

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF**  
**THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY**  
(First Session of 2022-2027)

At a meeting of the House of Assembly at the Parliament Buildings on **Friday** the **7th** day of **February, 2025**, at **10 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)**

**HER HONOUR MISS C. Y. FORDE, J.P., L.C.P. (Deputy Speaker)**

Hon. Miss M. A. **MOTTLEY**, S.C., LL.B.,  
(Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Economic  
Affairs, Culture, Security, Public Service,  
CARICOM and the Development Commissions)

Hon. D. D. ~~**MARSHALL**~~, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.),  
L.E.C., (Attorney General and Minister of Legal  
Affairs) (Senior Minister)

Mr. T. A. **PRESCOD**, J.P., B.A.

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. D. G. **SUTHERLAND**, B.Sc., M.Sc.,  
M.B.A. (dist.) (Minister of Housing, Lands and  
Maintenance)

Hon. Miss S. J. O. ~~**BRADSHAW**~~, LL.B. (Hons.)  
L.E.C., (Deputy Prime Minister) (Senior  
Minister) (Minister of Transport and Works)  
(Leader of Government Business)

Dr. the Hon. W. F. **DUGUID** J.P., B.D.S.,  
F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (Senior Minister)  
(Minister of Planning and Development in the  
Prime Minister's Office)

Hon. W. A. **ABRAHAM**S, S.C., LL.B. (Minister  
of Home Affairs and Information) *(acting Alt. Gen.  
Wet from 2nd Feb 2025)*

Hon. Ms. C. S. V. **HUSBANDS**, B.A. (Hons),  
M.Sc. (Minister of State in the Ministry of  
Education, Technological and Vocational  
Training)

Mr. R. A. **THORNE**, K.C., LL.B. L.E.C., Dip.  
Theology (Leader of the Opposition)

Hon. I. A. **WEIR**, M.B.A. (Minister of  
Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security)

Hon. A. R. **FORDE**, Rph. (Minister of  
Environment and National Beautification, Green  
and Blue Economy)

Hon. C. McD. **GRIFFITH**, B.Sc. (Minister of  
Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment)

Mr. P. R. **PHILLIPS**, J.P. (Chairman of  
Committees)

Hon. G. P. I. **GOODING-EDGHILL** (Minister of Tourism and International Transport)

Hon. C. E. **JORDAN**, B.Sc. (Hons.) (Minister of Labour, Social Security and Third Sector)

Dr. S. E. **BROWNE**, M.B.B.S.

Hon. K. D. M. **HUMPHREY**, B.Sc., M.Sc., M.P.A (Minister of People Empowerment and Elder Affairs)

Hon. R. R. **STRAUGHN**, B.Sc, M.Sc. (Minister in the Ministry of Finance)

Hon. Ms. M. K.-A. **CADDLE**, B.A., M.Sc. (Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology)

Mr. N. G. H. **ROWE**, J.P.

~~Ms. T. N. S. A. **MOORE**, M.B.A.~~

Hon. Miss K. S. **MCCONNEY** (Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training)

Dr. R. O. **SPRINGER**, J.P., Ph.D. (Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport and Works)

Hon. D. I. **ISHMAEL**, M.B.A., M.Sc. (Minister of State in the Ministry of Health & Wellness)

Hon. C. A. **LANE**, J.P. (Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney General)

~~Mr. C. D. L. **GIBBS**~~

**ABSENT**

(See names deleted)

*PAYERS*

~~Mr. Speaker took the chair at .....~~

Prayers were taken by *Rev Father Mark Harewood* .....

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on *Tuesday, 28th January, 2025* were ~~taken as read and were confirmed~~ / deferred on the motion of *Am W A Abraham*, seconded by *Hon. C A Layne* .....

*ANNOUNCEMENTS BY HER HON THE DEP SPEAKER*

*Madam Dep Speaker recognized the presence of*