRST SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at "BLOCK A", the Garrison in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island containing by admeasurement 4035.2 square metres or thereabouts abutting and bounding on a public road on two sides which leads to Garrison Road and to Dalkeith Road in one direction and to Graydon Sealy Secondary School and to Dayrells Road in the other direction on lands now or formerly of the Barbados Government (Block B) and on other lands now or formerly of the Barbados Government (Pavement) or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a Plan certified on the 28th day of November, 2023 by Kevin R. Belgrave, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 1st day of December, 2023 as Plan No. 1899/2023 together with the building thereon.

SECOND SCHEDULE

The lease to the Barbados National Art Gallery ("the lessee") of the property of the State ("the lessor") situate at the Garrison in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island and more particularly described in the *First Schedule* is on the following terms and conditions:

SECOND SCHEDULE – *Cont'd*

- (a) the lease shall be for a period of 25 years with an option to renew for a further period of 25 years;
- (b) an initial concessionary rent at a rate of \$6 000 per annum during the first 5 years of the lease, payable monthly in advance at a rate of \$500 per month;
- (c) rent shall be subject to review at 5-yearly intervals;
- (d) the lease shall have a 5-year notice break clause exercisable after the second rent review allowing either party to bring it to an end;
- (e) notwithstanding paragraph (d), where the lease is brought to an end by the lessor because of a need for it to resume ownership, the lessee shall be compensated for the market renovated costs, less any depreciation at the date of resumption;
- (f) the lessee shall be responsible for the insurance of the building, public liability and occupiers' liability at the demised premises, the repairs and maintenance of the building, the payment of utilities and other outgoings arising out of the use of the site;
- (g) the lessee shall bear the cost of development of the demised premises and shall comply with the *Planning and Development Act, 2019* (Act 2019-5) any other statutory requirements;
- (h) the lessee shall advise the Ministry responsible for Housing, Lands and Maintenance of the replacement cost of the building and plant on the demised premises on completion of the refurbishment or improvements;
- (i) the lessor shall be indemnified against all actions, costs, claims and demands in respect of any injury to or death of any person or damage to any property which may arise directly or indirectly as a result of the lessee's use of the demised premises;
- (j) the lessee shall not assign, sublet or otherwise dispose of the demised premises by lease or part with possession without the prior written consent of the lessor, such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld; and
- (k) at the end of the lease period or its earlier determination, the building, structures and other facilities and improvements, regardless of stage of construction, shall revert to the lessor for nil consideration.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

Dr. the Hon. R. O. Springer spoke.

Hon. T. A. Prescod spoke.

Hon. C. D. L. Gibbs spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, seconded by Hon. A. R. Forde the Sitting was suspended at 1.05 p.m. to 2.25 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 5

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) BILL, 2026

On the Order being called for Hon. M. A. Lashley to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend certain enactments to make better provision for the administration of justice in criminal trials,

the Hon. Member began to speak, Mr. Speaker interjected.

Hon. M. A. Lashley resumed his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Hon. M. A. Lashley resumed and concluded his speech and moved seconded by Hon. A. R. Forde that the Bill be read a second time.

Hon. G. P. B. Nicholls spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Hon. M. A. Lashley spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. M. A. Lashley, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House went into Committee Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 5 were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. M. A. Lashley, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey.

On the motion of Hon. M. A. Lashley, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Chairman reported the passing of the Bill in Committee to Mr. Speaker who resumed the Chair and reported accordingly.

On the separate motion of Hon. M. A. Lashley seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, seconded by Hon. M. A. Lashley, the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 6th October, 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

At 4.27 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, K.C.

Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
, 2026.

day of

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

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Government Printing Department.