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**MINUTES OF THE 41ST MEETING OF THE THIRTEENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 29TH JANUARY 2026 AT 9.00 AM**

- PRESENT: Acting Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley
- The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance, Labour,
Immigration, Home Affairs and Constitutional Affairs, Mrs. Cora
Richardson-Hodge
- Acting Deputy Governor, Ms. Maeza Demis-Adams
- The Honourable Minister of Health, Tourism and Sports, Mr.
Cardigan Connor
- The Honourable Minister of Economic Development, Industry,
Commerce, Lands, Planning, Water and Natural Resources, Mr.
Kyle Hodge
- The Honourable Minister of Social Development, Education &
Library, Youth and Culture, Mrs. Shellya Rogers-Webster
- The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure, Communications,
Utilities, Housing, IT and E-Government Services, Mr. Jose
Vanterpool
- The Honourable Attorney General, Mrs. Rachel Spearing
- Clerk to the Executive Council, Ms. Dumisa Webster
- IN ATTENDANCE: The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Cordell Richardson
- Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth & Culture , Mr. Jeison Bryan
- Acting Head of Governor's Office, Mr. Charles Hanen
- ABSENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms. Julia Crouch

EX MIN 26/014

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

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

Council confirmed the Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Council Meeting held on 22nd January 2026 subject to discussed amendment.

EX MIN 26/015

EX MEMO 26/013 Refusal to Grant Work Permits

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

In keeping with Section 164(3) of the Labour (Relations) Act, 2018 the Premier and Minister of Home Affairs and Labour seeks to consult the Executive Council before refusing to grant work permits. Council was provided with the details of each proposed work permit refusal.

Council noted the reasons for refusal of the following work permits:

- 1) In relation to [Redacted Text] - pursuant to section 170 (1) (a) of the Labour Relations Act, the employer has not demonstrated a genuine need to engage the services of the prospective employee.
- 2) In relation to [Redacted Text]- pursuant to section 170 (1) (a) of the Labour Relations Act, the employer has not demonstrated a genuine need to engage the services of the prospective employee.
- 3) In relation to [Redacted Text]- pursuant to section 170 (1) (a) of the Labour Relations Act, the employer has not demonstrated a genuine need to engage the services of the prospective employee.
- 4) In relation to [Redacted Text]- pursuant to section 170 (1) (a) of the Labour Relations Act, the employer has not demonstrated a genuine need to engage the services of the prospective employee.
- 5) In relation to [Redacted Text] - pursuant to section 170 (1) (a) of the Labour Relations Act, the employer has not demonstrated a genuine need to engage the services of the prospective employee.

- 6) In relation to [Redacted Text] - pursuant to section 170 (1) (a) of the Labour Relations Act, the employer has not demonstrated a genuine need to engage the services of the prospective employee.
- 7) In relation to [Redacted Text]- pursuant to section 170 (1) (a) of the Labour Relations Act, the employer has not demonstrated a genuine need to engage the services of the prospective employee.
- 8) In relation to [Redacted Text] - pursuant to section 170 (1) (a) of the Labour Relations Act, the employer has not demonstrated a genuine need to engage the services of the prospective employee.

Executive Council:

1. Noted section 164 of the Labour (Relations) Act 2018 containing the principles governing work permits;
2. Noted that in keeping with section 164 (3) of the Labour (Relations) Act 2018, the Honourable Premier and Minister of Home Affairs and Labour consulted with Executive Council before refusing to grant work permits; and
3. Considered and endorsed the proposal by the Honourable Premier and Minister of Home Affairs and Labour that the following persons be refused work permits on the basis of the foregoing information:

[Redacted Text]

Action: CIO; LAB COM; PAS, HA; PS, HA; HON PREM.

EX MIN 26/016

EX MEMO 26/014 Theme for the Celebration of the 59th Anniversary of the Anguilla Revolution and Anguilla Day 2026

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

Following the launch of the Anguilla Day Theme Competition in October of 2025 and consideration of the submitted themes by a sub-committee of the Anguilla National Celebrations Committee, an entry

was selected as the winner. The selected entry is noted as “Anguilla Day 59: Empowered by Yesterday’s Legacy, Inspired by Tomorrow’s Promise” and is now presented to Executive Council for approval. Additionally, all other entries were provided to Council for consideration.

Executive Council approved the theme, “Anguilla Day 59: Empowered by Yesterday’s Legacy, Inspired by Tomorrow’s Promise”, for the 59th Anniversary of Anguilla Revolution and Anguilla Day 2026.

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

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

EX MIN 26/017

EX MEMO 26/015 Year of Activities in Recognition of What Would Have Been the Centennial Birthday of Hon. Mr. James Ronald Webster

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

It was noted that 2nd March 2026 would be the 100th birthday of Mr. James Ronald Webster, Anguilla’s Revolutionary leader. It was noted that Mr. Webster, widely regarded as the “Father of the Nation”, played a pivotal role in laying the foundation for Anguilla’s political and economic transformation. The Government of Anguilla has been approached with a proposal to undertake activities in honour of Mr. Webster’s birthday. It is proposed that Council provide partial funding for celebratory activities as well as authorise the institution of a committee to progress said activities.

Executive Council:

1. Approved the proposed committee for the progression of activities in celebration of the 100th birthday of Mr. James Ronald Webster to be finalised upon the Committee’s presentation of a final list of activities to Executive Council. Members of the Committee are as follows:
 - i. Dr. Timothy Hodge, Family Representative, Chairman;
 - ii. Mrs. Palona Webster-Reese, Family Representative;
 - iii. Mrs. Yvonne Webster-Price, Family Representative;

- iv. Mr. Trevor (Ras Bucket) Davis, Community Representative;
 - v. Representative of Department of Youth & Culture- TBD by Permanent Secretary, Finance;
 - vi. Representative of Premier's Office/ Ministry of Finance- TBD by Permanent Secretary, Finance;
 - vii. Representative of Social Security Board- TBD by Permanent Secretary, Finance;
 - viii. Representative of Social Security Board- TBD by Permanent Secretary, Finance; and
 - ix. Representative of Anguilla National Celebrations Committee- TBD.
2. Approved the contribution of EC\$100,000 on behalf of the Government of Anguilla in celebration of the Hon. Mr. James Ronald Webster.

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

EX MIN 26/018

EX MEMO 26/016 Granting of a New 18ft Right of Way (R.O.W) over Crown Land Situated in Registration Section North Central, Block 48714 B, Parcel 774

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

Mr. Leslie Hodge, Director of Lands and Surveys joined the meeting.

The memorandum presented to Council outlined the need for provision of registered access to parcels of land in Crocus Hill. It was noted that a dirt track over Crown land is currently in use, however, if no easement is provided the lack of access to said parcels would cause a hinderance if properties were to be developed. This registered access would not only benefit the parcel owners but provide registered access to the newly renovated Old Courthouse that has been repurposed for a national museum.

Executive Council:

1. Approved the registration of a 18ft Right Of Way over Crown land situated on Block 48714B Parcel 774 as an incumbrance and to Block 48714B Parcels 35, 36, 37, 38, & 39 as an appurtenance;
2. Noted that a memorandum will return to Council outlining the financial implications of the development of the Right of Way prior to the commencement of the development;
3. Noted that the Ministry of Infrastructure, Utilities, Communications, Housing, Information Technology and E-Government Services is to layout & develop the Right of Way once delineated by the Department of Lands and Surveys; and;
4. Authorised H.E the Governor to sign the Grant of Easement forms on behalf of the Crown;
5. Instructed the Registrar of Lands to write to the property owners to inform them of the benefit to their parcels.

Action: DLS; PS, MEDICPNR; HON MIN, MEDIPCNR; HON MIN, MICUHITES.

EX MIN 26/019

EX MEMO 26/017 Application for Issue of Licence under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act-[Redacted Text]-Registration Section: West End, Block 17709 B, Parcel 167 being 1.77 of an Acre

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

Council was briefed on the application for an Aliens Land Holding Licence. Council approved the granting of an Aliens Land Holding Licence to [Redacted Text] to hold property situated in Registration Section West End, Block 17709 B, described as Parcel 167 located in West End for residential purposes, subject to:

(a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:

(i) under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC
\$1,270,174.50

EC\$63,508.73

- (ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$1,270,174.50 Waived

TOTAL **EC\$63,508.73**

(b) [Redacted Text] be granted an exemption from the Aliens Land Holding Licence Regulation Act fee and to grant an exemption to own more than a half acre of land on an exceptional basis and to grant the waiver of the ALHL fee.

(c) Regulations to be issued by the Attorney General Chambers.

(d) The Aliens Land Holding Licence Stamp Duty shall be waived from 5% to 0% pursuant to regulations under Section 16 of the Financial Administration and Audit Act RSA c F27.

Registration Section	Block	Parcel	Assessed Value (EC\$)	ALHLR Act @ 5%	ALHLR Act @ 0%	Concession loss to GOA
West End	17709 B	167	\$1,270,174.50	\$63,508.73	waived	\$63,508.73

(e) The property to be used for residential purposes.

(f) The Licensee shall not rent the dwelling house unless a Business Licence is obtained from the Ministry of Economic Development, Investment, Commerce, Information Technology & Natural Resources.

(g) 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, the Control of Employment Act, 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.

(h) 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; and

- (i) That the Ministry of Finance records the taxes waived in the amount of EC\$63,508.73.

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

[Redacted Text]

EX MIN 26/021 EX MEMO 26/019 Transfer of Lands to the Crown for Road Improvement under the Ministry of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, Information Technology and E-Government Services

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

Council was briefed on the memorandum which proposes the transfer of numerous parcels of land to the Crown for road improvement. It was noted that formal access to property in Anguilla has historically been problematic, as Right of Ways are often developed over private property. However formal access to property by land owners is critical for Land Development Control Committee permissions and other important uses. As such, the Departments of Physical Planning, Infrastructure and Lands and Surveys are actively pursuing remedies for the contentious situations that often arise. One such remedy was engaging landowners and educating them on the benefits of transferring/dedicating/gifting Right of Ways to the Crown to be declared as Public Roads under the Road Act. As a result, a number of private land owners have declared their intention to participate in transferring land to the Crown for this use.

Executive Council:

1. Agreed to the Crown receiving the transfers by:

<u>List of Right of ways to be transferred to Crown for Road Development at Appendices 1 and 2</u>				
<u>Proprietor</u>	<u>Transferee</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Acreage</u>

Amos Gumbs as personal representative of the estate of John Joseph Christopher Gumbs	Crown	89217B	271	0.53
David Louis Fleming	Crown	69116B	81	0.29
David Louis Fleming	Crown	69116B	118	1.41
David Louis Fleming	Crown	69116B	70	0.48
David Louis Fleming	Crown	89116B	39	0.52
Dorothea Robinson	Crown	28411B	233	0.34
Elkin Lloyd and Stephanie Robinson as lawful attorneys for Jemima Lloyd as Personal Representatives of the Estate of Richard James Lloyd (dec.)	Crown	58716B	226	0.38
Gracita Christopher and Gracita Christopher as lawful attorney for Desiree Ann Asfao as personal representative of the Estate of Uriah Bryan (Dec)	Crown	17608B	21	3.25
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Hubert Hughes as Lawful Attorney for Donfield Gumbs as	Crown	28311B	395	0.13
personal representative of the Estate of Cornelius Gumbs (deceased), and Oriela Gumbs as lawful attorney for Hilton A. Gumbs				

Hugo Franklin as Lawful Attorney of Ina Franklin as personal representative of the Estate of Edward Hughes (deceased)	Crown	28311B	292	1.69
* Louisa Agneta Paris nee Smith personal representative of the Estate of Louise Ann Augusta Smith aka Louisa Smith and Louisa Augusta Smith	Crown	89318B	292	0.16
* Louisa Agneta Paris nee Smith personal representative of the Estate of Louise Ann Augusta Smith aka Louisa Smith and Louisa Augusta Smith	Crown	89318B	250	0.17
Osbourne Fleming and Elpha Richards	Crown	99415B	399	7.89
Osbourne Fleming and Elpha Richards	Crown	99415B	415	0.25
Long Bay Villas Ltd.	Crown	18011B	239	0.11
Joseph Nathan Hodge	Crown	89316B	69	0.20
Joseph Nathan Hodge	Crown	99415B	237	1.03
Michael Fleming as lawful attorney for Sonia Roxana Plantyin as personal representative of the Estate of Lilian Webster	Crown	89117B	355	0.75

Verna Bryan as Lawful Attorney of Jeanette C Gumbs-Duncan and Sheila Roswell nee Duncan as personal representative of the Estate of James Adolphus Duncan.	Crown	99416B	413	0.11
Verhona Reid as personal representative of the Estate of Louisa Connor	Crown	58916 B	151	1.33
Evan McArthur Owen through his lawful attorney Murielle Owen	Crown	38612 B	356	1.76
Evan McArthur Owen through his lawful attorney Murielle Owen	Crown	38612 B	299	0.64
<u>Total</u>				<u>23.90ac</u>

2. Instructed that the Ministry of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities & Housing and Lands inspect all Right of Ways prior to transfer to determine Right of Way boundary lines and actual Right of Way conditions;

3. [Redacted Text]

4. Instructed that the remission be sent to the Registrar of Courts via the Attorney General Chambers;

5. Consented for Her Excellency the Governor to sign the relevant transfer forms to complete the transfer process;

6. Instructed that all Right of Ways are to be surveyed before they are declared as part of the Public Road;

7. Directed that once the Right of Ways are transferred to Crown

a declaration be made under the Roads Act R.S.A. c. R65 to designate Right of Ways as part of the Public Road;

8. That provision is made in the budget allocations going forward for maintenance of said New Roads; and

9. That the registration fees, deletion of death and the fee for a certificate of good standing be waived conditionally that the transfers are onward to the Crown for properties that are transferring to the Crown.

Action DLS; PS, MEDICPNR; HON MIN, MEDICPNR; HON AG; HE GOV.

EX MIN 26/022

EX MEMO 26/020 Award of an Additional Government Scholarship to the Second Highest Performing Student, Ms. Mya L. Lake

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

It was highlighted that the Government of Anguilla provides an annual Island Scholarship to the highest performing eligible candidate according to approved criteria. In recognizing the objective to highlight academic excellence and building human capital, it is requested that Council extend an additional scholarship award to the second highest-performing student according to the ranking of the Caribbean Examinations Council.

Executive Council approved the award of an additional Government Scholarship to Ms. Mya L. Lake, the second highest-performing eligible student as an ex-gratia award.

Action: CEO; PS, PA; PS, MSDE; HON MIN, MSDE.

EX MIN 26/023

EX MEMO 26/021 Appointment of Public Health Quarantine Officers under the Quarantine Act

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

It was noted that the current instruments appointing Public Quarantine Officers will expire on 4th February 2026. In order to ensure the enforcement of the Quarantine Act it is necessary to prepare and execute the new instruments of appointment for the affected officers.

Executive Council:

1. Approved the appointment of the following officers as Public Health Quarantine Officers:
 - i. Ms. Rochelle Rogers – Health Planner
 - ii. Mrs. Twyla Bradshaw-Richardson – Chief Nursing Officer
 - iii. Ms. Lavelle Niles – Programme Officer
 - iv. Ms. April Wilkinson-Richardson – Programme Officer
 - v. Dr. Diana Baron-Belfield – Medical Officer
 - vi. Dr. Sherlan Richardson – Internist
 - vii. Dr. Robyn Perkins – Medical Officer
 - viii. Dr. Timarah Hodge – Medical Officer
 - ix. Dr. Martina Daisley – Medical Officer
 - x. Dr. Jilma Hodge – Medical Officer
 - xi. Mrs. Alicia Haywood – Director Nursing Services
 - xii. Mrs. Fay Astaphan – Centre Manager
 - xiii. Mrs. Rhonda Myers – Centre Manager

xiv. Mrs. Ingrid Queeley – Accident and Emergency Nurse Manager

xv. Mrs. Zamender Smith-Lake – Ward Manager

xvi. Mrs. Karaine Richards - Ward Manager

2. Directed that the Attorney General's Chambers prepare the necessary instruments for Her Excellency the Governor's signature.

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

EX MIN 26/024

EX MEMO 26/022 Criminal Rules of Procedure Act

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

Mr. Carrington Mahoney, Principal Crown Counsel (Criminal) joined the meeting.

It was noted that the Criminal Rules of Procedure Act contains the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court (Criminal Procedure) Rules which are intended to apply to criminal proceedings before the High Court and Magistrates' Courts within the jurisdictions served by the Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, to the extent permitted by the Constitution and laws of each Member State. It was noted that criminal proceedings are currently regulated by a number of sources which results in material inefficiencies. Given the evolving demands placed on the criminal justice system, reform of the criminal procedure was considered necessary.

This matter was deferred for a next sitting of Council to allow further review of the Bill for the Criminal Rules of Procedure Act by members of Council.

Action: EXCO CLK; EXCO MEMBERS; HON AG.
