



JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON

# THE SHIPPING BILL, 2020

## REPORT

FIRST SESSION (2020/2021) OF THE TWELFTH PARLIAMENT



## Committee Mandate

Pursuant to resolutions of the House of Representatives on Monday November 9, 2020 and of the Senate on Tuesday November 17, 2020, a Joint Select Committee was established to consider and report on the **Shipping Bill, 2020**.

## Committee Membership

Mr. Randall Mitchell	-	Chairman
Mrs. Penelope Beckles-Robinson, MP	-	Member
Mr. Marvin Gonzales, MP	-	Member
Mrs. Lisa Morris-Julian, MP	-	Member
Mr. Keith Scotland, MP	-	Member
Mr. Davendranath Tancoo, MP	-	Member
Mr. Dinesh Rambally, MP	-	Member
Ms. Paula Gopee-Scoon	-	Member
Mr. Rohan Sinanan	-	Member
Ms. Jearlean John	-	Member
Ms. Charrise Seepersad	-	Member
Mr. Deeroop Teemal	-	Member

## Secretariat Support

Mrs. Angeliqne Massiah	-	Secretary
Mr. Kaleem Hosein <sup>1</sup>	-	Assistant Secretary
Ms. Karessa Albino	-	Research Support
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<sup>1</sup> Jean-Marc Morris replaced as Assistant Secretary w.e.f. May 01, 2021

## INTERIM REPORTS

1. The Committee's First Interim Report was presented in the House of Representatives on Tuesday January 12, 2021 and in the Senate on Thursday January 14, 2021. Your Committee requested and was granted a seven (7) month extension to July 31, 2021 in order to complete its work.

## MEETINGS

2. Since the presentation of the First interim Report, your Committee has held three (3) meetings on the following dates:
  -  Wednesday January 20, 2021;
  -  Friday April 23, 2021; and
  -  Friday June 25, 2021.
3. The Minutes of the Meetings are attached at **Appendix I**.

## WORK TO DATE

4. At your Committee's **Third Meeting**, technocrats from the Maritime Services Division, Ministry of Works and Transport presented on the '*Modernisation of Trinidad and Tobago's Maritime Legislative and Regulatory Sector*'. Your Committee also agreed to engage Justice Anthony A. Lucky (Retired) as an expert consultant on the Bill.
5. At your Committee's **Fourth Meeting**, a decision was taken to invite one hundred and fifty-five (155) stakeholders to provide written comments on the Bill. A list of those stakeholders is at **Appendix II**.
6. To date, your Committee has received twenty-nine (29) submissions from the following stakeholders:
  - 1) *Agostini Insurance Brokers Ltd.;*
  - 2) *Atlantic LNG;*
  - 3) *BP Trinidad and Tobago LLC;*
  - 4) *Coastal and Offshore Maritime Training Institute;*
  - 5) *Comptroller of Customs and Excise*
  - 6) *FEAT Safety and Marine Training Consultant;*
  - 7) *Fishermen and Friends of the Sea;*
  - 8) *Hydrographic Unit, Surveys and Mapping Division (MALF);*
  - 9) *Institute of Marine Affairs;*
  - 10) *Institute of Surveyors of Trinidad and Tobago;*
  - 11) *Justice Anthony A. Lucky (Retired);*
  - 12) *Marine Safety Training & Consultants Ltd.;*

- 13) *Ministry of Planning and Development;*
- 14) *Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts and Tourism Trinidad Ltd.;*
- 15) *Ministry of Trade and Industry;*
- 16) *National Energy Corporation of Trinidad and Tobago Limited (National Energy) La Brea Industrial Development Company Limited (LABIDCO) (in collaboration with NGC);*
- 17) *National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago (in collaboration with National Energy and LABIDCO);*
- 18) *PARIA Fuel Trading Company Limited;*
- 19) *Point Lisas Industrial Port Development Corporation Limited (PLIPDECO);*
- 20) *Shell Trinidad and Tobago Limited;*
- 21) *Shipping Association of Trinidad and Tobago;*
- 22) *The Ministry of Labour;*
- 23) *The Ministry of Planning and Development;*
- 24) *TITAN Marine Engineering and Survey Company/Tobago SEA School;*
- 25) *Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards;*
- 26) *Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard;*
- 27) *Trinidad and Tobago Pilot's Association;*
- 28) *University of Trinidad and Tobago;*
- 29) *Yacht Services Association of Trinidad and Tobago.*

7. Due to the volume and complexity of the Bill and the challenges under the prevailing circumstances, a number of stakeholders asked for additional time to complete their review of the Bill and submit comments. The Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries, the Ministry of Finance, BP Trinidad and Tobago and Heritage Petroleum Co. Ltd., are among the stakeholders that sought extensions.
8. At your Committee's **Fifth Meeting**, a decision was taken to extend the period for submissions on the Bill by a further two (2) months.

## REPORT

9. In accordance with Standing Orders 114(1) and 104(1) of the House of Representatives and the Senate respectively, your Committee wishes to report that due to the imminent prorogation of the First Session of the Twelfth Parliament, it is unable to complete its work. However, your Committee has made significant progress in advancing the Committee's work schedule.

## RECOMMENDATION

10. Your Committee recommends the resumption of proceedings on the **Shipping Bill, 2020** in the Second Session, Twelfth Parliament.

11. Your Committee also asks that the House take note of the extensive work achieved and the progress made by the Committee thus far and that a Committee be appointed in the Second Session to continue work on the Bill and adopt as part of its records, all work completed to date.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sgd.

Randall Mitchell  
Chairman

June 28, 2021

## APPENDIX I

### ATTENDANCE RECORD AND MINUTES OF MEETINGS

## ATTENDANCE RECORD

JSC on the Shipping Bill, 2020  
First Session (2020/2021) Twelfth Parliament

Meetings	Mr. Randall Mitchell	Mrs. Penelope Beckles-Robinson	Mr. Marvin Gonzales	Mr. Keith Scotland	Mrs. Lisa Morris-Julian	Mr. Dinech Rambally	Mr. Davendranath Tancoo	Ms. Paula Gopee-Scoon	Mr. Rohan Sinanan	Ms. Jearlean John	Ms. Charrise Seepersad	Mr. Deorooop Teemal
First Meeting 18.11.20	✓	EXCUSED	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	EXCUSED	✓
Second Meeting 16.12.20	✓	EXCUSED	✓	✓	✓	EXCUSED	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Third Meeting 20.1.21	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	EXCUSED	✓	EXCUSED	✓
Fourth Meeting 23.4.21	EXCUSED	EXCUSED	✓	✓	✓	EXCUSED	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fifth Meeting 25.6.21	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	EXCUSED	✓	✓	✓	✓



**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
THE SHIPPING BILL, 2020**

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING  
HELD VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2020 AT 1:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

Ms. Christine Kangaloo - President of the Senate

**Committee Members**

Mr. Randall Mitchell - Chairman  
Mr. Marvin Gonzales, MP - Member  
Mrs. Lisa Morris-Julian, MP - Member  
Mr. Keith Scotland, MP - Member  
Mr. Dinesh Rambally, MP - Member  
Mr. Davendranath Tancoo, MP - Member  
Ms. Paula Gopee-Scoon - Member  
Mr. Rohan Sinanan - Member  
Ms. Jearlean John - Member  
Mr. Deeroop Teemal - Member

**Secretariat**

Ms. Angelique Massiah - Secretary  
Mr. Jean-Marc Morris - Assistant Secretary  
Ms. Karessa Albino - Legal Research Officer  
Ms. Nicole Brown - Graduate Research Assistant

**ABSENT/EXCUSED**

Mrs. Pernelope Beckles-Robinson - Member  
Ms. Charrise Seepersad - Member

**COMMENCEMENT**

- 1.1 The President of the Senate called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.
- 1.2 The President indicated that her role at the meeting was to facilitate the election of the Chairman. The President informed Members that Ms. Angelique Massiah has been assigned as Secretary and Mr. Jean-Marc Morris as Assistant Secretary.



## **ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN**

- 2.1 The President informed Members that in accordance with Standing Order 112 (7) of the House of Representatives and Standing Order 102 (7) of the Senate, provision is made for a Joint Select Committee to elect a Chairman.
- 2.2 The President then invited nominations for the position of Chairman. Mr. Marvin Gonzales, MP nominated Mr. Randall Mitchell and the nomination was seconded by Ms. Paula Gopee-Scoon.
- 2.3 The President declared Mr. Mitchell the duly elected Chairman of the Committee and exited the meeting.
- 2.4 The Chairman took the chair at 1.06 p.m. and welcomed Members to the Committee.

## **DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

- 3.1 The Chairman advised that the Committee is required to establish a quorum in accordance with Standing Order 97(2) of the House of Representatives and 87(2) of the Senate.
- 3.2 The Chairman recommended a quorum of three (3) Members inclusive of the Chair, with representation from each House. The Committee agreed to this quorum.

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

- 4.1 The Chairman advised Members of the Committee's terms of reference which is to discuss the general merits and principles and to consider and report on the Shipping Bill, 2020. The Committee is mandated to report to Parliament by Thursday, December 31, 2020.

## **FIRST BUSINESS MEETING**

- 5.1 In relation to setting a date for the first business meeting of the Committee, the Chairman directed that the Secretariat form a WhatsApp group with all Members and circulate a list of available meeting days and a proposed agenda. The Chairman also directed that all relevant material concerning the Bill be circulated prior to the next meeting.

## **HOUSEKEEPING**

- 6.1 The Chairman advised that very shortly, all Members will be in receipt of a State-issued iPad Pro tablet device. He encouraged Members to utilise their device as all parliamentary documents will be uploaded into our web-based e-repository where Members will be able to access their supporting documents.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- 7.1 There being no other business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting to a date to be fixed.

7.2 The adjournment was taken at 1:11 p.m.

*I certify that these minutes are true and correct.*

*Chairman*

*Secretary*

*November 18, 2020*



## **JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE SHIPPING BILL, 2020**

**MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING  
HELD VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16, 2020 AT 10:00 A.M.**

### **PRESENT**

#### **Committee Members**

Mr. Randall Mitchell	-	Chairman
Mr. Marvin Gonzales, MP	-	Member
Mrs. Lisa Morris-Julian, MP	-	Member
Mr. Keith Scotland, MP	-	Member
Mr. Davendranath Tancoo, MP	-	Member
Ms. Paula Gopee-Scoon	-	Member
Mr. Rohan Sinanan	-	Member
Ms. Jearlean John	-	Member
Ms. Charrise Seepersad	-	Member
Mr. Deeroop Teemal	-	Member

#### **Secretariat**

Ms. Angelique Massiah	-	Secretary
Mr. Jean-Marc Morris	-	Assistant Secretary
Ms. Karessa Albino	-	Legal Research Officer
Ms. Nicole Brown	-	Graduate Research Assistant

### **ABSENT/EXCUSED**

Mrs. Penelope Beckles-Robinson, MP	-	Member
Mr. Dinesh Rambally, MP	-	Member

### **COMMENCEMENT**

1.1 The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at **10:10 a.m.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

2.1 The Chairman advised that the following Members asked to be excused from the meeting:

- Mrs. Penelope Beckles-Robinson; and
- Mr. Dinesh Rambally.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING**

- 3.1 The Committee examined the Minutes of the First Meeting held on November 18, 2020.
- 3.2 The Chairman requested that the date for the first meeting, November 18, 2020, be included on Page 1 of the Minutes.
- 3.3 The motion for the confirmation of the Minutes was moved by Mr. Scotland and seconded by Mr. Tancoo.

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

- 4.1 **Per Item 5.1 on page 2**, the Chairman confirmed that the following documents were circulated to Members:
  - (i) The Minutes of the First (1<sup>st</sup>) Meeting held on November 18, 2020;
  - (ii) Shipping Bill, 2020 Policy Document;
  - (iii) The Proposed Stakeholder's List; and
  - (iv) The Executive Summary, 2020 Policy Document.
- 4.2 The Chairman advised Members that letters were sent to the Chief Parliamentary Council (CPC) and the Ministry of Works and Transport requesting technical assistance for the Committee in the consideration of the Bill.

## **DISCUSSION ON THE WAY FORWARD**

### **Proposed Work plan**

- 5.1 The Chairman proposed and the Committee agreed to the following five (5) step work plan to enable a seamless consultation, assessment and deliberation on the Bill:
  - (i) Understanding the Policy;
  - (ii) Stakeholder Engagement;
  - (iii) Consideration of Submissions and the General Merits and Principles of the Bill;
  - (iv) Clause by Clause Analysis of the Bill; and
  - (v) Report.
- 5.2 The Work Plan with estimated timelines is outlined in "Appendix I" to the Minutes.

### **Presentation from Technocrats**

- 6.1 The Chairman advised that the Maritime Services Division (MSD), Ministry of Works and Transport, with assistance from a representative from the Chief Parliamentary Counsel, will deliver a presentation to the Committee at its next meeting to provide an overview of the Bill's policy and provisions.
- 6.2 The Committee advised the Secretariat to request from the technocrats, the submission of an advanced copy of the presentation by 4:00 p.m. on Monday December 21, 2020.

## **Stakeholder Engagement**

- 7.1 The proposed stakeholders list was reviewed. After some deliberation, the Committee agreed that the list will be finalised after the presentation is made by the technocrats at its Third Meeting.
- 7.2 The Committee directed the Secretariat to request from the MSD, the list of stakeholders that were consulted during the drafting of the Bill. The Secretariat was further advised to request that the MSD:
- (i) categorise the list;
  - (ii) identify the stakeholders which submitted comments; and
  - (iii) submit the lists by Monday December, 21, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.
- 7.3 The Committee further agreed that stakeholders would be given two (2) months for the submission of their comments on the Bill.

## **Interim Report**

- 7.4 The Committee agreed that an Interim Report will be presented in both Houses seeking an extension of time for the Committee to complete its work.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- 8.1 There being no other business, the Chairman thanked Members, delivered greetings and adjourned the meeting to **Wednesday January 6, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.**
- 8.2 The adjournment was taken at **10:55 a.m.**

*I certify that these minutes are true and correct.*

*Chairman*

*Secretary*

December 16, 2020

## Work Plan

<b>Steps</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Estimated Timeframe</b>
1. <i>Understanding the Policy</i>	Presentation on the Shipping Bill, 2020 by the Maritime Division, Ministry of Works and Transport with support by an official from the Chief Parliamentary Council	January 6, 2021
2. <i>Stakeholder Engagement</i>	a) Approval of Stakeholder List	January 6, 2021
	b) Invite stakeholder comments on the Bill	January 2021
3. <i>Consideration of Submissions and the General Merits and Principles of the Bill (S.O 64 (1))</i>	a) Receive and collate comments	March 2021
	b) Review Comments	April – June 2021
	c) Invite stakeholders to appear before the Committee.	July 2021
	d) Consolidate comments	<i>To be determined.</i>
	Discussion on the general merits and principles of the Bill.	<i>To be determined.</i>
4. <i>Clause by Clause Analysis</i>	Deliberation on all 539 clauses and 6 schedules.	<i>To be determined.</i>
5. <i>Report</i>	Interim Report – request for extension to July 31, 2020.	January 2021
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Interim – Request extension to September 2021 (end of First session, 12 <sup>th</sup> Parliament)	July 2021
	Savings Report (follows carry-over procedure for the Shipping Bill)	<i>To be determined.</i>
	Final Report	<i>To be determined.</i>

**Secretariat**

**December 16, 2020**



**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
THE SHIPPING BILL, 2020**

**MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING  
HELD VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20, 2021 AT 2:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT**

**Committee Members**

Mr. Randall Mitchell	-	Chairman
Mr. Marvin Gonzales, MP	-	Member
Mrs. Lisa Morris-Julian, MP	-	Member
Mr. Keith Scotland, MP	-	Member
Mr. Davendranath Tancoo, MP	-	Member
Mr. Dinesh Rambally, MP	-	Member
Mrs. Penelope Beckles-Robinson, MP	-	Member
Ms. Paula Gopee-Scoon	-	Member
Ms. Jearlean John	-	Member
Mr. Deoroop Teemal	-	Member

**Secretariat**

Ms. Angelique Massiah	-	Secretary
Mr. Jean-Marc Morris	-	Assistant Secretary
Ms. Karessa Albino	-	Legal Research Officer
Ms. Nicole Brown	-	Graduate Research Assistant

**ABSENT/EXCUSED**

Mr. Rohan Sinanan	-	Member
Ms. Charrise Seepersad	-	Member [ <i>Excused</i> ]

**COMMENCEMENT**

1.1 The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at **2:38 p.m.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

2.2 The Chairman advised that Ms. Seepersad asked to be excused from the meeting.

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING

- 3.1 The Committee examined the Minutes of the Second Meeting held on December 16, 2020.
- 3.2 The motion for the confirmation of the Minutes was moved by Mr. Gonzales and seconded by Mr. Scotland.

## MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- 4.1 **Per Item 6.1 on page 2**, the Chairman confirmed that the following documents were circulated to Members:
- (v) The PowerPoint Presentation of the Maritime Services Division (hereinafter MSD) on the Shipping Bill, 2020 December 21, 2020; and
  - (vi) The pre-recorded version of the said Presentation on January 4, 2021.
- 4.2 **Per Item 7.2 on page 3**, the Chairman advised that the list of stakeholders as provided by the MSD was circulated to Members December 21, 2020. The Chairman further informed that of the list of stakeholders, only three entities submitted comments to the MSD, namely the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries, the Seamen and Waterfront Workers Trade Union and the Coast Guard.
- 4.3 **Per Item 7.4 on page 3**, the Chairman advised that the Interim Report of the Committee requesting an extension of time to July 31, 2021 was presented to the Senate on January 12, 2021 and will be presented in the House of Representatives at its next sitting.

## PRESENTATION BY THE MARITIME SERVICES DIVISION

### *Chairman invited technocrats into the Meeting.*

- 5.1 The following technocrats from the MSD and the Chief Parliamentary Council (hereinafter CPC) were present:

#### **Maritime Services Division**

Ronald Alfred	Director Maritime Services
Commodore Garnet Best	Marine Administrator (Safety and Security)
Brent Williams	Senior Legal Officer
Courtney Lange	Government Appointed Surveyor under the Shipping Act
Commander Francis Weekes	Ship Surveyor



### **Chief Parliamentary Council**

Ida Mariana Eversley

Deputy Chief Parliamentary  
Counsel

Aneil Joseph

Senior Parliamentary Counsel  
(Ag)

5.2 The Presentation began at 2:57 pm and concluded at 3:33 pm. Several key points were raised during the presentation, namely:

- The major global events such as the Exxon Valdez Oil spill and September 11<sup>th</sup> terror attack in the United States had a significant impact on regulating the global shipping industry;
- A special majority will be required to pass the Bill as there are constitutional implications to be considered such as entry and inspection of ships and offshore installations requirements;
- The 1987 legislation did not cover key areas of the shipping industry such as ship building, decommissioning and offshore installations;
- The creation of a Maritime Authority will be critical in regulating the shipping industry in Trinidad and Tobago;
- Currently there is collection of approximately thirty (30) million dollars annually from the shipping industry; and
- Trinidad and Tobago is a leader in shipping legislation reform within the Caribbean region.

5.3 Following the Presentation, Members posed questions to the technocrats concerning the principles and policies of the Bill. Some of the key concerns raised were:

- Whether the three fifths majority is necessary for the Bill;
- What are the provisions in the Bill that infringe on rights enshrined under the Constitution;
- What Conventions are being incorporated into the Bill;
- Whether the Bill makes provision for cruise ships;
- Whether the Bill makes provision for the yachting industry;
- Whether the present funding would be sufficient to finance the new Authority;
- What is the value of the maritime industry now and the potential value once the Bill is passed;
- Whether there are going to be any onerous obligations placed on pleasure crafts;
- Whether the stakeholders that would be governed by the Bill are prepared to adapt to the new requirements of the Bill once passed; and
- Whether there is a Work Plan for the operationalisation of the Bill.

5.4 These concerns were addressed by the technocrats who gave several undertakings to assist the Committee in its review of the Bill, namely:

- The CPC undertook to provide the Committee with a matrix highlighting the provisions of the Bill which require a three fifths majority; the provisions of the Shipping Act 1987 which are being amended or repealed; and a comparison of penalties between the Act and the Bill;
- The MSD undertook to provide the Report on the 2013 Crowne Plaza Consultations and the Work Plan for the proposed Maritime Authority of Trinidad and Tobago by Thursday January 21, 2021;
- The Ministry of Trade and Industry agreed to provide the MSD and the CPC with the policy document for the draft Yachting Bill, as well as a summary of the Yachting Bill with

comparison with other pieces of legislation in Grenada and St. Lucia, so that it may be determined whether the Shipping Bill makes provisions to govern the yachting industry.

*The technocrats exited the Meeting.*

#### **FINALISATION OF STAKEHOLDERS' LIST**

- 6.1 The proposed stakeholders list was reviewed. After some deliberation, the Committee agreed to include other fishing associations, particularly from the North coast of Trinidad.
- 6.2 The Committee directed the Secretariat to engage Retired Justice Anthony Lucky as an expert consultant on the Bill.
- 6.3 The Committee agreed that the Secretariat will circulate the list of stakeholders again so that Members may provide comments and suggestion of entities to include by Thursday January 21, 2021 by 4:00 pm. Further, the Committee agreed that the further inclusions would be circulated to Members for their congruence by Friday January 22, 2021 by 10:00 am.

#### **THE WAY FORWARD**

- 7.1 The Committee confirmed that stakeholders would be given two (2) months for the submission of their comments on the Bill.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- 8.1 There being no other business, the Chairman thanked Members and adjourned the meeting tentatively to **Wednesday April 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.**
- 8.2 The adjournment was taken at **5:03 p.m.**

*I certify that these minutes are true and correct.*

*Chairman*

*Secretary*

January 21, 2021



**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
THE SHIPPING BILL, 2020**

**MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING  
HELD VIA ZOOM ON FRIDAY APRIL 23, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT**

**Committee Members**

Mr. Marvin Gonzales, MP	-	Member
Mrs. Lisa Morris-Julian, MP	-	Member
Mr. Keith Scotland, MP	-	Member
Mr. Davendranath Tancoo, MP	-	Member
Ms. Paula Gopee-Scoon	-	Member
Ms. Jearlean John	-	Member
Mr. Deoroop Teemal	-	Member
Mr. Rohan Sinanan	-	Member
Ms. Charrise Seepersad	-	Member

**Secretariat**

Ms. Angelique Massiah	-	Secretary
Mr. Jean-Marc Morris	-	Assistant Secretary
Ms. Karessa Albino	-	Legal Research Officer
Ms. Nicole Brown	-	Researcher

**ABSENT**

Mr. Randall Mitchell	-	Chairman
Mrs. Pennelope Beckles-Robinson, MP	-	Member
Mr. Dinesh Rambally, MP	-	Member

## COMMENCEMENT

1.1 The meeting commenced at **10:00 a.m.**

## ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE DAY

2.1 The Secretary informed Members that, in the absence of the Chairman, the Committee was required to elect a Chairman for the day in accordance with Standing Orders 112(4) of the House of Representatives and 102(4) of the Senate.

2.2 The Secretary invited nominations for the position of Chairman for the day. Mr. Sinanan nominated Mr. Gonzales. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Tancoo.

2.3 There being no further nominations, Mr. Gonzales was declared the Chairman for the day.

2.4 Mr. Gonzales assumed the Chair and welcomed all present.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

3.1 The Chairman advised that the following Members asked to be excused:

- i. Mr. Mitchell; and
- ii. Mr. Rambally, MP.

3.2 The Chairman informed that Mrs. Beckles-Robinson, MP indicated that she may be late.

## CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE THIRD MEETING

4.1 The Committee examined the Minutes of the Third Meeting held on January 20, 2021.

4.2 The motion for the confirmation of the Minutes was moved by Mr. Teemal and seconded by Mrs. Gopee-Scoon.

## MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5.1 **Per Item 5.4 on pages 3&4**, the Chairman confirmed that the following documents were circulated to Members:

- i) Matrix developed by the Chief Parliamentary Counsel highlighting the provisions of the Bill which require a three fifths majority; the provisions of the Shipping Act 1987 which are being amended or repealed; and a comparison of penalties between the Act and the Bill;
- ii) Maritime Services Division Report on the 2013 Crowne Plaza Consultations and the Work Plan for the proposed Maritime Authority of Trinidad and Tobago;
- iii) The Ministry of Trade and Industry's policy document for the draft Yachting Bill, as well as a summary of the Yachting Bill with comparison to legislation in Grenada and St. Lucia. (This was forwarded to the Maritime and Services Division of the Ministry of Works and Transport

which provided submissions on the document. Those submissions were then circulated to Members.)

- 5.2 **Per Item 6.1 on page 4**, the Chairman confirmed that Members received the updated list of Fishing Associations that were included in the Stakeholder's List.
- 5.3 **Per Item 6.2 on page 4** the Chairman confirmed that Members received the submissions from Retired Justice Anthony Lucky with his comments on the Shipping Bill 2020.
- 5.4 Members confirmed receipt of all circulated documents.
- 5.5 **Per Item 7.1 on page 4** the Chairman indicated that to date, 150 stakeholders were invited to provide submissions, 20 submissions have been received, 16 requests for extensions were made and 13 stakeholders indicated that they would not be submitting comments on the Shipping Bill 2020.
- 5.6 The Chairman asked the Committee to approve an extension to May 30, 2021 for those stakeholders that requested an extension. The Committee agreed to extend the deadline to May 30, 2021.

## **THE WAY FORWARD**

- 6.1 The Chairman proposed that the work schedule be amended to reflect the extension granted to stakeholders. As such he recommended that by mid-June, the Committee should begin to examine stakeholder submissions and select which stakeholders will appear before the Committee. The Committee agreed to this amended work schedule.
- 6.2 The Committee agreed that the Secretariat will circulate a matrix of consolidated comments received from all stakeholders to the Committee by Friday June 11, 2021. This matrix will be arranged in order of the clauses of the Bill.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- 7.1 There being no other business, the Chairman thanked Members and adjourned the meeting tentatively to **Friday June 25, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.**
- 7.2 The adjournment was taken at **10:38 a.m.**

*I certify that these minutes are true and correct.*

*Chairman*

*Secretary*

April 23, 2021



**JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON  
THE SHIPPING BILL, 2020**

**MINUTES OF THE FIFTH MEETING  
HELD VIA ZOOM ON FRIDAY JUNE 25, 2021 AT 9:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT**

**Committee Members**

Mr. Randall Mitchell	-	Chairman
Mr. Marvin Gonzales, MP	-	Member
Mrs. Lisa Morris-Julian, MP	-	Member
Mr. Keith Scotland, MP	-	Member
Mr. Davendranath Tancoo, MP	-	Member
Mr. Dinesh Rambally, MP	-	Member
Mrs. Pennelope Beckles-Robinson, MP	-	Member
Ms. Jearlean John	-	Member
Mr. Deeroop Teemal	-	Member
Mr. Rohan Sinanan	-	Member
Ms. Charrise Seepersad	-	Member

**Secretariat**

Mrs. Angelique Massiah	-	Secretary
Mr. Kaleem Hosein	-	Assistant Secretary
Ms. Karessa Albino	-	Legal Research Officer
Mrs. Susannah Gittens	-	Business Operations Assistant II

**ABSENT/EXCUSED**

Ms. Paula Gopee-Scoon	-	Member <i>[Excused]</i>
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**COMMENCEMENT**

1.1 The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at **9:03 a.m.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN**

2.1 The Chairman advised that Ms. Paula Gopee-Scoon asked to be excused from the meeting.

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF THE FOURTH MEETING**

3.1 The Committee examined the Minutes of the Fourth Meeting held on April 23, 2021.

3.2 The motion for the confirmation of the Minutes was moved by Ms. Charrise Seepersad and seconded by Mr. Keith Scotland.

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

4.1 Per **Item 5.5**, the Chairman advised Members that to date, the Committee received:

- iv) written submissions from twenty-eight (28) stakeholders; and
- v) requests for further extensions from eight (8) stakeholders.

4.2 The Committee agreed to extend the deadline for a further two months given the prevailing circumstances and the nature and complexity of the Bill.

4.3 The Chairman directed the Secretariat to write to the eight (8) stakeholders that requested extensions and inform them of the Committee's approval of a two (2) month extended deadline. The Secretariat was also directed to write to all stakeholders that have already submitted comments to inform them of the two (2) month deadline in the event that they may wish to submit further comments for consideration.

4.4 The Chairman instructed the Secretariat to inform any stakeholder desirous of submitting comments but is constrained or unable to do so, that there is the option to appear in person before the Committee to give oral submissions.

4.5 Per **Item 6.2** the Chairman confirmed that Members received the matrix of consolidated comments, as circulated by the Secretariat.

4.6 The Committee also agreed that the Secretariat will circulate a further and final update of the matrix of consolidated comments received from all stakeholders by the end of this Session.

## **DISCUSSION ON THE WAY FORWARD**

### *Review of Stakeholder Comments and Stakeholder Engagement*

5.1 The Chairman advised Members that the Committee's review of all stakeholder comments received would commence in the Second Session, Twelfth Parliament with the First Meeting of the new Session to be held tentatively in the second week of September.

*Committee Report*

5.2 The Chairman advised that a Draft Report would be prepared by the Secretariat and circulated to Members for consideration and approval. He further advised that the Report would request that the work of the Committee be carried over to the Second Session, Twelfth Parliament, and that it must be laid at the earliest opportunity, that is, before the Parliament goes on recess.

**ADJOURNMENT**

6.1 There being no other business, the Chairman thanked Members and adjourned the meeting to a date to be fixed.

6.2 The adjournment was taken at **9:25 a.m.**

*I certify that these minutes are true and correct.*

*Chairman*

*Secretary*

**June 25, 2021**



## APPENDIX II



JSC- Shipping Bill, 2020

List of Stakeholders

	<b><u>INSURANCE COMPANIES</u></b>
1.	Agostini Insurance Brokers Ltd.
2.	Bankers Insurance Company of Trinidad and Tobago
3.	COLFIRE
4.	Cuna Caribbean
5.	Demerara Life Assurance
6.	Furness Group of Companies
7.	Guardian Life of the Caribbean
8.	Gulf Insurance Limited Trinidad
9.	Maibrol Insurance Brokers
10.	Sagicor Live Insurance
11.	TATIL Insurance Services
12.	The Association of Trinidad and Tobago Insurance Companies
13.	The Beacon Insurance Company Limited
14.	The Maritime Financial Group
15.	TRINRE Insurance Limited
	<b><u>TRAINING INSTITUTES</u></b>

16.	Caribbean Fisheries Training & Development Institute
17.	Coastal & Offshore Maritime Training Institute
18.	FEAT Safety & Marine Training Consultants
19.	Institute of Marine Affairs
20.	Marine Safety (Training & Consultants Limited)
21.	Relyon Nutec Trinidad Limited
22.	Titan Marine Engineering & Surveying Company
23.	University of Trinidad and Tobago (Maritime Campus)
	<b><u>ASSOCIATIONS</u></b>
24.	Institute of Surveyors of Trinidad and Tobago
25.	International Maritime Organization
26.	Seamen and Waterfront Workers Trade Union
27.	The Bankers Association of Trinidad and Tobago
28.	Trinidad and Tobago Seamen Education Employment Association Contractor
29.	Trinidad and Tobago Pilots' Association
30.	Trinidad and Tobago Sailing Association
31.	Trinidad and Tobago Manufacturers Association (TTMA)
32.	Yachting Services Association of Trinidad and Tobago (YSATT)
	<b><u>GOVERNMENT AGENCIES</u></b>
33.	Industrial Court
34.	Ministry of Works and Transport
35.	Ministry of Tourism

36.	Ministry of Energy and Energy Industries
37.	Ministry of Planning and Development
38.	Ministry of Finance
39.	Ministry of Foreign and CARICOM Affairs
40.	Ministry of Labour
41.	Ministry of Agriculture Land and Fisheries
42.	Ministry of Trade and Industry
43.	Trinidad and Tobago Coast Guard
44.	Tobago House of Assembly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Division of Food, Production, Forestry and Fisheries</li> <li>• Division of Tourism, Culture and Transportation</li> </ul>
<b><u>CHAMBERS</u></b>	
45.	American Chamber of Commerce of Trinidad and Tobago
46.	Caribbean Association of Industry and Commerce
47.	Confederation of Regional Business Chambers
48.	Energy Chamber of Trinidad and Tobago
49.	The British- Caribbean Chamber of Commerce
50.	Trinidad and Tobago Bureau of Standards
51.	Trinidad and Tobago Coalition of Services Industries
52.	Trinidad and Tobago Chamber of Industry and Commerce
<b><u>SHIPPING AGENTS &amp; PORT FACILITIES</u></b>	
53.	Abraham Shipping Company Limited
54.	Alstons Shipping Limited

55.	AmerTrin Marine & Logistics Services Limited
56.	A&R Shipping Limited
57.	Caribbean Dockyard and Engineering Services Limited
58.	Caribbean Shipping Agencies Limited
59.	Central Navigation Limited
60.	Crews Inn Hotel and Yachting Services
61.	CMA CGM Trinidad Limited
62.	D. Hill Shipping Services Limited
63.	GAC Energy and Marine Services Limited
64.	Gulf Shipping Limited
65.	Gordon Grant and Company Limited
66.	Huggins Shipping and Customs Brokerage Limited
67.	Inchcape Shipping Services
68.	Intercontinental Shipping Limited
69.	Lazzari and Sampson Limited
70.	Lee Chong's Custom Brokerage Limited
71.	Lloyd's West Indies Limited
72.	Maritime Preservation Limited
73.	Maritime Management Services
74.	Mariad Shipping Services Limited
75.	Melville Shipping Limited
76.	Norton Lily Trinidad and Tobago Limited
77.	Oceanfreight Agencies Limited
78.	Perez y Cia

79.	Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago
80.	Port of Spain Infrastructure Company (POSINCO)
81.	Point Lisas Industrial Development Corporation Limited (PLIPDECO)
82.	Seaport Agencies Trinidad limited
83.	Shipping Association of Trinidad and Tobago
84.	Shipbuilding and Repair Development Company of Trinidad and Tobago Limited
85.	Twin Island Shipping Agencies
86.	Trinidad Contractors
87.	Trinidad and Tobago Yacht Club
88.	Tropical Shipping Limited
89.	Ultra Shipping
90.	United Shipping Agencies
91.	World Trade Shipping
	<b><u>FISHER FOLK ASSOCIATIONS</u></b>
92.	Alcan Bay Fishing Association
93.	All Tobago Fisherfolk Association
94.	Almoorings Fishing Cooperative Society Limited
95.	Blachisseuse Fisherfolk and Marine Association
96.	Blue River/Bamboo/Cunupia Fishing Association
97.	Brickfield Fishing Association
98.	Carli Bay Fishing Association
99.	Carenage Fisher Folk Association
100.	Carvalho's Cruise Services

101.	Cedros Fishing Cooperative
102.	Charleville/Felicity Fishing Association
103.	Claxton Bay Fishing Association
104.	Cocorite Fishing Association
105.	Cumana Fishing Association
106.	Dow Village/South Oropouche Fishing Association
107.	Erin Fishing Co- operative Society Limited
108.	Fishermen and Friends of the Sea
109.	Future Fishers (NGO)
110.	Fullerton Fishing Association
111.	Grand Chemin Fishing Association
112.	Grand Rivere Fisherman's Association
113.	Guayaguayare, Ortoire and Mayaro Fisherfolk Association (GOMFA)
114.	Icacos Fisherfolk United
115.	Icacos Fisherfolk Limited
116.	Icacos Fishing Association
117.	Icacos United Fishermen
118.	La Brea Fishing Association
119.	Las Cuevas Fishing Association
120.	Maracas Bay Fishing Association
121.	Marabella Fishing Association
122.	Matelot Kingfisher's Association
123.	Mayaro Fishing Crew Association

124.	Morne Diablo Fishing Association
125.	Morne Diablo Fishing Community
126.	Moruga/La Ruffin Fishing Association
127.	Orange Valley Fishing Association Limited
128.	Orange Valley Pirogue Association
129.	Orange Valley Fish Vendors Association
130.	Otaheite Vendors Association
131.	South East Fishing Association
132.	Sunset Beach Fishing Association
133.	Trinidad and Tobago Industrial Fishing Association
134.	Trinidad and Tobago United Fishers
135.	Trinidad and Tobago Game Fishing Association
136.	The Boat Owners and Fishermen's Association
137.	Toco Fishing Association
138.	Trinidad and Tobago Long Liner's Association
139.	Women in Fishing Association
	<b><u>OIL AND GAS COMPANIES</u></b>
140.	Atlantic LNG
141.	BHP Billiton Trinidad and Tobago
142.	British Petroleum Company of Trinidad and Tobago (BpTT)
143.	DeNovo Energy
144.	EOG Resources Trinidad Ltd.
145.	Guaracara Refining Company Limited
146.	Heritage Petroleum Company Limited
147.	National Gas Company of Trinidad and Tobago



148.	National Energy Corporation
149.	Paria Fuel Trading Company
150.	Primera Oil and Gas Limited
151.	Repsol E&P Trinidad and Tobago
152.	Shell Trinidad and Tobago Limited
153.	The Trinidad and Tobago National Petroleum Marketing Company Limited
154.	Trinidad Petroleum Holdings Limited
155.	Trinity Exploration and Production (Trinidad and Tobago) Limited