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**MINUTES OF THE 45TH MEETING OF THE THIRTEENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2026 AT 9.00 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 Economic Development, Industry, Commerce, Lands, Planning, Water and Natural Resources, Mr. Kyle Hodge
- Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley
- 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
- 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 Executive Council, Ms. Dumisa Webster
- ABSENT: The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance, Immigration, Labour, Home Affairs and Constitutional Affairs, Mrs. Cora Richardson-Hodge
- IN ATTENDANCE: The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Cordell Richardson
- Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health, Mr. Evans Rogers
- Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth & Culture , Mr. Jeison Bryan
- Acting Head of Governor's Office, Mr. Charles Hanen

EX MIN 26/047

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

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

Council confirmed the minutes of the Executive Council Decision made via Round Robin on 9th February 2026 and Meeting held on Thursday, 19th February 2026, subject to agreed amendments.

EX MIN 26/048

EX MEMO 26/042 Application for Extension on Duty Exemption for International Motors Limited

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

Executive Council Minute 25/130 granted customs and duty exemption for International Motors Limited for a period of 13th February 2025 to 12th February 2026. However, the company encountered unforeseen and extended delays in the shipment of ordered materials caused by events typically characterized as force majeure, including, inter alia, global supply chain disruptions. As such, the shipment and arrival of materials will fall outside of the approved duty exemption period. As a result, the company is requesting an amendment to the Schedule and an extension of the approved importation period by twelve months from the original expiry date.

It was noted that the proposed exemptions align with the Customs Duty Exemption Policy of 1998 which stipulated the government's commitment to advancing economic growth and diversification through targeted fiscal support.

Executive Council considered and approved the above extension application with a duty cost of EC\$639,420.95 and noted that the Motion 11/2025 -1/13HOA was dated February 13, 2025 to February 12, 2026.

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

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

EX MIN 26/049

EX MEMO 26/043 Application for Duty and Tax Exemption by NCBA

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

The National Commercial Bank of Anguilla ("NCBA") has submitted an application for duty and goods tax exemption for import of items for its annual charitable initiative to distribute Christmas gifts to children across Anguilla. It was noted that this programme is a key component of their annual Corporate Social Responsibility activities.

It was noted that specific provision is made in the Integrated Customs Tariff (Amendment) (No. 8) Regulations, 2023 for import of goods by non-profit organisations in furtherance of their activities. While the NCBA is not a non-profit organisation, the above-mentioned activities are deemed charitable and philanthropic. Additionally, Section 5 of the Goods Tax Act empowers the House of Assembly, by resolution, to reduce or exempt Goods Tax on imported items by a specific person and to attach conditions to such reductions or exemption. As such, it is proposed that these items be considered for exemption.

It was noted that the imported items were released to the NCBA by the Customs Department for the 2025 festive period, pending Executive Council approval.

Executive Council approved the subject application by the NCBA for onward transmission to the House of Assembly.

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

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

EX MIN 26/050

EX MEMO 26/044 Approval of Bill for the Social Security (Amendment) Act, 2026

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

Council was briefed on the Bill for Social Security (Amendment) Act, 2026 which seeks to modernise the governance framework of the Social Security Board, particularly, in relation to the appointment and removal of the Director and certain related matters, in keeping with contemporary public sector governance standards and practices across comparable Overseas Territories. It was noted that the

proposed amendments are governance-focused and strengthen transparency and accountability.

Executive Council approved the draft Bill for the Social Security (Amendment) Act, 2026 for tabling in the House of Assembly.

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

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