



# 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 25th day of July, 2023, at 10.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

### 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. Miss M. A. Mottley, S.C., LL.B. ( <i>Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic Affairs, Culture, Security, Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions</i> ) | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i> )                                  |
| Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P.  | Hon. A. R. Forde, RPh. ( <i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification</i> )                                      |
| Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.) L.E.C. ( <i>Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs</i> )   | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. ( <i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</i> )                                |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. ( <i>Senior Minister</i> ) ( <i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</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>Deputy Prime Minister</i> ) ( <i>Senior Minister</i> ) ( <i>Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources</i> )        | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill ( <i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</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. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) ( <i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and the Third Sector</i> )                       |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i> )  | Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs</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> )  | Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc.  |
| Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology  | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A.   |
|   | 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, 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**

Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A., Mr. E. G. Hinkson, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M., Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance*), Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (*Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness*) and Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (*Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs*).

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 18th July, 2023 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

The Minutes of the meeting of Thursday, 20th July, 2023 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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**

Resolution that this Honourable House takes notice and supports the Statement made by the Minister of Tourism and International Transport on the 21st July, 2023 on the Memorandum of Understanding dated the 18th July, 2023 for a Public-Private Partnership signed on the 18th July, 2023 between the Grantley Adams International Airport Inc. and the Office of H. H. Sheikh Ahmed Dalmoock Al Maktoum, an entity registered and incorporated in the United Arab Emirates and Agencias Universales S.A., a company incorporated in Chile, for the modernization, expansion, upgrading and Management of the Grantley Adams International Airport inter alia.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds spoke.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid began to speak and gave way.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the time limit for the speech of the Hon. K. D. Symmonds was extended.

Hon. K. D. Symmonds resumed and concluded his speech.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke.

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

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill spoke and moved seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid that Resolution be amended and passed as follows:

WHEREAS the Grantley Adams International Airport is in need of investment having not had major capital investment for a period of two decades;

AND WHEREAS during the COVID19 pandemic, the Airport moved from a position of profit to one significant loss having seen a cessation of commercial traffic;

AND WHEREAS during the period of cessation of commercial traffic the Grantley Adams International Airport retained its entire staff complement;

AND WHEREAS airports which play a pivotal role in all economies, have to remain relevant, competitive, appealing and financially successful in order to fully play their crucial role in contributing to continued economic and social growth and development;

AND WHEREAS a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated 18th July, 2023 for a Public-Private Partnership was signed between the Grantley Adams International Airport Inc. (GAIA Inc.) and the Office of H. H. Sheikh Ahmed Dalmook Al Maktoum, an entity registered and incorporated in the United Arab Emirates and Agencias Universales S.A., a company incorporated in Chile, for the modernisation, expansion, upgrading and management of the GAIA;

AND WHEREAS on the 21st July, 2023 the Hon. Minister of Tourism and International Transport made and laid a Statement in the Honourable the House of Assembly concerning the history leading to the said MOU and the terms and conditions thereof;

BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House:

1. Takes notice and supports the said Statement of the Honourable Minister of Tourism and International Transport on the said MOU and its content;
2. Recognises and supports the commitment of the Government of Barbados to repositioning Barbados in the global aviation industry and redefining its role as a regional hub and as a beacon of excellence for travelers and cargo in the Americas; and
3. Supports the Government's pledge to broaden economic enfranchisement and contribute to the expansion of opportunities for the workers of Barbados and the creation of wealth for them.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid the House was adjourned to Friday, 28th July, 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

Speaker.

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