



# 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 7th day of November, 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*)
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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> ) | Hon. I. A. Weir, M.B.A. ( <i>Minister of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Security</i> )                                  |
| 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. R. R. Straughn, B.Sc., M.Sc. ( <i>Minister in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs</i> )                      |
| Mr. E. G. Hinkson, S.C., LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C., LL.M.   | Ms. M. K-A. Caddle, B.A., M.Sc.  |
| 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. Miss K. S. McConney ( <i>Minister of Education, Technological and Vocational Training</i> )                           |
| Hon. W. A. Abrahams, S.C., LL.B. ( <i>Minister of Home Affairs and Information</i> )  | Dr. R. O. Springer, J.P., Ph.D. ( <i>Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Transport, Works and Water Resources</i> ) |
| 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> )  | 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> )                                   |
|   | and  |
|   | 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. Miss S. J. O. Bradshaw, LL.B. (Hons.), L.E.C. (*Deputy Prime Minister*) (*Senior Minister*) (*Minister of Transport, Works and Water Resources*), Mr. R. A. Thorne, Q.C., LL.B., L.E.C., Dip. Theology, Hon. C. McD. Griffith, B.Sc. (*Minister of Youth, Sports and Community Empowerment*), 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*), 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*) and Ms. T. N. S-A. Moore, J.P., M.B.A.

**PRAYERS**

Prayers were taken by Rev. Father Mark Harewood.

**MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meetings of Tuesday, 17th October, 2023 and Tuesday, 24th October, 2023 were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid.

**GOVERNMENT NOTICES**

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

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 a parcel of land situate at Dodds Plantation in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule* for residential, commercial and recreational purposes.

**STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS**

Hon. Miss M. A. Mottley made a statement on Corporate Tax Reform.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY****SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

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

**SUSPENSION**

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. W. A. Abrahams at 11.45 a.m. the Sitting was suspended until 12.30 p.m.

**RESUMPTION**

On resumption Mr. Speaker in the Chair.

**GOVERNMENT BUSINESS****ORDER NO. 10**

**RESOLUTION TO VEST LAND IN THE NATIONAL HOUSING CORPORATION AT DODDS PLANTATION, ST. PHILIP FOR RESIDENTIAL, COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL PURPOSES**

Dr. the Hon. W. F. Duguid spoke and moved seconded by Dr. R. O. Springer 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 in the National Housing Corporation of a parcel of land situate at Dodds Plantation in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island and more particularly described in the *Schedule* for residential, commercial and recreational purposes.

### SCHEDULE

**ALL THAT** land the property of the State situate at Dodds Plantation in the parish of Saint Philip in this Island containing by admeasurement 195,906.60 squares metres (19.591 hectares) or thereabouts abutting and bounding on lands now or late of Lillian Walrond deceased on lands now or late of Nathan D. Garner on lands now or late of Harold Franklin on lands now or formerly of Guinea Estates Inc. on lands now or formerly of Ronald Stoute & Sons Limited and on a public road known as Highway 4B which leads to Highway H in one direction and to Church Village 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 May, 2023 by Alex R. Chandler, Land Surveyor and recorded in the Lands and Surveys Department on the 16th day of May, 2023 as Plan No. 807/2023.

Hon. I. A. Weir spoke.

Hon. W. A. Abrahams spoke.

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

The Resolution was passed.

### ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Hon. D. D. Marshall seconded by Hon. D. I. Ishmael the House was adjourned until Tuesday, 14th November, 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

At 1.22 p.m. Mr. Speaker adjourned the Sitting.

BEVERLEY S. GIBBONS, J.P.  
Deputy Clerk of Parliament.

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

Speaker.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY  
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS  
BRIDGETOWN.

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**FIRST SESSION OF 2022 – 2027**

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