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**MINUTES OF THE 5TH MEETING OF THE THIRTEENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 3RD APRIL 2025 AT 9.00 AM**

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms. Julia Crouch

The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance, Labour, Immigration, Home Affairs and Constitutional Affairs AND Acting Minister of Economic Development, Industry, Commerce, Lands, Planning, Water and Natural Resources, Mrs. Cora Richardson-Hodge

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley

The Honourable Minister of Health, Sports and Tourism, Mr. Cardigan Connor

The Honourable Minister of Social Development, Education and Library, Youth & Culture, Mrs. Shellya Rogers-Webster

The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, IT and E-Government Services, Mr. Jose Vanterpool

Acting Attorney General, Ms. Dawne Richardson

Clerk to Executive Council, Ms. Dumisa Webster

ABSENT: The Honourable Minister of Economic Development, Industry, Commerce, Lands, Planning, Water and Natural Resources, Mr. Kyle Hodge

IN ATTENDANCE: The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Cordell Richardson

Ministerial Assistant, Sports, Youth & Culture, Mr. Jeison Bryan

Head of Governor's Office, Mr. Orlando Ames-Lewis

EX MIN 25/56

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth & Culture and Head of Governor's Office remained.

Council confirmed the minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Council held on Thursday, 27th March 2025.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

None.

EX MIN 25/57

EX MEMO 25/43 Appointment of Media and Communications Officer

The Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth & Culture and Head of Governor's Office remained.

The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance briefed Council on the memorandum which seeks to appoint a Media and Communications Officer in the Premier's Office and Ministry of Finance and includes the resume and the draft contract of the proposed appointee.

Executive Council:

- 1) Approved *in principle* the appointment of Mr. Csaesare Wattley as Media and Communications Officer in the Office of the Premier/Ministry of Finance with effect from 1st April 2025 for the term of the administration, with a remuneration of EC\$83,000 per annum, exclusive of overtime on Public Holidays which is set at EC\$ 39.90 per hour; and
- 2) Noted that the appointment in point 1) above is approved *in principle* subject to advice from the Acting Attorney General which is to be submitted to the Honourable Premier no later than Monday, 7th April 2025.

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

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

EX MIN 25/58

EX MEMO 25/44 Appointment of Director of Media and Communications

The Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth & Culture and Head of Governor's Office remained.

The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance briefed Council on the memorandum which seeks to appoint a Director of Media and Communications in the Premier's Office and Ministry of Finance and includes the resume and the draft contract of the proposed appointee.

Executive Council approved *in principle* the appointment of Mr. Rickiel Hodge as the Director of Media and Communications in the Office of the Premier/Ministry of Finance with effect from 1st April 2025 for the term of the administration, with a remuneration of EC\$ 108,000 per annum, subject to review by the Attorney General's Chambers of the draft contract's termination provisions and alignment with the Contract Officer's engagement status. Additionally, the appointment is approved *in principle* subject to the advice of the Acting Attorney General, which is to be received by the Honourable Premier no later than Monday, 7th April 2025.

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

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

EX MIN 25/59

EX MEMO 25/45 Appointment of Anguilla UK Representative

The Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth & Culture and Head of Governor's Office remained.

The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance briefed Council on the memorandum which seeks to appoint a UK Representative for the Government of Anguilla and includes the resume and the draft contract of the proposed appointee.

Executive Council:

- 1) Noted that the Summary Scope of Work attached at Appendix 1 of the memorandum presented to Council will be amended to revise the "EU Engagement" section in line with advice received by the Acting Attorney General. Additionally, the Acting Attorney General is to provide a comprehensive review of the contract and submit advice to the Honourable Premier no later than Monday, 7th April 2025;

- 2) Approved *in principle* the appointment of Blondel Cluff as the UK Representative for the Government of Anguilla, subject to point 1) above, effective 1st April 2025 for the term of the current administration. The remuneration for the Representative is £150,000 per annum, inclusive of expenses related to the execution of the Representative's duties as specified in the breakdown in the memorandum presented to Council - including travel, subsistence, communications, administrative support, and office-related supplies. This fee excludes the provision and fitting of office space, which will be managed separately by the Government of Anguilla.

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

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

EX MIN 25/60 EX MEMO 25/46 Order under the Licensing of Business Act 2021- Business Licence Moratorium (Supermarkets & Hardware)

The Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth & Culture and Head of Governor's Office remained.

The Honourable Premier and Acting Minister of Economic Development and Commerce briefed Council on the memorandum which seeks approval for the drafting and issuance of the Business Licence Moratorium (Supermarkets and Hardware) under the Licensing of Business Act 2021 until January 21, 2030. It was noted that the moratorium previously existed, however, it expired in December 2024, and therefore, the request is to extend this moratorium.

Executive Council:

- 1) Approved the drafting and issuance of the Order under the Licensing of Business Act 2021- Business Licence Moratorium (Supermarkets and Hardware) until January 31, 2030;
- 2) Approved that the Attorney General's Chambers prioritise this Ministerial Order; and

- 3) Directed that the Ministry of Economic Development-Commerce Unit conduct a comprehensive market assessment, ensuring that future licensing decisions align with sustainable business growth and economic stability by end of 2027.

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

Action: PS, MEDICPNR; HON MIN, MEDICPNR.

EX MIN 25/61

EX MEMO 25/47 Appointment of One New Member to the Anguilla Tourist Board

The Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth & Culture and Head of Governor's Office remained.

The Honourable Minister of Tourism, Sports and Health briefed Council on the memorandum which seeks to appoint an additional member to the Anguilla Tourist Board as a representative of Transport Services, in order to ensure compliance with the Anguilla Tourist Board Act, Revised Statutes of Anguilla Chapter A80.

Executive Council:

- 1) Approved the appointment of Mr. Allister Carty to the Anguilla Tourist Board (ATB) as a representative of Transport Services as per section 5(1) (d) of the Anguilla Tourist Board Act, Chapter A80;
- 2) Directed that, in line with the stipulation for all members of the ATB, Mr. Allister Carty complete a Corporate Governance Certification within three months of their appointment or as soon as the course becomes available. The training should cover, but is not limited to, key topics such as:
 - i. The Principles of Good Governance;
 - ii. Board Responsibilities in Corporate Governance;
 - iii. Financial Oversight; and
 - iv. Risk Management
- 3) Directed that the ATB submit quarterly updates to the Ministry responsible for Tourism, copied to the Ministry of Finance outlining compliance with this obligation. These updates should detail the completion status of the certification for each

appointed member, ensuring transparency and accountability in governance.

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

Action: PS, HTS; HON MIN, HTS.

EX MIN 25/62

EX MEMO 25/48 Membership of the Anguilla Summer Festival Committee

The Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth & Culture and Head of Governor's Office remained.

The Honourable Minister of Social Development and Education briefed Council on the memorandum which proposes the appointment of 12 members to the Anguilla Summer Festival Committee and details the corresponding stipends.

Executive Council approved the appointment of the following members to the Anguilla Summer Festival Committee with the following stipends:

- a. Fitzroy Tomlinson- Chairman- EC \$1,000.00
- b. Corwyn Carty- Deputy Chair/ Street Logistics- EC \$650.00
- c. Nordisia Lake- Finance Comptroller- EC \$650.00
- d. Tiffany Carty- DYC Representative- EC \$350.00
- e. Romare Kelsick- Talented Teen Committee- EC \$500.00
- f. Amber Woodley- Miss Anguilla Committee- EC \$500.00
- g. Erica Edwards- Prince and Princess Committee- EC \$500.00
- h. TBD- Junior Calypso- EC\$ 500.00
- i. Roy Bryson- Senior Calypso- EC\$ 500.00
- j. Likerah Adams- Anguilla Boat Racing Association- EC \$500.00
- k. Katrina Richardson- Leeward Island Calypso Show- EC \$350.00
- l. Alysha Carty- Youth Representative- EC \$500.00

Action: PS, MSDE; HON MIN, MSDE.
