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# MINUTES OF THE 14<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE THIRTEENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025 AT 8.45 AM

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms. Julia Crouch

Acting Premier and Minister of Finance, Labour, Immigration, Home Affairs and Constitutional Affairs AND Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, IT and E-Government

Services, Mr. Jose Vanterpool

Acting Deputy Governor, Ms. Marisa Harding-Hodge

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

Kyle Hodge

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

Cardigan Connor

The Honourable Minister of Social Development, Education &

Library, Youth and Culture, Mrs. Shellya Rogers-Webster

Acting Attorney General, Mr. Ivor Greene

Clerk to Executive Council, Ms. Dumisa Webster

ABSENT: The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance, Labour,

Immigration, Home Affairs and Constitutional Affairs, Mrs. Cora

Richardson-Hodge

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley

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

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

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

### EX MIN 25/127 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth & Culture, and Head of Governors Office remained.

Council confirmed the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Council held on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

### MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

None.

### **EX MIN 25/128**

# Presentation by Officers of the United Kingdom Joint Forces Headquarters

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

The following persons joined the meeting:

Paul Brunt, Joint Force Headquarters Lieutenant Col Simon Barker, Joint Force Headquarters Lieutenant Commander, Vivienne Joynes, Joint Force Headquarters

The officers from the UK Joint Force Headquarters briefed Council on their operations, in particular, as it relates to response to crises across the British Overseas Territories. It was also highlighted that an information session was held on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at the Governor's Office for Anguillians interested in joining the UK military.

Action: EXCO CLK; EXCO MEMBERS.

### **EX MIN 25/129**

# EX MEMO 25/100 Revision of Effective Date for Appointment of Members to Anguilla Social Security Board (ASSB) by the Minister with Responsibility for Social Security

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

The Acting Premier and Minister of Finance briefed Council on the memorandum. Executive Council Minute 25/82 appointed new members to the Anguilla Social Security Board with an effective date of 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025. However due to procedural issues experienced, as well as, administrative purposes, it has become necessary to amend this effective date to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025.

### **Executive Council:**

- Approved the revision of the effective date for the appointment of the following members to the Anguilla Social Security Board from 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025 to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025:
  - Navine Fleming as Employer Representative and designated Chairperson;
  - ii. Malone Richardson as Government Representative and designated Deputy Chair;
  - iii. Remieko Richard as Government Representative;
  - iv. Bernard Wattley as Employer Representative;
  - v. Sheila Richardson-Hodge as Employee Representative;
  - vi. Jerome Roberts as Employee Representative;
  - vii. Calniya Hughes as alternate Government Representative;
  - viii. Shaquoi Morton as alternate Employee Representative; and
  - ix. Marie Rey as Alternate Employer Representative.
- Directed that all Board members undergo an approved Board Governance Training within 3 months of appointment. The compliance with this provision is to be monitored by the Social Security Board and reported to the Ministry of Finance by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025.

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

### **EX MIN 25/130**

# EX MEMO 25/101 Application for Duty Exemption for International Motors Limited

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

The Acting Premier and Minister of Finance briefed Council on the memorandum which proposes granting duty exemption for International Motors Limited, operating under the brand Motorworld, for the development of their vehicle showroom. It was noted that granting duty exemption to this entity aligns with the broader objective of the 1998 Customs Duty Exemption Policy to encourage substantial local private sector investment as the entity's investment/project will support national economic development.

Executive Council approved the application for duty-free concessions by International Motors Limited with a duty loss of EC\$639,420.95.

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

### **EX MIN 25/131**

## **EX MEMO 25/102 Application for Duty Exemption for Anguilla Nutrition and Wellness Service**

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

The Acting Premier and Minister of Finance briefed Council on the memorandum which proposes the granting of duty exemption for Nutrition & Wellness Service, a nutrition consultancy, for the import of specialised equipment. This proposal aligns with the Customs Duty Exemption Policy of 1998 which acknowledges the Government's commitment to fostering economic development and diversification.

Executive Council approved the application for duty-free concessions by Anguilla Nutrition & Wellness Service with a duty and tax loss of EC\$3,173.12 (net of administrative fee of 5%) on the recommended item.

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

### **EX MIN 25/132**

### EX MEMO 25/103 Revision of Maximum Price Order on Gasoline Sales

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

Giovanni Francisca, Director of Consumer Affairs

The Honourable Minister of Economic Development and the Director of Consumer Affairs briefed Council on the proposal within the memorandum.

### **Executive Council:**

1. Approved the imposition of maximum price orders on the sale of gasoline, effective immediately:

- a) EC\$15.98 per imperial gallon for Sol St Lucia (Anguilla) Ltd.:
- b) EC\$16.39 per imperial gallon for Delta Petroleum (Anguilla) Ltd.;
- c) EC\$14.46 per imperial gallon for Anguilla Gases Ltd. (regular); and
- d) EC\$15.40 per imperial gallon for Anguilla Gases Ltd. (premium).
- Approved the dissemination of the proposed price order to the fuel suppliers and allow them the opportunity to provide further information prior to the Order taking effect;
- Directed continual review of the price orders as new information from the fuel suppliers and pertinent data on fuel import costs are obtained;
- 4. Requested that the Attorney General's Chambers prepare the Orders and Notice of extension of Regulations for the signature of the Minister.
- Further to Executive Council Minute 25/89, directed that the Attorney General Chambers make the necessary amendments to the relevant legislation to streamline the process of imposing maximum price orders on the sale of gasoline.

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

Action: PS, MEDICPNR; HON MIN, MEDICPNR; HON AG.

### **EX MIN 25/133**

EX MEMO 25/104 Application for Issue of Licence under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act- [Redacted Text] - Registration Section West Central, Block 28211 B, Parcel 465 being 0.61 acre located in South Hill

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

The Honourable Minister of Lands briefed Council on the application for an Aliens Land Holding Licence. Executive Council approved the granting of an Aliens Land Holding Licence to [Redacted Text] to hold

on a freehold basis, property situated in Registration Section: West Central, Block 28211 B, described as Parcel 465 being 0.61 of an acre of land, located at South Hill, Anguilla for residential purposes, with a dwelling house thereon subject to:

a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:

(i) under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$1,996,660.55

EC\$99,833.03

(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$1,996,660.55

EC\$99,833.03

TOTAL <u>EC\$199,666.06</u>

- b) The property is to be used for residential purposes.
- c) The Licencee is exempted from the Government's Policy restricting Aliens from purchasing no more than half an acre of land on the grounds that it is built property being sold in its entirety, is already alienated and within reason on the half acre restriction.
- d) The Licencee 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.
- e) The Licencee shall fully comply with the laws of Anguilla enforced 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 2023, the Social Security Act, the Immigration and Passport Regulations and any statutory modification or reenactment thereof and any rules or regulations made there under.

f) Any breach of any of the conditions of this Licence shall result in all the estate and interest of the Licensee in the land being liable for forfeiture to the Crown.

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

### EX MIN 25/134

EX MEMO 25/105 Application for Issue of Licence under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act- [Redacted Text] - Registration Section South Central, Block 38711 B, Parcel 61 being 0.90 of an acre located in Little Harbour

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

The Honourable Minister briefed Council on Application for an Aliens Land Holding Licence. Executive Council approved the granting of an Aliens Land Holding Licence to [Redacted Text] to hold property situated in Registration Section: South Central, Block 38711 B, described as Parcel 61 being 0.90 of an acre of land, dwelling house thereon, located in Little Harbour for residential purposes with intent to rent, subject to:

- a) Payment of the following stamp duties:
- (i) under the Stamp Act 5% of EC\$2,967,772.80

EC\$148,388.64

(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$2,967,772.80

EC\$148,388.64

TOTAL

EC\$296,777.28

- b) The property must be used for residential purposes.
- c) The Licencee 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 Licencee shall fully comply with the laws of Anguilla enforced 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 2023, 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.

e) Any breach of any of the conditions of this Licence shall result in all the estate and interest of the Licensee in the land being liable for forfeiture to the Crown.

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

### **EX MIN 25/135**

EX MEMO 25/106 Application for Issue of Licence under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act- [Redacted Text] - Registration Section: East End, Block 99516 B, Parcel 142 being 0.70 of an acre located in Sile Bay

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

The Honourable Minister briefed Council on the application for an Aliens Land Holding Licence. Executive Council approved the granting of an Aliens Land Holding Licence to [Redacted Text] to hold property situated in Registration Section: East End, Block 99516 B, described as Parcel 142 being 0.70 of an acre of vacant land, located in Sile Bay to construction of a villa development for tourism purposes subject to:

a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:

(iii) under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$416,671.00

EC\$20,833.55

(iv) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 6.25% of EC\$416,671.00

EC\$26,041.93

**TOTAL** 

EC\$46,875.48

b) The property must be used for tourism purposes.

- c) The Applicant Company must obtain a Business Licence from the Ministry of Economic Development in order to rent the said property.
- d) The express condition in the Licence that the development shall be completed within forty-eight (48) months, failing which a penalty of US\$3,500.00 shall apply for each calendar month or part thereof that the project remains uncompleted without reasonable justification for the delay in completion. The said penalty shall continue for a period of 12 months. Thereafter, forfeiture proceedings for the property will be commenced by the Government of Anguilla.
- e) The Licencee shall fully comply with the laws of Anguilla enforced 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 2023, 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.
- f) Any breach of any of the conditions of this Licence shall result in all the estate and interest of the Licensee in the land being liable for forfeiture to the Crown.

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

### **EX MIN 25/136**

### EX MEMO 25/107 Runway Extension Update May 2025

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

The following persons joined the meeting:

Shameica Hodge, Permanent Secretary (Ag.), Home Affairs

Leslie Hodge, Director of the Department of Lands and Surveys

Travis Carty, PS (Ag.), Permanent Secretary

The Director of Lands and Surveys provided Council with a comprehensive update on the current progress of the Clayton J. Lloyd International Airport Runway Extension Project, in particular, the acquisition of lands for this project.

**Executive Council:** 

### [Redacted Text]

- 4. Approved the Government teams of Ministry of Infrastructure, Communication, Utilities, Housing, Information Technology and E-Government Services and Ministry of Lands exploring the need for lands and the feasibility of such land for critical use such as Solar Farm use, Bulk storage, Deep Water Harbour and future Airport development and amenities to include Hangar space, warehouse storage (commercial and public) and a Housing scheme. Same should be reported back to Executive Council by 26th June 2025 for consideration; and
- Approved the Government of Anguilla adapting recommendations under the Airport Masterplan Option C-"Long Term Recommendations" and to extend the Clayton J Lloyd International Airport runway to 7,000 ft. in immediate timeframe.

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

### **EX MIN 25/137**

# EX MEMO 25/108 Authorisation of the Independent Agency for Accreditation and Rating (IAAR) as an Accreditation Body in Anguilla

The Honourable 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 that Council authorise the Independent Agency for Accreditation and Rating (IAAR) as a foreign accrediting body in Anguilla. Council was provided with extensive background information on the IAAR.

### **Executive Council:**

- 1. Approved the authorisation of the Independent Agency for Accreditation and Rating (IAAR) as a foreign accrediting body in Anguilla by way of regulation and approval by resolution of the House of Assembly; and
- 2. Directed the Attorney General Chambers to complete the necessary legislative drafting for tabling of this matter in the House of Assembly for the sitting to be held on 24th June 2024.

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

Action: PS, MSDE; HON MIN, MSDE; HON AG.

### **EX MIN 25/138**

# **EX MEMO 25/109 Appointment of a New Member to the Higher Education Licensing Board**

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

The Honourable Minister briefed Council on the memorandum which proposes appointment of Mr. Nesta Brooks to the Higher Education Licensing Board, following resignation of one Board member.

Executive Council approved the appointment of Mr. Nesta Brooks to the Higher Education Licensing Board with immediate effect by instrument published in the Gazette.

Action: PS, MSDE; HON MIN; MSDE.

[Redacted Text]	