



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 22nd day of April, 2025, 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*)
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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. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Training and Tertiary Education</i>) |
| 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>) | Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i>) |
| Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) | Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification, Green and Blue Economy</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 and Works</i>) (<i>Leader of Government Business</i>) | Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (<i>Chairman of Committees</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</i>) (<i>Minister of Planning and Development in the Prime Minister's Office</i>) | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i>) | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector</i>) |
| | Dr. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. |
| | Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. (<i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</i>) |
| | Mr. N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. |
| | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A. |
| | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (<i>Minister of Economic Affairs and Investment</i>) |
| | Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</i>) |
| | Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs |

ABSENT

Her Honour Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. (*Deputy Speaker*), Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*), Mr. E. G. Hinkson, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M., Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment*), Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Finance*), Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc., Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. (*Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Works*) and Mr. C. A. Lane, J.P.

PRAYERS

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on Friday, 7th February, 2025 and Tuesday, 11th February, 2025 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker announced that he was in receipt of the following:

1. The Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements of the Government of Barbados for the year ended 31st March, 2023.
2. The Auditor General Report 2024; and
3. Special Audit Report on the Building Programme of the Home Ownership Providing Energy Inc (HOPE Inc).

The Speaker also announced the receipt of and read the following letter from Mr. Edmund G. Hinkson, S.C., M.P.

Edmund G. Hinkson, M.P.

Member of Parliament - St. James North



22nd April, 2025

His Honour Arthur E. Holder, S.C., M.P.
The Speaker of the House of Assembly of Barbados,
Parliament of Barbados,
BRIDGETOWN

Dear Your Honour,

Re: Resignation of Edmund Gregory Hinkson, S.C., M.P. as St. James North Member of Parliament

In accordance with **Section 45(1)(b) of the Constitution of Barbados**, I hereby give notice that I shall resign from the Parliament of Barbados as the Member for the Constituency of Saint James North effective Friday, 25th April, 2025 at 10.00 am.

Please be accordingly guided.

I thank Parliament's management and staff for all of the courtesies which were extended to me during my period as a Member.

Yours Faithfully,

EDMUND G. HINKSON, S.C.

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PAPERS

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw by command laid the following:

National Payment System (Fees) Regulations, 2025.

The Annual Report and Financial Statement of the National Cultural Foundation (NCF) for the year ended March 31, 2022.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw gave notice of the following:

Resolution that Parliament rescind the allocation of funds under

- (a) designated Programme 040: Direction & Policy Formulation Services, Subprogramme 7060: General Management and Coordination Services, Account Code 316: Grants to Public Institutions voted for under Head 27 Ministry of Tourism and International Transport and the grant of \$5,000,000;
- (b) designated Programme 163: Fisheries Management & Development, Subprogramme 173: Fisheries Services, Account Code 230: Contingencies, in the grant of \$17,443,503; and Programme 164: General Support Services, Subprogramme 0385: Markets, Account Code 230: Contingencies, and the grant of \$146,089 voted for under Head 82 Ministry of Environment and National Beautification

appearing on Resolution No. 2/2025 passed by this Honourable House on 14th March 2025.

Resolution that Parliament approve the allocation under

- (a) Programme 040: Direction & Policy Formulation Services, Subprogramme 0022: Contingencies Account Code 230: Contingencies, in the amount: \$1,146,089;
- (b) Programme 040: Direction & Policy Formulation Services, Subprogramme 0022: Contingencies, Account Code 730: Contingencies, in the amount of \$16,443,503;
- (c) Programme 040: Direction & Policy Formulation Services, Subprogramme 0022: Contingencies, Account Code 430: Contingencies, in the amount of: \$5,000,000

under Head 34; Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs and Investment appearing in Resolution No. 2/2025 approved by this Honourable House on the 14th March, 2025 and to make consequential amendments thereto.

Resolution to approve in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, the vesting in the National Housing Corporation of a parcel of land the property of the State situate at Coverley in the parish of Christ Church in this Island for housing development.

Resolution to approve in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, the lease to the Barbados Association for Cancer Advocacy (BACA) of the property situate at Coverley in the parish of Christ Church in this Island to facilitate the establishment of a hospice and palliative care facility for the terminally ill under the terms and conditions stated in the Second Schedule.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, the Sitting was suspended at 10.48 a.m. to 10.55 a.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw gave notice of the following:

- Storm Water Management Bill, 2025.
- Integrated Coastal and Marine Management Bill, 2025; and
- Barbados National Honours and Decorations (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the Bills following were read a first time:

- Storm Water Management Bill, 2025.
- Integrated Coastal and Marine Management Bill, 2025; and
- Barbados National Honours and Decorations (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

ORDERS OF THE DAY
SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of 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.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw sought and obtained leave to withdraw the Bills following:

- Storm Water Management Bill, 2024.
- Integrated Coastal and Marine Management Bill, 2025.
- Barbados National Honours and Decorations (Amendment) Bill, 2025; and
- Insurance (Amendment) Bill, 2025

and to substitute the following:

- Storm Water Management Bill, 2025.
- Integrated Coastal and Marine Management Bill, 2025 (Revised); and
- Barbados National Honours and Decorations (Amendment) Bill, 2025 (Revised).

ORDER NO. 3

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT BILL, 2025

On the Order being called for Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to provide for the management of storm water; the planning and execution of works necessary to prevent flooding and inundations caused by excessive rains and by high tides and the prevention and mitigation of injury to persons and damage to property from the effects of the movement of water, particularly storm water,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the Sitting was suspended until 2.45 p.m.

At 1.25 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 3 (resumed)

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

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

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Mr. P. R. Phillips spoke.

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

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House went into Committee, Mr. P. R. Phillips in the Chair.

Clauses 1 to 36 were called in parts and passed on the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

The Schedule was called and passed on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands.

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands 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. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ORDER NO. 10

BARBADOS NATIONAL HONOURS AND DECORATIONS
(AMENDMENT) BILL, 2025

On the Order being called for Hon. D. D. Marshall to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Act to amend the Barbados National Honours and Decorations Act, 2021 (Act 2021-23) to expand the national honours conferred thereunder, the circumstances under which such national honours may be conferred and matters related thereto,

the Hon. Member spoke and moved, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Bill be read a second time.

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke in reply.

The Bill was read a second time.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams 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. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid.

Clause 6 was called.

Clause 6 (as amended) was passed on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

Clause 7 and the Schedule were called and passed on the separate motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams.

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams 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. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Bill was read a third time and passed and the title read and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the House was adjourned to Thursday, 24th April, 2025 at 2.00 p.m.

At 5.52 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 _____, 2025.

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Tuesday, 22nd April, 2025.

Government Printing Department.