



***Senate***

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***House of Representatives***

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**Minutes of the proceedings of a Special Joint Sitting to celebrate the life of the late His Excellency, Sir Daniel Williams, former Governor-General held at the Parliament Chamber, Mt. Wheldale, St. George's on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.**

**PRESENT**

*Senate*

Madam President  
Senator the Honourable Dr. Dessima M. Williams  
*in the Chair*

Senator the Honourable David E. Andrew	- Minister for Education
Senator the Honourable Quinc Britton	- Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism, Creative Economy and Culture
Senator the Honourable Seville M. C. Francis	Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Youth & Sports
Senator the Honourable Dwight Horsford	- Member of the Senate
Senator the Honourable Dr. Myanna Charles	Member of the Senate
Senator the Honourable Claudette Joseph	- Attorney General & Minister for Legal Affairs, Labour and Consumer Affairs

Senator the Honourable Gloria Ann Thomas	- Minister for Social & Community Development, Housing and Gender Affairs
Senator the Honourable Mondy André Lewis	- Member of the Senate
Senator the Honourable Salim Rahaman	Member of the Senate
Senator the Honourable Roderick St. Clair	- Member of the Senate

### **ABSENT**

Senator the Honourable Adrian A. Thomas	- Minister for Tourism, Creative Economy and Culture
Senator the Honourable Norland Cox	- Member of the Senate, Deputy President

### **PRESENT**

#### *House of Representatives*

Mr. Speaker  
The Honourable Leo Cato  
*in the Chair*

Honourable Dickon Mitchell, MP ( <i>St. David</i> )	- Prime Minister & Minister for National Security, Home Affairs, Information, Disaster Management & Public Administration, Infrastructure and Physical Development, Public Utilities & Civil Aviation and Transportation
Honourable Lennox John Andrews, MP ( <i>St. Andrew South West</i> )	- Minister for Economic Development, Planning and Co-operatives, Agriculture & Lands, Forestry and Marine Resources
Honourable Dennis Cornwall, MP ( <i>St. Patrick East</i> )	- Minister for Finance

Honourable Philip A. Telesford, MP (St. George South-East)	- Minister for Health
Dr. the Rt. Hon. Keith C. Mitchell, PC, MP, JP (St. George North-West)	- Leader of His Majesty's Opposition
Honourable Delma Thomas, MP (St. Andrew North-West)	- Minister for Youth and Sports, Mental Health & Religious Affairs
Honourable Andy Williams, MP (South St. George)	- Minister for Mobilisation, Implementation and Transformation
Honourable Peter David, MP (Town of St. George)	- Member
Dr. the Hon. Clarice Modeste-Curwen, MP (St. Mark)	- Member
Honourable Kate Lewis, MP (St. Andrew North-East)	- Member
Honourable Emmalin Pierre, MP (St. Andrew South-East)	- Member

## **ABSENT**

Honourable Joseph Andall, MP ( <i>St. Patrick West</i> )	- Minister for Foreign Affairs, Trade & Export Development
Honourable Tevin Andrews, MP (Carriacou & Petite Martinique)	- Ministry of Carriacou, Petite Martinique Affairs and Local Government
Honourable Kerryne Z. James, MP (St. John)	- Minister for Climate Resilience, the Environment and Renewable Energy

Honourable Ron Livingston Redhead, MP                      - Member  
(St. George North-East)

## **PRAYERS**

The President said the Prayer for the Both Houses.  
The Speaker said the Lord's Prayer.

## **OATH OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Clerk of Parliament called on Dr. Myanna Charles to take Oath of Allegiance.  
Dr. Myanna Charles approached the Clerk's Table and took the Oath of Allegiance.  
Senator the Honourable Dr. Myanna Charles returned to her seat.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Madam President made the following announcements:

- The passing of former Senator Allen Mc Guire.
- Senator Norland Cox sent regrets for not being able to attend the Sitting and also extends condolences to the family of the late Daniel Williams.

Mr. Speaker made the following announcement:

- The death of former Member of the House of Representatives, and also a former Member of the Senate, the late Clarence Richard Rapier. He extended deepest sympathy and condolences to the members of the family.
- Absence of Members from the House of Representatives namely:

Honourable Ron Redhead who is sick  
Honourable Joseph Andall who is also unwell  
Honourable Kerryne James who is out of the island on State business.

He expressed that they all sent condolences to the family of Lady Williams and the family of the other two MP's that have died, and expressed their regret for not being able to be part of that very special ceremony.

**A Moment of Silence was taken.**

The Clerk noted the authority of Standing Order 12 of the House of Representatives and Standing Order 10 of the Senate to summon the Special Joint Sitting to celebrate the life of the late His Excellency, Sir Daniel Williams, former Governor-General who passed away on October 2, 2024.

## **MOTIONS**

Mr. Speaker called on the Prime Minister to deliver the Motion.

***The Prime Minister gave greetings and moved the following Motion standing in his name:***

### **MOTION TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF THE LATE SIR DANIEL WILLIAMS, GCMG, QC, FORMER GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF GRENADA.**

**WHEREAS** former Governor-General, His Excellency, Sir Daniel Williams, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, and Queens Counsel passed away on October 2, 2024.

**AND WHEREAS** His Excellency, Sir Daniel Williams, served as a Parliamentarian representing the Constituency of St. David and was a Minister of Government from 1984 to 1989.

**AND WHEREAS** His Excellency, Sir Daniel Williams, served the State of Grenada as Governor-General from 1996 to 2008 with unwavering dedication and a well-formed disposition of integrity;

**AND WHEREAS** His Excellency, Sir Daniel Williams, was an exceptional leader and an outstanding gatekeeper of the public interest, steadfastly upholding the values of democracy, justice, and good governance;

**AND WHEREAS** His Excellency, Sir Daniel Williams, was a paragon of virtue whose contributions far surpassed the ceremonial role of his Office, tirelessly promoting unity and stability in the interest of the State of Grenada;

**AND WHEREAS** the Members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives assembled at a Special Sitting of both Houses of Parliament, are desirous of honouring and paying their respects to the *late* Sir Daniel Williams for his esteemed Public Service, for nurturing the highest principles and practices while in the Service of the State of Grenada;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Special Joint Sitting of the Houses of Parliament held at Mt. Wheldale, St. George, this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2024, hereby recognize the substantial contributions made by His Excellency, Sir Daniel Williams, as a resolute Governor-General and an exemplar of erudite principles, respected and acknowledged throughout Grenada, regionally and extra regionally;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Special Joint Sitting of the Houses of Parliament of Grenada express profound sympathy to the Family, Relatives, and Friends of His Excellency, Sir Daniel Williams, and honour him for his humbled and distinguished service to the State of Grenada.

The Speaker thanked the Prime Minister.

The Leader of His Majesty's Opposition seconded the Motion as presented by the Honourable Prime Minister.

The Speaker thanked the Leader of His Majesty's Opposition.

Madam President called on Senator the Honourable David Andrew.

Senator the Honourable David Andrew rose to associate the Senate with the sentiments of the Motion as moved by the Honourable Prime Minister.

Madam President thanked Senator David Andrew and called on Senator Dwight Horsford.

Senator the Honourable Dwight Horsford rose and associated the Opposition in the Senate with the sentiments of the Motion as accepted by the Acting Leader of Government's Business.

Madam President thanked the Senator.

Mr. Speaker proposed the question to the House of Representatives.

Madam President welcomed Senator the Honourable Dr. Myanna Charles and proposed the question to the Senate.

The following Members made contributions to the Motion:

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| ➤ Honourable Prime Minister                                   | — | St. David             |
| ➤ Honourable Leader of His Majesty's Opposition<br>North-West | — | St. George            |
| ➤ Honourable Delma Thomas                                     | - | St. Andrew North-West |

➤ Honourable Philip Telesford	—	St George South-East
➤ Honourable Lennox Andrew	—	St. Andrew South-West
➤ Honourable Dennis Cornwall	-	St. Patrick East
➤ Honourable Kate Lewis	-	St. Andrew North-East
➤ Honourable Peter David	-	Town of St. George
➤ Honourable Clarice Modeste-Curwen	-	St. Mark
➤ Honourable Emmalin Pierre	-	St. Andrew South East
➤ Honourable Andy Williams	—	St. George South

Mr. Speaker turned over to Madam President for members on her side to make their contributions.

The following Senators made contributions to the Motion:

- Senator the Honourable David Andrew
- Senator the Honourable Mondy André Lewis
- Senator the Honourable Claudette Joseph
- Senator the Honourable Gloria Thomas
- Senator the Honourable Dwight Horsford
- Senator the Honourable Seville Francis
- Senator the Honourable Salim Rahaman
- Senator the Honourable Roderick St. Clair
- Senator the Honourable Dr. Myanna Charles
- Senator the Honourable Quinc Britton
- President, Senator the Honourable Dr. Dessima Williams

The Speaker, Honourable Leo Cato made his contribution to the Motion.

The mover of the Motion, the Honourable Prime Minister thanked all the Members who had expressed their sentiments in supporting the Motion and who had personally expressed their condolences or sympathy and their tributes to Sir Daniel's family.

**Question put by Mr. Speaker and agreed to by the House of Representatives.**

**Question put by Madam President and agreed to by the Senate.**

**Motion approved.**

Madam President advised that she would submit into the record a statement concerning the late Senator Allen McGuire.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Leader of Government's Business in the House of Representatives, Honourable Philip Telesford moved that the Honourable Houses be adjourned sine die.

Honourable Clarice Modeste-Curwen supported the Motion as presented by the Leader of Government's Business.

Senator the Honourable David Andrew associated the Senate with the sentiments of the Motion as moved by the Leader of Government's Business.

Senator the Honourable Dwight Horsford seconded the Motion as accepted by the Acting Leader of Government's Business in the Senate.

Mr. Speaker proposed the question for the adjournment sine die.

**Question put and agreed to.**

Madam President thanked the family members of the late Sir Daniel Williams for their presence.

Madam President proposed the question that the Senate be adjourned sine die.

**Question put and agreed to.**

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House of Representatives Sine Die.

Madam President adjourned the Senate Sine Die.



Houses adjourned sine die at 12:40 p.m.

Submitted to the President for her signature in accordance with Section 7 (2) of the Standing Orders of the Senate.



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Andrew Augustine  
**CLERK OF PARLIAMENT**

Signed by me pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 7 (2).



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Dr. Dessima W. Williams  
**PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE**

Submitted to the Speaker for his signature in accordance with Section 6 (2) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Augustine', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Andrew Augustine  
**CLERK OF PARLIAMENT**

Signed by me pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 6 (2).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leo Cato', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Leo Cato  
**SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**