



# 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 12th day of September, 2023, 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*)  
His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, J.P. (*Deputy Speaker*) (**Online**)
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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> ) | Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip Theology  |
| 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> )  | 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> )                                   |
| 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 the Third Sector</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> )        | Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. ( <i>Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness</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. K. D. M. Humphrey, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A. ( <i>Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs</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 State in the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Business Development</i> )  | 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**

Hon. K. D. Symmonds, B.A., LL.B. (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade*), Hon. D. G. Sutherland, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.B.A. (Dist.) (*Minister of Housing, Lands and Maintenance*), Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. (*Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security*), Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment*) and Hon. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. (*Minister in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs*).

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meetings of Thursday, 20th July 2023; Tuesday, 25th July 2023; Friday, 28th July 2023 and Friday, 11th August 2023 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. Auditor General's Report 2022; and
2. The Report of the Accountant General and the Financial Statement of the Government of Barbados for the Financial year ended March 31, 2022.

**MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. Speaker read the following:



STATE HOUSE  
BARBADOS

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13<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

*Dear Mr. Speaker,*

*I wish to inform that I shall be away from office during the period 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 to 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2023 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 Honourable  
The House of Assembly  
Parliament Buildings  
Trafalgar Street  
Bridgetown*

**PAPERS**

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

1. Land Tax (Rate of Tax) Order, 2023; and
2. Land Valuation (Fresh Valuations) Order, 2023.

**FIRST READINGS OF BILLS**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Commissioners of Probates Bill, 2023 was read a first time.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

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

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**ORDER NO. 9**

Resolution to approve in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, the lease to the Autism Association of Barbados, a charity registered under the *Charities Act*, Cap. 243 as Charity No. 612 of a parcel of land, the property of the State situate at the Garrison in the parish of Saint Michael, in this Island for its Basic Life Skills Programme.

On the Order being called Mr. Speaker acknowledged the presence of representatives from the Barbados Council for the Disabled and the Autism Association.

Dr the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke on the following Resolution:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225, approve the lease to the Autism Association of Barbados, a charity registered under the *Charities Act*, Cap. 243 as Chartiy No. 612 of a parcel of land, the property of the State situate at the Garrison in the parish of Saint Michael, in this Island and more particularly described in the *First Schedule* on the terms and conditions set out in the *Second Schedule* to this Resolution for its Basic Life Skills Programme.

**FIRST SCHEDULE**

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at the Garrison in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island containing by admeasurement 836.5 square metres or thereabouts (inclusive of 120.0 square metres in the road reserve and 9.5 square metres in sidewalk) abutting and bounding on a public road which leads to Philips Road on lands now or formerly of the Barbados Government ("Carpark") on a road on a public road and on another public road known as St. Matthias Road which leads to Kings Village in one direction and to Garrison Road in the other direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 30th day of June, 2021 by Kevin R. Belgrave, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 7th day of July, 2021 as Plan No. 786/2021 together with the building situated thereon.

## SECOND SCHEDULE

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The lease to the Autism Association of Barbados ("the Lessee") of the parcel of land, the property of the State ("the Lessor"), situate at the Garrison in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island and more particularly described in the *First Schedule* is on the following terms and conditions:

- (a) the lease shall be for a period of 10 years with an option to renew for an additional period of 10 years;
- (b) initial rent shall be \$3 000.00 plus value added tax per annum payable monthly in advance at a rate of \$250.00 per month plus value added tax;
- (c) the rent is to be reviewed at 5 year intervals;
- (d) the lessee shall be responsible for putting and keeping the demised premises in good repair, inclusive of structural repairs, throughout the term;
- (e) the lessee shall bear the cost of developing the site and comply with any Planning and Development Department and other statutory requirements;
- (f) the lessee shall be responsible for all outgoings, inclusive of land taxes, property and liability insurances arising from the use of the premises;
- (g) the lessee shall be responsible for insuring the demised premises at its full reinstatement cost in the joint names of the lessor and lessee;
- (h) the lessee shall be responsible for the maintenance of the demised premises which shall be kept clean and tidy and appropriately landscaped throughout the lease and any renewal thereafter;
- (i) the demised premises is to be used for the express purposes of the Autism Association of Barbados; and
- (j) that the demised premises shall revert to the State for nil consideration.

and moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the Resolution be passed.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

**SUSPENSION**

At 1.10 p.m. on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands the Sitting was suspended to 2:40 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker assumed the Chair.

**ORDER NO. 9 (resumed)**

Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne spoke.

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

Hon. Miss K. S. McConney spoke.

Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Hon. Miss M. A Mottley spoke.

Further consideration of the Resolution was postponed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall the House was adjourned to Friday, 22nd September, 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

At 5.54 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

N. R. JONES, Q.C.

Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the  
, 2023.

day of

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS  
BRIDGETOWN.

**HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**

**FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027**

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**MINUTES**

Tuesday, 12th September, 2023

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