



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 2nd day of May, 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*)

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*)

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
Foreign Trade and Business Development*)

Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip.
Theology

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

Dr. the Hon. S. E. Browne, M.B.B.S. (*Minister of
State in the Ministry of Health and Wellness*)

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, J.P., 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

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*), 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*) and Hon. G. P. I. Gooding-Edghill (*Minister of Tourism and International Transport*).

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of Tuesday, 25th April, 2023 were deferred on the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael.

MESSAGES FROM HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Speaker read the following:



STATE HOUSE
BARBADOS

MESSAGE No. /2023

HER EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT

TO

THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Her Excellency the President wishes to inform The Honourable The House of Assembly that she will be absent from the country on duty leave during the period 2nd to 11th May, 2023.

Her Excellency further wishes to inform The Honourable The House of Assembly that, 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 for the period of Her Excellency's absence.

PRESIDENT

**STATE HOUSE
BARBADOS.**

27th April, 2023

PAPERS

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

- Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Barbados National Oil Company for the year ended March 31, 2022.

REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw laid the Report of the Standing Orders Committee dated 2nd May, 2023.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS

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

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw gave notice of a Resolution to approve in accordance with Section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap 225, the vesting in the Barbados Agricultural Development and Marketing Corporation of a parcel of land, the property of the State situate at Black Rock in the parish of Saint Michael for community agricultural purposes.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

ORDER NO. 12

Resolution to vest Land at Black Rock, St. Michael in the Barbados Agricultural Development and Marketing Corporation for community agricultural purposes.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke and moved seconded by Hon. D.I. Ishmael that the following Resolution be approved:

RESOLVED that Parliament in accordance with section 5 of the *Crown Lands (Vesting and Disposal) Act*, Cap. 225 approve the vesting of the parcel of land, the property of the State situate at Black Rock in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule* to this Resolution, in the Barbados Agricultural Development and Marketing Corporation, a corporation established by section 3 of the *Barbados Agricultural Development and Marketing Corporation Act*, Cap. 254, for community agricultural purposes.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT land the property of the State situate at Black Rock in the parish of Saint Michael in this Island containing by admeasurement 1.356 hectares (13 559 square metres) or thereabouts (which comprises the Parcel A being 1.052 hectares (10 520.0 square metres) and the Parcel B being 0.304 hectares (3 039.9 square metres) Abutting and Bounding on lands now or formerly of The Barbados Government (Psychiatric Hospital) on two sides on lands now or formerly of National Housing Corporation “Rosemont” on two sides on lands now or formerly of the The Barbados Government (Lot 1B) on lands now or formerly of National Housing Corporation (Open Space) and on Madison Terrace leading to Farm Road or however else the same may abut and bound as shown and delineated on a Plan certified on the 24th day of January, 2023 by Samuel N. Taylor, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 30th day of January, 2023 as Plan No. 142/2023.

His Honour N. G. H. Rowe spoke.

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.

Hon. C. McD. Griffith spoke.

SUSPENSION

On the motion of Hon. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael, the Sitting was suspended at 12.59 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.

RESUMPTION

On resumption Mr. Speaker resumed the Chair.

ORDER NO. 12 (resumed)

Hon. C. A. Lane spoke.

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

Hon. Miss M. K-A. Caddle spoke.

Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey spoke.

Mr. T. A. Prescod spoke.

Hon. D. G. Sutherland spoke in reply.

The Resolution was passed.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES (recommitted)

Hon. R. R. Straughn gave notice of Resolution to adopt the Report dated 2nd May, 2023 of the Standing Orders Committee.

GOVERNMENT BUSINESS (resumed)

ORDER NO. 13

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT REPORT DATED 2ND MAY, 2023

OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE

Hon. R. R. Straughn moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the Report be adopted.

The motion was passed.

Hon. R. R. Straughn moved seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey that the following Members be appointed to the respective following Committees:

1. COMMITTEE OF GOVERNANCE AND POLICY MATTERS
Member for Christ Church South
Member for St. Andrew
Member for St. James South
Member for St. Lucy.
2. COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC AND PRODUCTIVE SECTORS
Member for St. Michael West
Member for St. Philip North
Member for St. James South
Member for St. Michael South Central.
3. COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SECTOR AND THE ENVIRONMENT
Member for St. George North
Member for City of Bridgetown
Member for St. Thomas
Member for St. Michael East.

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. R. R. Straughn seconded by Hon. K. D. M. Humphrey the House was adjourned to Tuesday, 9th May, 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

At 4.32 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

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

The Minutes were certified correct and confirmed the _____ day of _____, 2023.

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS
BRIDGETOWN.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027

MINUTES

Tuesday, 2nd May, 2023.

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