



# 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 17th day of September, 2024, 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*)  
Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (*Deputy Speaker*)
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| Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i> ) ( <i>Senior Minister</i> )  | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i> )               |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A.  | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. ( <i>Chairman of Committees</i> )  |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. ( <i>Senior Minister</i> ) ( <i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i> )   | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill ( <i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i> )                  |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.  | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector</i> )          |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) ( <i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i> )  | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S.  |
| Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. ( <i>Deputy Prime Minister</i> ) ( <i>Senior Minister</i> ) ( <i>Minister of Transport and Works</i> ) ( <i>Leader of Government Business</i> ) | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. ( <i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i> )  |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i> )   | Hon. Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology</i> )  |
| Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology ( <i>Leader of the Opposition</i> )   | Mr. N. G. H. Rowe, J.P.   |
| Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i> )  | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A.  |
| Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. ( <i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification and the Green and Blue Economy</i> )   | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney ( <i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i> )          |
|  | Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. ( <i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Works</i> ) |
|  | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</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**

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*), Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (*Senior Minister*)(*Minister of Planning and Development in the Prime Minister's Office*), Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. (*Minister of Home Affairs and Information*) and Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Finance*).

### **PRAYERS**

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

### **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the following meetings:

- Tuesday, 27th February, 2024
- Tuesday, 11th June, 2024
- Tuesday, 25th June, 2024
- Tuesday, 2nd July, 2024
- Tuesday, 9th July, 2024
- Tuesday, 16th July, 2024
- Tuesday, 23rd July, 2024
- Tuesday, 30th July, 2024
- Friday, 9th August, 2024

were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

### **OBITUARY**

The Honourable The House observed a moment of silence as a mark of respect on the passing of The Honourable Dame Maizie Irene Barker-Welch, DBE, CHB, BCH, LLD (Hons) former Member of Parliament and Minister of Government.

**MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT  
AND THE ACTING PRESIDENT**

Mr. Speaker read the following:



**STATE HOUSE  
BARBADOS**

**Ref. No. PB: 2/S. 1 A**

**9th August, 2024**

***Dear Mr. Speaker,***

***I wish to inform that I shall be away from office during the periods  
11th to 22nd August, 2024 and 25th to 31st August, 2024 on vacation leave.***

***In accordance with the provisions of Section 33 of the Constitution,  
The Very Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Douglas Gibson, will perform the functions  
of the Office of President during my absence.***

***As The Honourable The House of Assembly will not be meeting  
prior to the start of my vacation leave, it will not be possible for the usual formal  
Message to be sent to your Chamber. Will you, therefore, please bring my  
absence formally to the attention of The Honourable The House of Assembly  
when next it meets.***

***Yours faithfully,***

**PRESIDENT**

***His Honour  
The Speaker of The House of Assembly  
Parliament Buildings  
BRIDGETOWN***



**STATE HOUSE  
BARBADOS**

**Ref. No. PB: 2/S. 1 A**

**4th September, 2024**

**Dear Mr. Speaker,**

***I wish to inform the The Honourable The House of Assembly that the President, Her Excellency the Most Honourable Dame Sandra Mason, FB, GCMG, DA, SC, LLD, has extended her vacation leave from 1st to 7th September, 2024.***

***In accordance with the provisions of Section 33 of the Constitution, I have taken the necessary Oaths to perform the functions of the Office of President during Her Excellency's absence.***

***As The Honourable The House of Assembly is not meeting at this time, it will not be possible for the usual formal Message to be sent to your Chamber. Will you, therefore, please bring the absence of Her Excellency formally to the attention of the Honouable The House of Assembly when next it meets.***

***Yours faithfully,***

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Mason'.

**ACTING PRESIDENT**

***His Honour  
The Speaker of The House of Assembly  
Parliament Buildings  
BRIDGETOWN***

### PAPERS

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney by command laid the following:

- Annual Report of the Deighton Griffith Secondary School for the year September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021.
- Audited Financial Statements of the Barbados Accreditation Council for the Financial years ended March 31, 2020, March 31, 2021 and March 31, 2022.

### FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Tourism Development (Amendment) Bill, 2024 was read a first time.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

Mr. Speaker vacated the Chair in favour of the Deputy Speaker.

### GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

#### ORDER NO. 6 (resumed)

#### RESOLUTION THAT THE PARLIAMENT OF BARBADOS TAKE NOTE OF THE 2023-2028 NATIONAL POLICY ON AGEING

Hon. D. I. Ishmael spoke.

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

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke.

### SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Sitting was suspended at 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.

### RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

#### ORDER NO. 6 (resumed)

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

### ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the House was adjourned to Monday, 30th September, 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

At 4.00 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, Q.C.

Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the  
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day of

Speaker.



**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

**FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027**

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**MINUTES**

Tuesday, 17th September, 2024.

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