

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 17th day of January, 2023, at 10.00 o'clock a.m. pursuant to the adjournment.

PRESENT

His Honour A. E. Holder, B.Sc. (Hons.), MSW, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (Speaker) His Honour N. G. H. Rowe, J.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)
- Miss C. Y. Forde, J.P., L.C.P.
- Hon. D. D. Marshall, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs)
- 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, 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, Works and Water Resources)
- Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid, J.P., B.D.S., F.D.S., F.D.R.C.S., M. Min. (Senior Minister in the Prime Minister's Office)
- Hon. W. A. Abrahams, LL.B. (Minister of Home Affairs and Information)
- Hon. Ms. C. S. V. Husbands, B.A. (Hons.), M.Sc. (Minister of State in the Ministry of ForeignTrade and Business Development)

- 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)
- 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 the Third Sector)
- 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 and Economic Affairs)
- Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc.
- 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, Works and Water Resources)
- Hon. D. I. Ishmael, M.B.A., M.Sc. (*Minister of Industry, Innovation, Science and Technology*)
- Hon. C. A. Lane, J.P. (Minister of State in the Office of the Attorney General)
- Mr. C. D. L. Gibbs

ABSENT

Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology and Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness).

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Friday, 16th December, 2022 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 recognised the presence of and extended a warm welcome to Ms. Stephanie King and Eva, the daughter and granddaughter respectively of the late Sir Maurice A. King and Lady Haynes, Carol a family friend; Mrs. Marvo Sisnett and Ryan and Amina Sisnett, the widow, son and daughter-in-law of the late Mr. L. L. Sisnett and Mr. Shon Franklin, the son of the late Sir Warwick O. Franklin and to Norma Neblett (on line) the widow of the late Mr. C. A. Neblett.

PAPERS

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

- The Annual and Audited Financial Statements of Grantley Adams International Airport Inc. for the year ended March 31, 2020.
- The Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Barbados Port Inc. for the year ended March 31, 2021.

FIRST READINGS OF BILLS

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, the Duties, Taxes and other Payments (Exemption) Bill, 2023 was read a first time.

OBITUARY SPEECHES

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw spoke and paid tribute to the following former Members of Parliament:

- Sir Maurice A. King, K.A., Q.C.;
- Sir Warwick O. Franklin, K.A., G.C.M., D.P.;
- Mr. Laurisford Leroy Sisnett; and
- Mr. Clifton A. Neblett.

Mr. E. G. Hinkson spoke.

Hon. A. R. Forde spoke.

Miss C. Y. Forde spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

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

Dr. R. O. Springer began to speak.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

Dr. R. O. Springer concluded his speech.

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley spoke.

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.

Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore spoke.

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

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

Mr. Speaker spoke.

The House observed a moment of silence in passing of the moved Resolution of Condolence with the family of the deceased.

SUSPENSION

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw recognised the presence of Senator the Hon. Rosa Galvez, President of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and a fellow member of the Board of Directors.

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw moved seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the suspension of the Sitting to 3.30 p.m.

Mr. Speaker acknowledged the presence of Ms. Beryl Bridgeman, Barbados' latest Centenarian and extended congratulations.

The motion was passed.

At 2.18 p.m. Mr. Speaker suspended the Sitting.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

Hon. D. D. Marshall gave notice of the following:

- 1. Resolution, in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act,* Cap. 225, to approve the vesting in the Barbados Tourism Investment Inc. of the parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Retreat, Six Men's in the parish of St. Peter in this Island for a public purpose of tourism development.
- 2. Resolution, in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act,* Cap. 225, to approve the vesting in the Barbados Tourism Investment Inc. of the parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Retreat, Six Men's in the parish of St. Peter in this Island for a public purpose of tourism development.
- 3. Resolution, in accordance with section 28(c) of the *Land Acquisition Act*, Cap. 228, to approve the vesting in the Barbados Tourism Investment Inc. of the parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Six Men's in the parish of St. Peter in this Island for a public purpose of tourism development.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall Standing Orders 6, 16, 18, 20, 42(5), 43 and 44 were suspended for the remainder of the Sitting.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS ORDER NO. 7

On the Order being called Hon. D. G. Sutherland sought and obtained leave to introduce Orders 7, 8 and 9 in a cognate debate.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland 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 vesting in the Barbados Tourism Investment Inc. of the parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Retreat, Six Men's in the parish of Saint Peter in this Island, more particularly described in the *Schedule* hereto for tourism development.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Six Men's in the parish of Saint Peter in this Island containing by admeasurement 1298.7 square metres (including 86.7 square metres in land and 1212 square metres in beach) abutting and bounding on lands now or formerly of Port Ferdinand S.R.L., on lands now or formerly of the Barbados Government (boulders), on the Sea (High Water Mark 7th June, 2022) on lands now or formerly of Corsair Cove S.R.L. (Lot P), and on a public road known as Highway #1 which leads to Shermans in one direction and to Heywoods in the other direction or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 15th day of September, 2022 by Garrick L. Jenkins, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 16th day of September, 2022 as Plan No. 1489/2022,

and moved seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall who reserved his right to speak that the Resolution be passed. Hon. C. E. Jordan spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 8

On the Order being called, Hon. D. G. Sutherland moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the following Resolution be passed:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act,* Cap. 225 approve the vesting in the Barbados Tourism Investment Inc. of the parcel of land, the property of the State situate at Retreat, Six Men's in the parish of Saint Peter in this Island, more particularly described in the *Schedule* hereto for tourism development.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Six Men's in the parish of Saint Peter in this Island containing by admeasurement 1136.7 square metres (being an aggregate of 1091 square metres in road comprised in Lot G1 and 45.7 square metres in road reserve comprised in Lot G2) abutting and bounding on lands now or formerly of the Barbados Government (Lot C2) on lands now or formerly of Corsair Cove SRL (Lot P) on a public road (Highway #1) leading to Shermans in one direction and to Six Men's Cul-de-Sac in another direction on Lot R on Lot A and on a public road known as Highway #1 which leads to Heywoods or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a plan certified on the 19th day of December, 2022 by Garrick L. Jenkins, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 19th day of December, 2022 as Plan No. 1966/2022.

The Resolution was passed.

ORDER NO. 9

On the Order being called, Hon. D. G. Sutherland moved seconded by Hon. D. D. Marshall that the following Resolution be passed:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 28(c) of the *Lands Acquisition Act*, Cap. 228 approve the vesting in the Barbados Tourism Investment Inc. of the parcel of land, the property of the State, situate at Six Men's in the parish of Saint Peter in this Island, more particularly described in the *Schedule* hereto for tourism development.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the State (formerly the Crown) situate at Six Men's in the parish of Saint Peter in this Island containing by admeasurement 2811 square metres or thereabouts (formerly part of a larger area of land comprising 116,168 square metres) abutting and bounding on lands now or formerly of S. P. Musson Son and Company on lands now or formerly of Six Men's Plantation on lands now or formerly of Port St. Charles Development Ltd. and on a public road known as Highway #1 which leads to Heywoods in one direction and to Shermans in the other direction or however else the same may abut and bound as delineated and shown on a plan certified on the 25th day of July, 2008 by Brian A. Hart, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 25th day of July, 2008 as Plan No. 937/2008.

The Resolution was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. D. D. Marshall spoke and moved seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams that the House be adjourned to Tuesday, 24th January, 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

Ms. M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

Mr. Speaker spoke. The motion was passed.

At 4.55 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.

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Speaker.

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