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**MINUTES OF THE 44TH MEETING OF THE THIRTEENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2026 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, Mrs. Cora Richardson-Hodge
- Acting Deputy Governor, Mr. Karim Hodge
- 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
- Acting Clerk to Executive Council, Ms. Shaneva Hughes
- 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

. EX MIN 26/040 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 Executive Council Meeting held on Thursday, 12th February 2026.

EX MIN 26/041 EX MEMO 26/036 Draft Anguilla Special Trusts Act (“the ASTRa Bill”)

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

Tina Bryan, Director of Anguilla Financial Services Commission joined the meeting.

Council was briefed on the Draft Anguilla Special Trusts Act, which seeks to modernise Anguilla's trust framework and introduce special trusts for charitable and non-charitable purposes, including trusts of shares in Anguillian companies. The Bill also provides for the introduction of enforcers, restrictions on trustee intervention, and alignment with international standards.

Executive Council approved the Anguilla Special Trusts Act, 2026, as attached to the memorandum presented to Council, for transmission to the House of Assembly for enactment.

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

EX MIN 26/042 EX MEMO 26/037 Establishment of a Government of Anguilla Office in London- Approval to Make a Non-Binding Offer for [Redacted Text]

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

It was noted that the Government of Anguilla is considering establishment of a permanent overseas office in London and the submission of a non-binding offer for the property known as [Redacted Text]. It is therefore proposed that Executive Council authorise submission of a non-binding offer for the potential acquisition of [Redacted Text] subject to contract, due diligence, and further approval by Executive Council.

Executive Council approved the submission of a non-binding offer for [Redacted Text] at [Redacted Text] with authority to increase the offer up to but not exceeding [Redacted Text] where required to secure the property, subject to contract, due diligence, and further Executive Council approval. No binding commitment will arise absent a subsequent submission detailing the full legal, technical and financial findings.

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

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

EX MIN 26/043

EX MEMO 26/038 Reappointment of Business Licence Board Member

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

Council was briefed on the proposal for the reappointment of Ms. Heather Wallace as the representative of the Anguilla Chamber of Commerce and Industry ("ACOCI") on the Business Licensing Board and the designation of Mrs. Felicia Hill as alternate representative.

Executive Council:

1. Approved the reappointment of Ms. Heather Wallace as the ACOCI representative on the Business Licensing Board for a 18 month term, deemed to have commenced on 1 January 2025;
2. Designated Mrs. Felicia Hill as alternate representative in accordance with the Act; and
3. Increased the stipend for the ACOCI member to EC\$300 per meeting, capped at a maximum of EC\$600 a month.

Action: PS, MEDICPNR; HON MIN, MEDICPNR.

EX MIN 26/044

EX MEMO 26/039 Acquisition of Lands in the Public Interest to Facilitate the Development and Installation of a Track and Field Facility on Property Situated in Registration Section Cauls Pond, Block 69014 B, Described as Parcel 10, being approximately 14 Acres

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

Council was briefed on the proposal to acquire approximately 14 acres of privately owned land at Quarter (East), in Registration Section Cauls Pond, Block 69014 B, Parcel 10, in the public interest to develop a national track and field facility under the World Athletics, "Project 10" initiative which has evolved into "Aim Beyond" initiative. The briefing outlined the rationale for shifting the project from the originally identified Valley Bottom site due to environmental, food security, agricultural, aquifer protection, flooding, and traffic concerns, and presented Quarter (East) as a more sustainable and strategically suitable alternative near the Albona Lake-Hodge Comprehensive School in the Quarter. Council was also informed of the financial, legal and administrative steps, and the need to notify World Athletics of the location amendment while maintaining the approved project scope.

Executive Council:

1. Approved the new site location in Registration Section Cauls Pond, Block 69014 B, Parcel 10, to develop a national track and field facility, under the World Athletics, "Project 10" initiative which has evolved into "Aim Beyond" initiative;
2. Approved the Department taking steps to acquire and designate the land for this purpose, in the public interest;
3. Directed that the budget for the acquisition be taken from the land acquisition allocation in the 2026 budget;
4. Approved that the land (Registration Section Cauls Pond, Block 69014 B, Parcel 10) for the national track and field facility will be vested to the Anguilla Amateur Athletics Association (AAAA) for administrative control in perpetuity once acquired, in line with the World Athletics' conditional funding;
5. Directed the Ministry of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, Information Technology and E-Government Services to prioritise the planning application and submission of necessary plans to the Department of Physical Planning

for the national track and field project to ensure submission no later than 25 February, 2026;

6. Directed the Ministry of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, Information Technology and E-Government Services to include on the site plan the location of relevant amenities such as restroom, sewage treatment plant, seating/bleachers, parking fencings, access road, sidewalks, lighting etc;
7. Directed the Authorised Officer under the Land Acquisition Act/Director of Lands and Survey: 1) to begin to treat with the Estate of James Emanuel Hodge (dec.) regarding acquisition of the lands and 2) note that the Government of Anguilla is authorised to pursue acquisition of lands including compulsory acquisition if necessary or desired;
8. Directed the Ministry of Sports to immediately proceed with processes and procedures needed to finalise the relevant documentation and for signage at the site location as priority.
9. Directed the Attorney General's Chambers to address the required legislative elements related to the acquisition as priority.

Action: PPO; DLS; PS, MEDICPNR; PS, MICUHITES; PS, HTS; HON MIN, MEDICPNR; HON MIN, MICUHITES; HON MIN; HTS; HON AG.

EX MIN 26/045

EX MEMO 26/040 Proposal for a Temporary Moratorium to Overhaul the Business Licensing and Compliance System with Strategic Exemptions for the Tourism Sector

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

Council was briefed on the proposal to impose a temporary moratorium on new business licences in eight select trade activities, while strategically exempting new business that are critical to approved hotel and resort developments. This initiative is to facilitate a critical overhaul of the Government's currently fragmented and inefficient inter-agency compliance and vetting systems. The select areas are as follows:

- i. Barber Shop;
- ii. Beautician/ Cosmetologist;
- iii. Hairdresser;
- iv. Management Consultant (Sole Practitioner);
- v. Real Estate Agency;
- vi. Real Estate Developer; and
- vii. Bars

Also proposed is approval for a Regulatory Modernisation Task Force comprising of senior public officers from key departments who will be tasked with delivering a new streamlined and digitised Standard Operating Procedure for inter-agency vetting and approval of all future business licenses.

Executive Council:

1. Approved the one-year Business Licence Moratorium for the eight specified trade activities, with the specified exemption for businesses integral to major tourism developments, as a targeted and necessary measure to enable a critical overhaul of the Government's licensing and compliance systems;
2. Directed the formation of the Regulatory Process Modernisation Task Force with the mandate outlined in Section 4 of the memorandum presented to Council; and
3. Directed the Attorney General's Chambers to draft the necessary Orders for each activity.

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

EX MIN 26/046

EX MEMO 26/041 Increase and Extension of the Preprimary Salary Allowance (including Play Schools), Continuity During Medical Leave, and Retroactive Implementation to January 2026

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

Council was briefed on the proposal to increase the Preprimary Salary Allowance and extend eligibility to include Preprimary Educators assigned to Play Schools, provide for continuity of the allowance during approved medical leave, and implement the changes retroactively to January 2026.

Executive Council:

1. Approved Payment of the increase in the Preprimary Salary Allowance from XCD850.00 to XCD1,350.00 per month;
2. Approved the extension of eligibility for the Salary Allowance to include Preprimary Educators assigned to Play Schools (ages 1.5 to 3 years);
3. Approved the continuation of the Salary Allowance during approved medical leave (short-term or extended, within or outside Anguilla), subject to required certification and authorisations; and
4. Approved the retroactive implementation of the above adjustments to January 2026.

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