



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable The Senate

Pursuant to the Proclamation by His Excellency the President of Barbados the Senate met in the Senate Chamber, Parliament at the Parliament Buildings on Friday, the 20th day of February, 2026, at 4 o'clock p.m.

Senator the Most Honourable Reginald Richardo Farley, FB, GA, J.P.
Senator the Most Honourable Henrietta Elizabeth Thompson, FB
Senator the Most Honourable Mr. Jerome Xavier Walcott, FB, J.P.
Senator the Hon. Ms. Lisa Renée Cummins
Senator the Hon. Jonathan Warren David Reid
Senator the Hon. Christopher Peter Sinckler
Senator the Hon. Shane Alexi Archer
Senator John Andrew King, J.P.
Senator Miss Roshanna Wenisha Trim
Senator Ramon Orlando Alleyne
Senator Ms. Kamisha Nikita Benjamin
Senator Miss Janeil Cherice Akelia Odle
Senator Rev. Canon Dr. John Augustine Rogers
Senator Andrew William Mallalieu
Senator Dr. Kenneth Leon Connell
Senator Andrew Montague Albert Niles
Senator Mary-Anne Redman
Senator Ryan Gordon de Boulay Forde
Senator Jamal Aaron Antwone Slocombe
Senator Ryan Oneal Walters
Senator Ms. Karina Shelina Christina Goodridge

At 3.30 p.m. the Members of the Senate met in a designated Chamber in the Parliament Buildings in proximity to the Senate Chamber.

BUSINESS OF THE DAY
PROCLAMATION OF COMMENCEMENT OF SESSION

The Deputy Clerk read the following Proclamation:

S.I. 2026 No.



J.D. Bostic
President

By His Excellency Lieutenant Colonel
The Most Honourable Jeffrey Davidson
Bostic, Freedom of Barbados, Member of
the Royal Victorian Order, President of
Barbados.

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 President may appoint:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that a session of Parliament shall be held at the Parliament Buildings, Bridgetown, commencing on the 20th day of February, 2026:

NOW THEREFORE by virtue and in exercise of the power and authority in me vested, I, Lieutenant Colonel The Most Honourable Jeffrey Davidson Bostic, Freedom of Barbados, Member of the Royal Victorian Order, President of Barbados, **DO HEREBY APPOINT** the Parliament Buildings, Bridgetown, as the place at which a session of Parliament shall be held and 4:00 hours in the afternoon on Friday, 20th day of February, 2026, as the time at which the said session shall commence.

Given under my hand and the Public
Seal of Barbados this 19th day of February,
2026.

ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

The Deputy Clerk invited nominations for the office of President of the Senate.

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins moved the appointment of Senator the Most Honourable Reginald Richardo Farley, FB, GA as President of the Senate.

There being no further nomination, Senator the Most Honourable Reginald Richardo Farley, FB, GA was declared duly elected to the office of President of the Senate.

His Honour the Most Honourable Senator Reginald Richardo Farley, FB, GA assumed the Chair and spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Senate was suspended to resume again at pleasure, for the purpose of receiving the address of His Excellency the President of Barbados.

SITTING OF PARLIAMENT

ENTRY OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT OF BARBADOS

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the arrival of His Excellency the Most Honourable Jeffrey Davidson Bostic, FB, MVO the President of Barbados. His Excellency proceeded by the President of the Senate and followed by His Excellency's entourage entered the Senate Chamber and took their places.

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Rev. Father Wayne McD. Kirton, J.P. BSS.

SUMMONING OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

His Excellency the President of Barbados directed the Sergeant-at-Arms to summon the Members of the House of Assembly.

The Members of the House of Assembly led by His Honour the Speaker-elect entered the Senate Chamber and took their places.

His Excellency the President of Barbados approved the election of His Honour the Speaker who sought and obtained from His Excellency the Ancient Rights and Privileges as enjoyed by former Assemblies.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

His Excellency the President of Barbados addressed the gathered Assembly, then handed copies of the speech to His Honour the President of the Senate and His Honour the Speaker of the House of Assembly.

The Members of the House of Assembly withdrew from the Chamber in procession.

His Excellency the President of Barbados and party accompanied by His Honour the President of the Senate withdrew from the Chamber.

RESUMPTION OF SITTING

On resumption His Honour the President resumed the Chair.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

His Honour the President reported that His Excellency the President of Barbados had presented him with a copy of his address.

ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins the Standing Orders of the Honourable the Senate were adopted as the Standing Orders for the Session.

ELECTION OF THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT

On the motion of Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson was elected Deputy President of the Senate.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE MANAGEMENT

COMMISSION OF PARLIAMENT

Senators the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott and Ryan Oneal Walters were duly elected to the Commission.

APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

Senators the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, Senator Ryan O. Walters and Senator Rev. Canon Dr. John A. Rogers were duly elected to the Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF SELECTION

Mr. President spoke and the Report of the Committee of Selection was deferred.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDERS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins moved that the Senate be adjourned *sine die*.

The motion was passed.

At 4.50 p.m. Mr. President adjourned the Sitting.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
, 2026.

day of

President.

SENATE CHAMBERS
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN
ST. MICHAEL

SENATE

FIRST SESSION OF 2026 – 2031

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