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**MINUTES OF THE 176th MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 14th MARCH 2024 AT 9.00 AM**

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Julia Crouch

The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance, Economic Development & Investment and Health, Dr Ellis Webster

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

The Honourable Minister for Social Development, Cultural Affairs, Youth Affairs, Gender Affairs, Education and Library Services, Ms Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers

The Honourable Minister for Home Affairs, Immigration, Labour, Human Rights, Constitutional Affairs, Information and Broadcasting, Lands and Physical Planning, Mr Kenneth Hodge

The Honourable Minister for Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing and Tourism, Mr Haydn Hughes

The Honourable Minister for Sustainability, Innovation and Environment, Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford

Clerk to Executive Council, Ms Dumisa Webster

IN ATTENDANCE: The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Merrick Richardson

Financial Advisor, Mr. Evarist Mwesigye

EX MIN 24/058

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Adviser remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 175th Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 29th February 2024 and minutes of Executive Council Decision agreed by Round Robin on Thursday 7th March 2024.

EX MIN 24/059

EX MEMO 24/39 Appointment of Anguilla UK Representative

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Adviser remained.

Having a UK based representative offers significant assistance to Anguilla, as a British Overseas Territory, through facilitating support for continuous engagement and communication with the UK. Representatives play a key role in communicating Anguilla's policies, concerns, and perspectives to the UK while also conveying important messages back to the Anguillian government. This role also involves continuous participation in consensus building, policy consultations, and promoting mutual interests. The representative will serve as overseer of public relations activities, which ensures Anguilla's image and interests are effectively communicated in the UK.

Executive Council is asked to approve the appointment of Dorothea Hodge as the Anguilla UK representative. Dorothea Hodge has worked in this capacity from 2010-2015 and again from 2020 to the present.

Council:

- 1) Acknowledged the commendable performance of Dorothea Hodge as the Anguilla UK representative and expressed gratitude for her contributions.
- 2) Considered and approved the appointment of Dorothea Hodge as UK representative for the Government of Anguilla, effective 1st January 2024 for a period of seventeen months or for the term of the administration, whichever is shorter.

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; HON, PREM

EX MIN 24/060

EX MEMO 24/40 Approval of Payment Plan Option for Water Corporation of Anguilla (WCA) vs Anguilla Electricity Company Ltd (ANGLEC)- (ANGLEC vs WCA)

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Adviser remained.

Following court-connected mediation in the ANGLEC vs WCA matter, the ANGLEC Board offered to reduce the debt owed by the WCA to EC\$10 Million if the government agrees to pay EC\$100,000 monthly on arrears to ANGLEC.

Council:

- 1) Considered and approved Government of Anguilla agreement to the proposal of the ANGLEC Board to reduce the debt owed by the Government of Anguilla to EC\$10 Million if the Government agrees to pay EC\$ 100,000 monthly on the arrears to ANGLEC.
- 2) Considered and approved the Government of Anguilla agreement to service all current monthly bills inclusive of the agreed payment plan, which will be inclusive of all costs.
- 3) Agreed to interim management of payments to ensure that the debt is paid in line with the agreement.

Council authorized the issue of the Action Sheet before confirmation of the minutes.

Action: PS, MICUHT; HON, MIN MICUHT

EX MIN 24/061

EX MEMO 24/41 Approval of the Amendments to the Anguilla Community College (ACC) Act

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Adviser remained.

The Honourable Minister for Social Development, Cultural Affairs, Youth Affairs, Gender Affairs, Education and Library Services briefed Council. The operations of the ACC are governed by the Anguilla Community College Act. The proposed amendments to the function of the college, academic divisions, staffing and governance will improve operational efficiency. The amended Act will allow for the college to function efficiently if for some reason the Registrar is unavailable. In addition, the Amended Act will collate all human resource and management functions to the Human Resource Officer which will allow for effective management.

Council approved the Anguilla Community College (Amendment) Act, 2024 with amendment to Section 4 by deleting the words “to residents of Anguilla” at the end of subsection 4(1)(a).

Action: PS, SD; HON, MIN SD

EX MIN 24/062

EX MEMO 24/42 Application for Issue of Licence Under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act- Jason Douglas Oxman and Annemarie McDonald Oxman- Registration Section South Central, Block 38409 B, Parcel 51 Containing 0.21 of an Acre
Hon. Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Adviser remained.

Council approved the granting of an Aliens Land Holding License to Jason Douglas Oxman and Annemarie McDonald Oxman to hold on a freehold basis, property situated in Registration Section: South Central, Block 38409 B, described as Parcel 51 being 0.21 of an acre located at Lockrum, Anguilla for residential purposes with a Villa thereon, subject to the following:

(a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties

(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$1,899,213.30	EC\$ 94,960.67
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$1,899,213.30	<u>EC\$ 94,960.67</u>
	TOTAL	<u>EC\$189,921.34</u>

(b) The property must be used for residential purposes.

(c) The Licence must not rent their dwelling house without first notifying the Ministry of Economic Development, Investment, Commerce, Information Technology & Natural Resources in order to rent the said property.

(d) The Licensee shall fully comply with the laws of Anguilla in force from time to time including the Land Development Control Act, the Property Tax Act, the Building Regulations, the Labour Relations Act 2018 and Work Permit Regulations, the Social Security Act, the Immigration and Passport Regulations and any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof and any rules or regulations made there under.

Action: PS, HA; DLS; HON, MIN HA

EX MIN 24/063

EX MEMO 24/37 Duty of Care Owed to GoA Staff and Senior Officials in Light of Security Threats

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Adviser remained.

The security situation in Anguilla has deteriorated with an increase in the number and indiscriminate nature of gun crime. Gun based violence stems from particular organized crime groups (OCGs) who are geographically based and is divided between acquisitive (armed robberies) and revenge (targeted rival OCG shootings).

The Government owes a common law duty of care towards its employees, to take reasonable steps to ensure their safety and well-being at work and beyond the work environment. The Government also owes a duty of care to visitors and other parties while they are on Government premises. As such, ministries need to carry out a general risk assessment which identifies the security measures necessary and suitable to mitigate those risks and the results implemented so far as reasonably practicable. The Honourable Deputy Governor is to instruct all Permanent Secretaries in each department to ensure they have up to date risk assessments for the safety and security of the working environment for their employees.

Council:

- 1) Noted the duty of care owed by the Government of Anguilla to employees of the Public Service, Ministers, and visitors to its premises with consideration given to the limited availability of police resources.
- 2) Noted that the Honourable Deputy Governor is to instruct all Permanent Secretaries in each department to ensure they have up to date risk assessments for the safety and security of the working environment for their employees and have identified and implemented suitable mitigation steps.

Action: HON DG
