

# MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OF

# The Honourable the House of Assembly

At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre, Two Mile Hill, St. Michael on Friday, the 4th February, 2022 at 10.00 a.m. pursuant to original writs from Her Excellency the Most Honourable Dame Sandra Mason, FB, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Island of Barbados, the members present on return of writs of election for the following constituencies were as follows:

> Mr. Arthur Eugene Holder - St. Michael Central Hon. Miss Mia Amor Mottley, Q.C. - St. Michael North East Miss Cynthia Yvonne Forde, J.P. - St. Thomas Hon. Dale Dermont Marshall, Q.C. - St. Joseph Mr. Trevor Anthony Prescod - St. Michael East Mr. Edmund Gregory Hinkson - St. James North Hon. Dwight Gregory Sutherland - St. George South Hon. Miss Santia Josette Omara Bradshaw - St. Michael South East Dr. the Hon. William Fondleroy Duguid, J.P. - Christ Church West Hon. Ms. Cheryl Sandra Velda Husbands - St. James South Hon. Wilfred Arthur Abrahams - Christ Church East Mr. Ralph Anthony Thorne, Q.C. - Christ Church South Hon. Indar Anthony Weir – St. Philip South Hon. Adrian Ryan Forde - Christ Church West Central Hon. Charles McDonald Griffith - St. John Mr. Peter Ricardo Phillips, J.P. - St. Lucy Hon. George Patrick Ian Gooding-Edghill - St. Michael West Central Hon. Colin Everett Jordan – St. Peter Dr. the Hon. Sonia Elaine Browne - St. Philip North Hon. Kirk Duncan Matthew Humphrey - St. Michael South Hon. Ryan Ricardo Straughn - Christ Church East Central Ms. Marsha Kelly-Ann Caddle - St. Michael South Central Mr. Neil Gabriel Hollis Rowe, J.P. - St. Michael North West Ms. Toni Nicole Sherry-Ann Moore - St. George North Hon. Miss Kay Sharon McConney - St. Philip West Dr. Romel Orlanda Springer, J.P. - St. Andrew Hon. Davidson Ian Ishmael - St. Michael North Mr. Christopher Daniel Leron Gibbs – St. Michael West Mr. Corey Alexander Lane, J.P. - City of Bridgetown

#### ABSENT

Hon. Kerrie Drurard Symmonds.

#### PROCLAMATION

The Presiding Clerk of Parliament read to the House the following Proclamation by Her Excellency the President:



S. MASON President By Her Excellency The Most Honourable Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, Freedom of Barbados, Dame Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Dame of Saint Andrew, Queen's Counsel, Doctor of Laws, President of Barbados.

## A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS it is provided by section 60(1) of the *Constitution* that each session of Parliament shall be held at such place and commence at such time as the President may appoint:

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that a session of Parliament shall be held at Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre, Two Mile Hill, Saint Michael, commencing on the 4th day of February, 2022:

NOW THEREFORE by virtue and in exercise of the power and authority vested in me, I, The Most Honourable Dame Sandra Prunella Mason, Freedom of Barbados, Dame Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Dame of Saint Andrew, Queen's Counsel, Doctor of Laws, President of Barbados, DO HEREBY APPOINT the Lloyd Erskine Sandiford Centre, Two Mile Hill, Saint Michael as the place at which a session of Parliament shall be held on Friday, 4th day of February, 2022 and 10:00 hours in the morning as the time at which the said session shall commence.

> Given under my hand and the Public Seal of Barbados this 3rd day of February, 2022.

#### **ELECTION OF SPEAKER**

The Presiding Clerk informed the House of Assembly that by letter dated the 4th day of February, 2022 Her Excellency the President of Barbados desired the House to elect a Speaker. She also read Standing Order 2 of the Standing Orders of the House of Assembly.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley moved, seconded by Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, that Mr. Arthur E. Holder do take the Chair of the House as Speaker.

#### There being no other nomination His Honour A. E. Holder was declared elected and he took the Chair. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey, Mr. P. R. Phillips, J.P. was elected Chairman of Committees.

## **ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams, the Standing Orders of the previous Parliament were adopted as the Standing Orders.

#### **ELECTION OF DEPUTY SPEAKER**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. C. McD. Griffith, Mr. N. G. H. Rowe was elected Deputy Speaker.

#### SUMMONS FROM PRESIDENT

The House received from the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate the summons of the President for its attendance on Her Excellency in the Other Place.

#### **SUSPENSION**

The House was suspended to attend the summons of the President for the President's address and to resume immediately thereafter.

The Honourable Senate proceeded to the Honourable the Senate where the election of the Speaker was approved by Her Excellency the President.

#### RESUMPTION

On resumption, Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

Mr. Speaker announced that he had received a copy of the President's address from Her Excellency, the President.

# APPOINTMENT TO MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. I. A. Weir the following Members were appointed to serve on the Management Commission:

- 1. Hon. Colin Jordan;
- 2. Hon. Dale Marshall, Q.C.;
- 3. Mr. Peter Phillips, J.P.; and
- 4. Ms. Toni Moore.

#### APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the following were appointed Members of the Committee of Privileges:

- 1. Dr. Romel Springer, J.P.;
- 2. Hon. Kirk Humphrey;
- 3. His Honour Neil Rowe, J.P.;
- 4. Miss Cynthia Forde, J.P.; and
- 5. Hon. Wilfred Abrahams.

#### **APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the following were appointed to serve on the Committee of Public Accounts:

- 1. Mr. Edmund Hinkson;
- 2. Ms. Marsha Caddle;
- 3. Hon. Colin Jordan;
- 4. Mr. Corey Lane, J.P.;
- 5. Mr. Ralph Thorne, Q.C., and
- 6. Hon. Kerrie Symmonds.

#### APPOINTMENT OF STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the following were appointed to serve on the Standing Orders Committee:

- 1. Hon. Davidson Ishmael;
- 2. Dr. the Hon. Sonia Browne;
- 3. Hon. Miss Kay McConney;
- 4. Ms. Marsha Caddle;
- 5. Hon. Dwight Sutherland; and
- 6. Hon. Indar Weir.

#### APPOINTMENT TO LIBRARY COMMITTEE

On the separate motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the following were appointed to serve on the Library Committee:

- 1. Hon. Charles Griffith;
- 2. Ms. Marsha Caddle;
- 3. Dr. the Hon. William Duguid;
- 4. Mr. Trevor Prescod;
- 5. Hon. Ryan Straughn;
- 6. Hon. Adrian Forde; and
- 7. His Honour Arthur Holder (Speaker).

# BUSINESS UNDER STANDING ORDER 10

# **GOVERNMENT NOTICES**

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw gave notice of the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2022.

# FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams the Constitution (Amendment) Bill, 2022 was read a first time.

#### **GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)**

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

- 1. The Final Appropriation (2019-2020) Bill, 2022;
- 2. The Final Appropriation (2020-2021) Bill, 2022;
- 3. A 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 the parcel of land situate at Worthing in the parish of Christ Church in this Island;
- 4. The Barbados Metrology Bill, 2022;
- 5. The Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, 2022;
- 6. The Water Reuse Bill, 2022; and

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# The Barbados Water Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2022.

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- 3. The Barbados Metrology Bill, 2022;
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- 5. The Water Reuse Bill, 2022; and
- 6. The Barbados Water Authority (Amendment) Bill, 2022.

# ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey at 11.45 a.m. the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 8th February, 2022 at 10.00 hours in the forenoon.

# BEVERLEY S. GIBBONS Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the , 2022.

day of

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY LLOYD ERSKINE SANDIFORD CENTRE TWO MILE HILL ST. MICHAEL

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