



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

The Honourable the House of Assembly

AND

The Honourable the Senate

At a joint meeting of the Senate and the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on Tuesday, the 7th day of October, 2025, pursuant to section 32(2) of the Constitution of Barbados.

The Honourable the House of Assembly PRESENT

- His Honour A. E. Holder, S.C., 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, National Security and the Public Service, CARICOM and the Development Commissions</i>) | Hon. A. R. Forde, Rph. (<i>Minister of Environment and National Beautification, Green and Blue Economy</i>) |
| Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P. | Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (<i>Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment</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. P. R. Phillips, J.P. (<i>Chairman of Committees</i>) |
| Mr. T. A. Prescod, J.P., B.A. | Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (<i>Minister of Tourism and International Transport</i>) |
| Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade</i>) | Hon. C. E. Jordan, B.Sc. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector</i>) |
| Mr. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) – on-line | 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>) |
| 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. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance</i>) |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. (<i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i>) | Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc. |
| Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Training and Tertiary Education</i>) | Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A. |
| Mr. R. A. Thorne, K.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology (<i>Leader of the Opposition</i>) | Hon. Miss K. S. McConney (<i>Minister of Economic Affairs and Investment</i>) |
| Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (<i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</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>) |
| | Mr. C. A. Lane, J.P. |
| | Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs (<i>Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance</i>) |
| | Hon. C. J. Blackman, J.P., LL.B., LL.M., ACI Arb. (<i>Minister of Educational Transformation</i>) |

**The Honourable the Senate
PRESENT**

His Honour Senator the Most Honourable R. R. Farley, FB, J.P., B.Sc., C.P.A., C.M.A. (<i>President</i>) Senator the Most Honourable Mr. J. X. Walcott, FB, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S., (Edin.), J.P. (<i>Senior Minister</i>) (<i>Minister of Health and Wellness</i>) Senator the Hon. Ms. L. R. Cummins, B.Sc., M.Sc. (<i>Minister of Energy and Business Development</i>) (<i>Leader of the Senate</i>) Senator the Hon. J. W. D. Reid, B.A. (Hons.) (<i>Minister of Innovation, Industry, Science and Technology</i>) Senator Dr. the Hon. S. M. Munro-Knight, Ph.D. (<i>Minister in the Prime Minister's Office</i>) Senator J. A. King, B.S.S., J.P. Senator Miss P. E. Parris, J.P. Senator A. A. O. Boyce, B.Sc., M.Sc., LL.B.	Senator G. P. B. Nicholls, B.Sc. (Hons.), LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M., MCI Arb. Senator Rev. C. M. Morris, B.A. (Theology), B.A. (Hist. & Sociology), Dip. Ed., M.A. Senator Miss R. W. Trim, B.Sc. Senator the Hon. L. E. Nurse, F.C.A., F.C.C.A. Senator K. J. Boyce, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. Senator Dr. C. N. Drakes, B.Sc. (Econ. & Mgmt), M.Phil Econ., Ph.D. Senator Rev. Canon Dr. J. A. Rogers, B.Sc., B.A. (Hons.), M.Phil., Ph.D. Senator A. W. Mallalieu, C.P.A., F.R.I.C.S. Senator R. O. Walters, M. B. A. Senator A. R. Worrell, J.P., B.A. (Hons.)
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ABSENT

Her Honour Senator the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson, FB, LL.B., L.E.C., M.B.A. (Dist.), LL.M. (*Deputy President*), Senator Mr. C. A. Maynard, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S. (ENT) and Senator Ms. M. C. Taitt, Q.C., LL.B. (Hons.), M.B.A.

Mr. Speaker accompanied by His Honour the President proceeded into the Chamber of the House of Assembly.

Mr. Speaker assumed the Chair.

PRAYERS

Prayers were led by Reverend Canon Mark Harewood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker announced that he was in receipt of excuses for absence from Senators Her Honour the Most Honourable Ms. H. E. Thompson, Deputy President and Mr. C. A. Maynard.

DECLARATION OF ELECTION OF A PRESIDENT

Mr. Speaker read Sections 32(1) and (2) of the Constitution of Barbados.

Mr. Speaker advised of the receipt of and read the following:



PRIME MINISTER
BARBADOS

Ref. No. C100/1

16th September, 2025

His Honour Neil G. H. Rowe, J.P., M.P.
Deputy Speaker of the House of Assembly
Parliament of Barbados
Parliament Buildings
Trafalgar Street
BRIDGETOWN

Dear Mr. Deputy Speaker

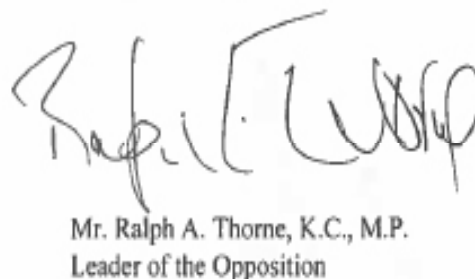
Section 32(1) of the *Constitution of Barbados* provides for the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition to jointly nominate a person to be elected as President of Barbados.

I have the honour to inform you that Lieutenant Colonel the Most Honourable Jeffrey Davidson Bostic, FB, MVO has assented to the proposal to be nominated as President and Head of State of Barbados by myself as Prime Minister, and by the Leader of the Opposition, the Honourable Ralph Thorne, K.C., M.P.

I therefore officially advise you, Mr. Deputy Speaker, of the joint nomination of Lieutenant Colonel the Most Honourable Jeffrey Davidson Bostic, FB, MVO by the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition in accordance with section 32(1) and (2) of the *Constitution of Barbados*.



The Honourable Mia Amor Mottley, S.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Barbados



Mr. Ralph A. Thorne, K.C., M.P.
Leader of the Opposition

Mr. Speaker read the following:



HIS HONOUR NEIL G. H. ROWE, JP, M.P.

DEPUTY SPEAKER, HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, TRAFALGAR STREET, BRIDGETOWN, BARBADOS

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September 16th, 2025

His Honour Senator the Most Honourable Reginald Farley, FB, JP

President of the Senate
Parliament of Barbados
Parliament Buildings
Trafalgar Street
BRIDGETOWN

Dear Mr. President,

I have the honour to inform the Honourable the Senate that the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition have in accordance with section 32(2) of the Constitution of Barbados jointly nominated Lieutenant Colonel the Most Honourable Jeffrey Davidson Bostic, FB, MVO for the election of the office of President of Barbados.

I further have the honour to inform you that the election will take place at a joint meeting of both Houses on the 7th of October, 2025 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the Parliament of Barbados, Parliament Buildings, Trafalgar Street in the parish of Saint Michael.

As the Honourable the Senate is not meeting at this time, it will not be possible for the usual Message to be sent to your Chamber.

Will you therefore bring the fact of that joint nomination to the attention of Senators before that joint meeting and formally to the attention of the Honourable the Senate when next it meets.

I have the honour to be yours faithfully.

His Honour Neil G. H. Rowe, JP, M.P.
Deputy Speaker of the House of Assembly

S.I. 2025 No. 87

Constitution of Barbados

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT NOTICE, 2025

The Deputy Speaker, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 32(11) of the *Constitution of Barbados*, gives the following Notice:

1. This Notice may be cited as the *Election of President Notice, 2025*.
2. The Hon. Miss Mia Amor Mottley, S.C., M.P., Prime Minister, and Mr. Ralph A. Thorne, K.C., M.P., Leader of the Opposition, have jointly nominated Lieutenant Colonel the Most Honourable Jeffrey Davidson Bostic, FB, MVO for election to the office of President of Barbados.
3. The election will take place at a joint meeting of both Houses on the 7th day of October, 2025 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the Parliament of Barbados, Parliament Buildings, Trafalgar Street in the parish of Saint Michael.

Given by the Deputy Speaker this 16th day of September, 2025.

N. ROWE

Deputy Speaker

A Roll Call of the Members of the Honourable the House and the Honourable the Senate was called. Mr. Speaker asked whether there was any objection to the candidate being declared elected. There was none. Mr. Speaker made the following declaration.

INSTRUMENT OF ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME GREETINGS

WHEREAS it is provided by section 32(2) of the *Constitution of Barbados* that if the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition make in writing to the Speaker a joint nomination of a qualified candidate for election as President, being a nomination to which that candidate has consented, the Speaker shall notify both Houses of the joint nomination and at a joint meeting of both Houses the Speaker shall ask the members whether any member has an objection to the candidate being declared duly elected and if no member objects thereto, the Speaker shall declare the candidate duly elected:

AND WHEREAS the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition jointly nominated Lieutenant Colonel the Most Honourable Jeffrey Davidson Bostic, FB, MVO as the candidate for election for the office of President of Barbados:

AND WHEREAS the Speaker notified both Houses of the joint nomination and, at a joint meeting of both Houses held on the 7th day of October, 2025 at the Parliament of Barbados no member objected to the said Lieutenant Colonel the Most Honourable Jeffrey Davidson Bostic, FB, MVO being declared duly elected:

NOW THEREFORE I, Arthur Holder, Speaker of the House of Assembly of Barbados in accordance with the provisions of section 32(2) of the *Constitution of Barbados* do hereby declare the said Lieutenant Colonel the Most Honourable Jeffrey Davidson Bostic, FB, MVO elected as the President of Barbados.

Given under my hand this 7th day of October 2025

Speaker

Mr. R. A. Thorne spoke.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HIS HONOUR THE SPEAKER (recommitted)

Mr. Speaker recognised the presence of and welcomed :

Parliamentarian from Canada;

Parliamentarian from Gibraltar;

His Hon Claudius Francis, Speaker of St. Lucia and the Clerk of Parliament; and

His Hon. Joseph Isaac, Speaker of the Parliament of Dominica.

All delegates to the 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference being hosted by Barbados.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid the Sitting was suspended at 11.15 a.m. to 11.30 p.m.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. President and the Members of the Senate proceeded out of the Chamber.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

PAPERS (recommitted)

Hon. R. R. Straughn by command laid the following:

- Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (CBL Developments SRL and GT Developments SRL) Order, 2025.
- Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Corsair Cove SRL and Port Ferdinand SRL) Order, 2025.
- Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Sandridge Beach SRL) Order, 2025.
- Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (St. Peter's Bay SRL) Order, 2025.
- Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (TropOps SRL) Order, 2025.
- Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (Mina (Barbados) Hospitality SRL) Order, 2025.
- Duties, Taxes and Other Payments (Exemption) (The Maria Holder Memorial Trust) (No.3) Order, 2025.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS (recommitted)

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Caribbean Community (Free Movement of Nationals) Bill, 2025 was read a first time.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the House was adjourned to 13th October, 2025 at 10.00 a.m.

At 11.35 a.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the
, 2025.

day of

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

**JOINT MEETING OF THE SENATE
AND THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Tuesday, 7th October, 2025.