



**THE STATES assembled on Thursday
25th January 2024, at 9.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of the Bailiff,
Sir Timothy John Le Cocq.**

All members were present at roll call with the exception of –

Connétable Philip Bond Le Sueur of Trinity – excused attendance (joined at 9.43 a.m.)
Deputy Philip Francis Cyril Ozouf of St. Saviour – en défaut (défaut raised at 9.40 a.m.)

Prayers

Standing Order 55A – remote participation

THE STATES, with reference to their Act dated 14th September 2021, in which they had agreed that, notwithstanding Standing Order 55A(1), members who did not wish to attend in the States Chamber might continue to take part in States meetings using Microsoft Teams (until the States had considered and voted upon a proposition to re-apply Standing Order 55A(1) or to repeal or vary the terms of the Standing Order), assembled in accordance with Standing Order 55A with members able to participate remotely using Microsoft Teams. The following Members attended remotely, either for all or part of the meeting –

Connétable Philip Bond Le Sueur of Trinity
Deputy Louise Mary Catherine Doublet of St. Saviour
Deputy Thomas Antony Coles of St. Helier South
Deputy Mary Rose Scott of St. Brelade
Deputy Rosemary Esther Binet of Grouville and St. Martin
Deputy Andrea Howell of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity

In accordance with the Act of the States dated 17th January 2024, elected Members absent from Jersey as a result of any travel arrangement made prior to the date on which ‘Vote of No Confidence: Chief Minister’ (P.1/2024) had been lodged were permitted to participate remotely.

Nominations for Chief Minister – ruling by the Bailiff

The Bailiff advised the Assembly of his ruling, following receipt of correspondence on the matter, that a nomination of Deputy Thomas John Albert Binet of St. Saviour for the office of Chief Minister could not be accepted as the nomination had been received after the deadline established by Standing Order 115(1), there being no discretion available to the Greffier of the States to accept nominations received after that deadline.

Photographs of the Meeting

THE STATES noted that the media had been permitted to take photographs of the proceedings during the first part of the meeting.

Chief Minister designate – nominations and selection

THE STATES noted that, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 115(1), three nominations had been received by the Greffier of the States for the office of Chief Minister designate, as follows –

Deputy Samuel Yves Mézec of St. Helier South, nominated by –

Deputy Geoffrey Peter Southern of St. Helier Central
Deputy Montfort Tadier of St. Brelade
Deputy Robert James Ward of St. Helier Central
Deputy Carina Soares Alves of St. Helier Central
Deputy Thomas Antony Coles of St. Helier South
Deputy Beatriz Borges de Sousa Vaz Moreno Porée of St. Helier South
Deputy Catherine Dolores Curtis of St. Helier Central
Deputy Lyndsay Victoria Feltham of St. Helier Central
Deputy Raluca Stefana Kovacs of St. Saviour

Deputy Lyndon John Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, nominated by –

Connétable Alan Simon Crowcroft of St. Helier
Connétable Philip Bond Le Sueur of Trinity
Connétable Richard Vibert of St. Peter
Connétable Marcus O'Donnell Troy of St. Clement
Connétable Richard Anthony Kingston Honeycombe of St. Ouen
Connétable Kevin Charles Lewis of St. Saviour

Deputy Ian Joseph Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter, nominated by –

Connétable Deirdre Wendy Mezbourian of St. Lawrence
Connétable Robert David Johnson of St. Mary
Deputy Stephen George Luce of Grouville and St. Martin
Deputy Louise Mary Catherine Doublet of St. Saviour
Deputy Kirsten Francis Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity
Deputy Stephen Morrison Ahier of St. Helier North
Deputy Inna Gardiner of St. Helier North
Deputy Kristina Louise Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter
Deputy David James Warr of St. Helier South
Deputy Helen Mary Miles of St. Brelade
Deputy Margaret Elaine Millar of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity
Deputy Malcolm Ross Ferey of St. Saviour
Deputy Lucy Kate Frances Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter
Deputy Max Brennan Andrews of St. Helier North

In accordance with the provisions set out in Standing Order 116, the Bailiff invited the Greffier of the States to read out the nominations, following which lots were drawn to determine the order in which the candidates would speak for a period of up to 10 minutes and be questioned thereafter for a period of up to one hour by elected members. Deputy Ian Joseph Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter was drawn first, Deputy Lyndon John Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter was drawn second and Deputy Samuel Yves Mézec of St. Helier South was drawn third. Each candidate withdrew from the Chamber whilst the other spoke and answered questions during the periods allotted.

THE STATES, having proceeded to a recorded vote in accordance with Standing Order 116, were informed of the results by the Bailiff as follows –

Deputy Samuel Yves Mézec of St. Helier South

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Deputy Lyndon John Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter	17
Deputy Ian Joseph Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter	21

There was one abstention.

Members present voted as follows –

MEMBERS VOTING FOR DEPUTY MEZEC (10 VOTES)

Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier Central
 Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade
 Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier Central
 Deputy C.S. Alves of St. Helier Central
 Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier South
 Deputy T.A. Coles of St. Helier South
 Deputy B.B.de S.V.M. Porée of St. Helier South
 Deputy C.D. Curtis of St. Helier Central
 Deputy L.V. Feltham of St. Helier Central
 Deputy R.S. Kovacs of St. Saviour

MEMBERS VOTING FOR DEPUTY FARNHAM (17 VOTES)

The Connétable of St. Helier
 The Connétable of St. Brelade
 The Connétable of Trinity
 The Connétable of St. Peter
 The Connétable of St. Martin
 The Connétable of St. John
 The Connétable of St. Clement
 The Connétable of St. Ouen
 The Connétable of St. Saviour
 Deputy C.F. Labey of Grouville and St. Martin
 Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat of St. Helier North
 Deputy L.J. Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter
 Deputy M.R. Scott of St. Brelade
 Deputy R.E. Binet of Grouville and St. Martin
 Deputy A. Howell of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity
 Deputy T.J.A. Binet of St. Saviour
 Deputy B. Ward of St. Clement

MEMBERS VOTING FOR DEPUTY GORST (21 VOTES)

The Connétable of St. Lawrence
 The Connétable of Grouville
 The Connétable of St. Mary
 Deputy S.G. Luce of Grouville and St. Martin
 Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour
 Deputy K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity
 Deputy S.M. Ahier of St. Helier North
 Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North
 Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter
 Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter
 Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf of St. Saviour
 Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache of St. Clement
 Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South

Deputy H.M. Miles of St. Brelade
 Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade
 Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity
 Deputy M.E. Millar of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity
 Deputy M.R. Ferey of St. Saviour
 Deputy A.F. Curtis of St. Clement
 Deputy L.K.F. Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter
 Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North

Deputy Karen Margaret Wilson of St. Clement abstained from voting.

In accordance with Standing Order 116(9), Deputy Samuel Yves Mézec of St. Helier South, the candidate in receipt of the lowest number of votes, withdrew.

THE STATES, having proceeded to a second recorded vote in accordance with Standing Order 116, were informed of the results by the Bailiff as follows –

Deputy Lyndon John Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter	27
Deputy Ian Joseph Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter	22

Members present voted as follows –

MEMBERS VOTING FOR DEPUTY FARNHAM (27 VOTES)

The Connétable of St. Helier
 The Connétable of St. Brelade
 The Connétable of Trinity
 The Connétable of St. Peter
 The Connétable of St. Martin
 The Connétable of St. John
 The Connétable of St. Clement
 The Connétable of St. Ouen
 The Connétable of St. Saviour
 Deputy G.P. Southern of St. Helier Central
 Deputy C.F. Labey of Grouville and St. Martin
 Deputy M. Tadier of St. Brelade
 Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat of St. Helier North
 Deputy R.J. Ward of St. Helier Central
 Deputy C.S. Alves of St. Helier Central
 Deputy L.J. Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter
 Deputy S.Y. Mézec of St. Helier South
 Deputy T.A. Coles of St. Helier South
 Deputy B.B.de S.V.M. Porée of St. Helier South
 Deputy M.R. Scott of St. Brelade
 Deputy C.D. Curtis of St. Helier Central
 Deputy L.V. Feltham of St. Helier Central
 Deputy R.E. Binet of Grouville and St. Martin
 Deputy A. Howell of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity
 Deputy T.J.A. Binet of St. Saviour
 Deputy R.S. Kovacs of St. Saviour
 Deputy B. Ward of St. Clement

MEMBERS VOTING FOR DEPUTY GORST (22 VOTES)

The Connétable of St. Lawrence

The Connétable of Grouville
The Connétable of St. Mary
Deputy S.G. Luce of Grouville and St. Martin
Deputy L.M.C. Doublet of St. Saviour
Deputy K.F. Morel of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity
Deputy S.M. Ahier of St. Helier North
Deputy I. Gardiner of St. Helier North
Deputy I.J. Gorst of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter
Deputy K.L. Moore of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter
Deputy P.F.C. Ozouf of St. Saviour
Deputy Sir P.M. Bailhache of St. Clement
Deputy D.J. Warr of St. Helier South
Deputy H.M. Miles of St. Brelade
Deputy J. Renouf of St. Brelade
Deputy H.L. Jeune of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity
Deputy M.E. Millar of St. John, St. Lawrence and Trinity
Deputy M.R. Ferey of St. Saviour
Deputy A.F. Curtis of St. Clement
Deputy K.M. Wilson of St. Clement
Deputy L.K.F. Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter
Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North

The Bailiff accordingly declared that Deputy Lyndon John Farnham of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter had been duly selected as the Chief Minister designate.

THE STATES rose at 1.40 p.m.

L.-M. HART

Greffier of the States