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## <u>MINUTES OF THE 212<sup>™</sup> MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA</u> EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 9<sup>™</sup> JANUARY 2025 AT 9.00 AM

PRESENT: Acting Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley

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

Acting Deputy Governor, Dr. Aidan Harrigan

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

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

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

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr. Kurt De Freitas KC

Clerk to Executive Council, Ms. Dumisa Webster

- IN ATTENDANCE: The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Merrick Richardson
- ABSENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms. Julia Crouch

The Honourable Minister of Sustainability, Innovation, and the Environment, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie

# EX MIN 25/04 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 210<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Council held on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024, the 211<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Council held on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 and the

Executive Council Decisions Made by Round Robin on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 and Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

### MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

None.

# EX MIN 25/05 EX MEMO 25/03 Appointment of a New Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Council Hon. Parliamentary Secretary remained.

The Honourable Minister of Education briefed Council on the selected appointments for the TVET Council. It was noted that Section 87 of the Education Act provides for the establishment, composition and appointment of the TVET Council. It was also noted that two members of the previous TVET Council expressed interest in continued service. It is proposed that Executive Council notes the Minister of Education's appointees to the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Council for a period of three years commencing 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 as follows:

- 1) Ms. Jo-Ann Hodge—designated by the PS with responsibility for Labour (ex-officio);
- 2) Mr. Bren Romney, Chief Education Officer (ex-officio);
- 3) Mr. Feliciano James, TVET Coordinator (ex-officio);
- 4) Dr. Jacqueline Austin- President of the Anguilla Community College (ex-officio);
- 5) Mr. Ronald Lynch-recommended by the Anguilla Chamber of Commerce & Industry;
- 6) Mr. Conrad Wilbert Fleming-recommended by the Anguilla Hotel & Tourism Association;
- 7) Mrs. Fuan Campbell-Toussaint—recommended by the Anguilla Teachers' Union;
- 8) Ms. Katrina Richardson -recommended by the Anguilla Civil Service Association;
- 9) Mr. Michael Lawrence--expertise in technical and vocational education and training; and

10) Mr. Christopher Mason-- expertise in technical and vocational education and training.

Executive Council noted the Honourable Minister of Education's appointees to the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Council (TVET) for a period of three years commencing 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 as follows:

- 1) Ms. Jo-Ann Hodge—designated by the PS with responsibility for Labour (ex-officio);
- 2) Mr. Bren Romney, Chief Education Officer (ex-officio);
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- 8) Ms. Katrina Richardson -recommended by the Anguilla Civil Service Association;
- 9) Mr. Michael Lawrence--expertise in technical and vocational education and training; and
- 10) Mr. Christopher Mason-- expertise in technical and vocational education and training.

Action: PS, MSDE; HON MIN; MSDE

EX MIN 25/06 EX MEMO 25/04 Application for Issue of Licence Under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act- XXXXXXXXXXX -Registration Section East Central, Block 89118 B, Parcel 173 being 0.81 of an Acre Hon. Parliamentary Secretary remained. The Honourable Minister of Home Affairs and Lands briefed Council on the application for an Alien Land Holding Licence.

Executive Council approved the granting of an Aliens Land Holding Licence to **XXXXXXXXXXX** to hold vacant property situated in Registration Section: East Central, Block 89118 B, described as Parcel 173 being 0.81 of an acre of land located in Shoal Bay, Anguilla for residential purposes, subject to:

(a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties

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- (i) under the Stamp Act 5% of EC\$217,744.20 EC\$10,887.21
- (ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 6.25% of EC\$217,744.20
- (iii) refundable deposit 10% of EC\$217,744.20

Waiver

Waiver

TOTAL

EC\$10,887.21

- (b) The property must be used for residential purposes.
- (c) Regulations to be issued by the Attorney General's Chambers
- (d) The Applicant be granted a waiver of Government's Policy on requiring a 10% refundable deposit and time to build, on the grounds that the Applicant is being gifted the property and has a strong connection to Anguilla, having spent his formative years here. The Applicant has now returned to make Anguilla his permanent home and is contributing to the local economy through his business establishment.
- (e) Additionally, the Applicant qualifies for waivers under the Government's policy, regarding the 10% refundable deposit requirement and the Aliens Land Holding Licence stamp duty. This is based on the fact that the Applicant is a Caribbean national who has resided in Anguilla for seven (7) years.

(f) The Licensee shall fully comply with the laws of Anguilla from time to time including the Land Development Control Act, the Property Tax Act, the Building Regulations, 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: DLS; PS, HA; HON MIN, HA.

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Hon. Parliamentary Secretary remained.

The Honourable Minister of Home Affairs and Lands briefed Council on the memorandum. Executive Council Minute 24/357 notes the approval of this matter, however, it has returned for Council's consideration due to an error with the memorandum originally submitted to Council.

(a) Payment of the following stamp duties:

TOTAL	<u>EC\$235,889.50</u>
<ul><li>(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$2,358,895.00</li></ul>	EC\$117,944.75
(i) under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$2,358,895.00	EC\$117,944.75

- (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, the Social Security Act, the Immigration and Passport Regulations and any statutory modification or reenactment 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.

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

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

### EX MIN 25/08 EX MEMO 25/06 Island Scholarship Award 2024

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary remained.

Based on the 2024 Scholarship Rank Order Listing and the results details from the Caribbean Examination Council (CXC) Headquarters, Barbados, along with the criteria for the selection of the Island Scholar as set out by the Education Act- Part 9 (170), Miss Lyse-andria Franklin appeared to have the best claim to the Anguilla Island Scholarship. Therefore, it is requested that the Executive Council confirm Ms. Franklin's selection for the Anguilla Island Scholarship for 2024.

Executive Council:

1. Confirmed the selection of Ms. Lyse-andria Franklin as the recipient for the Anguilla Island Scholarship for 2024;

- 2. Noted that the scholarship will be for a duration of five years beginning September 2024;
- 3. Noted that the scholarship is tenable at Lancaster University and pending other university; and
- 4. Agreed that the cost of the scholarship should not exceed EC\$600,000.00

Action: DHRM; PS, PA; HON DG.

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