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**MINUTES OF THE 190<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024 AT 9.00 AM**

- PRESENT: Acting Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley
- The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance, Economic Development & Investment and Health
- Acting Deputy Governor, Dr. Bonnie Richardson-Lake
- The Honourable Minister for Home Affairs, Immigration, Labour, Human Rights, Constitutional Affairs, Information and Broadcasting, Lands and Physical Planning AND Minister for Social Development, Cultural Affairs, Youth Affairs, Gender Affairs, Education and Library Services, Mr. Kenneth Hodge
- The Honourable Minister for Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities Housing and Tourism, Mr. Haydn Hughes
- The Honourable Minister for Sustainability, Innovation and the Environment, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie
- Acting Attorney General, Ms. Erica Edwards
- Clerk to Executive Council, Ms. Dumisa Webster
- IN ATTENDANCE: The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Merrick Richardson
- Head of Governor's Office, Mr. Orlando Ames-Lewis
- ABSENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms. Julia Crouch
- The Honourable Minister for Social Development, Cultural Affairs, Youth Affairs, Gender Affairs, Education and Library Services, Ms. Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers
- The Honourable Attorney General, Mr. Dwight Horsford

**EX MIN 24/170**

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary and Head of Governor's Office remained

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 189<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Special Meeting held on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024 and the Round Robin Decision Made on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**EX MIN 24/171**

**EX MEMO 24/121 Removal of Visa Restrictions on Colombian and Guyana Nationals**

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary and Head of Governor's Office remained.

The Principal Assistant Secretary (PAS), Home Affairs, Ms. Shameica C. Hodge joined the meeting.

The Honourable Minister for Home Affairs and Lands and PAS, Home Affairs briefed Council. Executive Council Minute 24/154 notes that further research was to be conducted into the process of having countries removed from Anguilla's Visa requirement list. Anguilla has historically adopted the Visitor Visa Requirement list used by the United Kingdom, which governs entrance into the country. The Attorney General's Chambers, advising on the matter, noted that the existing legislative framework does not provide for the operation of a visa system in Anguilla nor are there instructions from the United Kingdom on the system's operation. As such, this matter has been dealt with through Executive Council decisions. It should be noted that the process is set to be rectified by Amendment to the Immigration and Passport Act.

The Government of Anguilla wishes to continue to adopt the list used by the United Kingdom, which outlines which countries' nationals require a visa to enter the country. From November 9, 2022, the United Kingdom removed the visitor visa requirement previously imposed on nationals of Guyana and Colombia. The Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration has a keen interest in fostering and strengthening the relationship with Anguilla's Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) and Caribbean Community (CARICOM) counterparts and adopting a more progressive and inclusive

migration policy. As such, it is requested that Guyanese and Colombian Nationals be removed from Anguilla's Visa requirement list.

Executive Council approved:

1. Removal of Colombian and Guyanese Nationals from Anguilla's Visa Requirement List; and
2. Adoption of the updated Visa Requirement List

Council authorized issue of the action sheet before confirmation of the minutes.

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