



# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

## The Honourable the House of Assembly

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At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Tuesday the 15th day of November, 2022, at 10.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

### PRESENT

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| His Honour A. E. Holder, B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Speaker</i> )  |  |
| Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P.   | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i> )                                  |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.  | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. ( <i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i> )                                      |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.  | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i> )                                |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) ( <i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i> )  | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</i> )   |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Acting Prime Minister</i> ) ( <i>Senior Minister</i> ) ( <i>Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources</i> ) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. ( <i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i> )                   |
| Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. ( <i>Senior Minister in the Prime Minister's Office</i> )   | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs</i> )                      |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i> ) ( <i>Acting Attorney General</i> )  | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney ( <i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i> )                           |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Business Development</i> )                                     | Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. ( <i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Water Resources</i> ) |
|  | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology</i> )                      |
|  | Hon. C. A. Lane, J.P. ( <i>Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney General</i> )                                   |
|  | Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs   |

**ABSENT**

His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. (*Deputy Speaker*), Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. (*Prime Minister; Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions*), Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs*), Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*), Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology, Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*), Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (*Minister of Labour, Social Security and the Third Sector*), Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness*), Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. and Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, M.B.A.

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 8th November, 2022 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

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

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****ORDER NO. 6****BARBADOS NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY  
AND ACTION PLAN 2020**

On the Order being called, Hon. A. R. Forde spoke on the following Resolution:

WHEREAS the Government of Barbados has been a Party, by ratification, to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity since 10th March, 1994 and is committed to ensuring that Barbados maintains compliance with its obligations under the Convention;

AND WHEREAS, as part of such compliance, the first National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan was submitted to the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity on 6th December, 2002 and laid in Parliament on 10th December, 2002 and five national reports have been submitted to date;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Barbados acknowledges that the document has served as the guiding policy for biodiversity conservation and management for the past two decades;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Barbados affirms its continuing commitment to the conservation, management and sustainable use of Barbados' biological, genetic and land resources to the betterment of society and its citizens;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Barbados undertook the project to revise its National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, taking into consideration its own national priorities, the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity's 10-Year Strategic Plan and the zero-draft Global Biodiversity Framework;

AND WHEREAS the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan was updated through a consultative process with relevant stakeholders, taking into account national capacity and existing programmes of work;

AND WHEREAS the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan developed twelve targets for continued, improved biodiversity conservation and management, along with strategic objectives and activities for the achievement of these targets;

AND WHEREAS successful implementation of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan will rely on an appropriate framework being established to competently and effectively undertake the activities under the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan;

AND WHEREAS the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2020 undertaken by the Biodiversity Conservation and Management Section of the Ministry of Environment and National Beautification, Green and Blue Economy and the United Nations Environment Programme, was formally completed in December 2020;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Parliament of Barbados:

1. Accepts the Barbados National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2020 as the guiding national policy document for the management and conservation of Biodiversity in Barbados, and the associated reports, namely
  - (a) Barbados National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2020 at Appendix I;
  - (b) the user friendly version of the Barbados National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2020 at Appendix II;
  - (c) Policy for National Biodiversity Management 2020 at Appendix III;
  - (d) Barbados National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan Communication Strategy 2020 at Appendix IV; and
  - (e) Barbados National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan Resource Mobilization Strategy 2020 at Appendix V;
2. Agrees that the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2020 be made available to the public of Barbados through the National Library Service and the online platform of the Government Information Service;
3. Lauds the efforts of the various stakeholders engaged in the production of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan 2020;
4. Reminds Barbadians of the importance of the conservation, management, and responsible and sustainable utilisation of Barbados' biological, genetic and land resources; and
5. Reaffirms its commitment to ensure that Barbados remains on a path of sustainable development through integrated natural resource management practices,

and moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey who spoke that the Resolution be passed.

Dr. R. O. Springer spoke.

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Sitting was suspended at 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 6 (resumed)**

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.

Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

Hon. R. R. Straughn spoke.

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands spoke.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 22nd November, 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

At 4.43 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

Speaker.

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