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**MINUTES OF THE 55TH MEETING OF THE THIRTEENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 7TH MAY 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
 - The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley
 - 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
(*Joined from Ex Min 26/112 onward*)
 - Clerk to Executive Council, Ms. Dumisa Webster
- IN ATTENDANCE:
- Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health, Mr. Evans Rogers
 - Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth and Culture, Mr. Jeison Bryan
 - Acting Head of Governor's Office, Mr. Charles Hanen

EX MIN 26/108 National Day of Prayer- Brief Meditation and Prayer by Canon Reid Simon

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

Canon Reid Simon provided a prayer and brief meditation in commemoration of the National Day of Prayer 2026.

EX MIN 26/109 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

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 meeting held on 30th April 2026 with minor amendment to Ex Min 26/103 subject to confirmation from PS, Finance.

EX MIN 26/110 EX MEMO 26/090 Application for Cruising Permit Exemption for the 2026 Anguilla Regatta

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

The Anguilla Sailing Association and the Anguilla Youth Sailing Club, the hosts of the Anguilla Regatta 2026 intend to enhance Anguilla's reputation as a sailing destination through garnering increased regional and international participants for the Regatta. The hosts have identified fees associated with granting of cruising permits as a significant deterrent for potential participants. To this end, it is requested that Executive Council exempt the cruising permit fees for participants of the event.

Executive Council:

1. Approved the exemption of cruising permit fees for vessels participating in the 2026 Anguilla Regatta, with the exemption limited to vessels registered confirmed by the Anguilla Sailing Association as official participants in the Regatta;
2. Agreed that the exemption shall apply only for the limited period associated with the 2026 Anguilla Regatta, namely 21 May 2026 to 24 May 2026, or such limited arrival and departure period as may be confirmed administratively by the Comptroller of Customs;

3. Noted that the exemption shall not affect the requirement for participating vessels to comply with all applicable Customs, Immigration, Port Authority, maritime safety, and other statutory requirements.
4. Noted the estimated revenue foregone of EC\$27,000.00;
5. Instructed the Attorney General's Chambers to prepare the necessary Regulations under section 16 of the Financial Administration and Audit Act to give effect to the exemption.

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

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

EX MIN 26/111

EX MEMO 26/091 Implementation Adjustment to Approved Temporary Government Intervention to Offset Increases in the Electricity Fuel Surcharge

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

Marisa Harding-Hodge, PS finance joined the meeting.

Executive Council previously approved a fuel surcharge relief measure for an initial period of two months. During the course of implementation, it was noted that the technical billing mechanism available cannot accommodate varied fuel surcharge rates across customer classes at the point of billing. Consequently, the full fuel surcharge due under the existing regulatory framework must be charged to all customers initially while Government support is then applied by way of credit. The General Services Tax ("GST") is calculated on the full fuel surcharge amount charged, therefore, the intended relief will not fully be implemented unless the GST applicable to the Government-supported portion of the fuel surcharge is also covered. It is therefore requested that the Government-funded support include the GST applicable to the fuel surcharge relief being provided under the approved model.

Executive Council:

1. Noted that the Government support requirement is now proposed to be calculated on the basis of the full fuel surcharge differential

under the approved thresholds, rather than the earlier net position basis;

2. Approved that the Government-funded support should also include the GST applicable to the supported portion of the fuel surcharge so as to ensure the intended relief is fully passed through to consumers;
3. Approved that the Government-funded support should also include the GST applicable to the supported portion of the fuel surcharge so as to ensure the intended relief is fully passed through to consumers;
4. Noted that, on the revised basis, the estimated cost of the initial two-month intervention is approximately EC\$7,016,105.30 if the surcharge remains at EC\$0.88 per kWh in the second month, or approximately EC\$8,694,834.92 if the surcharge rises to EC\$1.05 per kWh in the second month;
5. Authorised the Ministry of Finance and ANGLEC to settle the necessary administrative and billing arrangements for implementation; and agree that the measure should be supported by public messaging encouraging energy conservation and prudent electricity use across households, businesses and the public sector, in order to help contain costs and reinforce the temporary and targeted nature of the intervention.

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

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

EX MIN 26/112

EX MEMO 26/092 Amendments to the Commercial Registry Beneficial Ownership Registration System Act and Regulations- to Provide for Legitimate Interest Access to the Beneficial Ownership and Register

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

Executive Council approval is sought to forward the draft Bill entitled Commercial Registry and Beneficial Ownership Registration System

(Amendment) Act, 2026 and the Commercial Registry and Beneficial Ownership Registration System (Amendment) Regulations, 2026 to the House of Assembly for enactment. It was noted that access to Beneficial Ownership registers is essential in counteracting the concealment of illicit activity. Additionally, it was noted that the United Kingdom has called for Overseas Territories to adopt Publicly Accessible Registers of Beneficial Ownership while the European Union has established a precedent for phased Beneficial Ownership transparency through its Fifth Anti-Money Laundering Directive.

It is noted that Anguilla aims to model its Beneficial Ownership (“BO”) transparency framework on a stepped approach, in line with other OTs, incorporating a “legitimate interest” filter that restricts access to BO information while meeting expected transparency requirements. The proposed amendments to the legislative framework, inter alia, provides a statutory definition of “legitimate interest”, expands the grounds upon which a registrable person may apply for suppression of disclosure and strengthens appeals and procedural safeguards.

Executive Council approved the forwarding of the draft Bill entitled Commercial Registry and Beneficial Ownership Registration System (Amendment) Act, 2026 and the Commercial Registry and Beneficial Ownership Registration System (Amendment) Regulations, 2026, to the House of Assembly for enactment subject to formatting.

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

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

EX MIN 26/113

EX MEMO 26/093 Sports Bill, 2026

Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health, Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth and Culture and Acting Head of Governor’s Office remained.

It was noted that the Sports Bill, 2026 establishes the legal framework for the governance, arrangement and development of organised sports in Anguilla, including the establishment of the Anguilla Sports Council, recognition of sports organisations and community sports contributors, safeguarding and welfare protections, national sporting duty and a framework for the Sports Fund. Two features of the Bill which are of particular national importance are the declaration of boat racing as the national sport of Anguilla thereby providing statutory recognition of this deeply rooted tradition and secondly, a provision of authorised absence from work for employees that are national athletes. It is requested that the Executive Council approve the Sports Bill, 2026 for consultation and publication in the Gazette.

Executive Council:

1. Approved the Sports Bill, 2026 for consultation and publication in the Gazette;
2. Directed that the matter be treated as a priority so that it may progress to the House for the sitting immediately after the next; and
3. Agreed to request a special sitting of the House if required to facilitate the passage of this Bill before the Anguilla Day festivities.

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

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

EX MIN 26/114

EX MEMO 26/094 Application for Issue of Licence under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act- Zaleima Amanda Simmonds Registration Section: South Central, Block 38712 B, Parcel 146 being 0.50 of an Acre Located in Little Harbour

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 application for an Aliens Land Holding Licence by Zaleima Amanda Simmonds. Executive Council approved granting of an Aliens Land Holding Licence to Zaleima Amanda Simmonds to hold property situated in Registration Section: South Central, Block 38712 B, described as Parcel 146 being 0.50 of an acre with a dwelling house thereon located in Little Harbour, subject to:

(a) Payment of the following stamp duties:

(i) under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$739,255.00	EC\$36,962.75
(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Act Section 14 (3)	<u>EC\$200.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>EC\$37,162.75</u>

- (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, MEDICPNR; HON MIN, MEDICPNR.

EX MIN 26/115

EX MEMO 26/095 Application for Issue of Licence under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act- Gordon John Foster and Emalee Michele Foster- Registration Section South Central, Block 38409 B, Parcel 14 being 0.36 of an Acre Located in Pelican Bay, Blowing Point

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 application for an Aliens Land Holding Licence by Gordon John Foster and Emalee Michele Foster. Executive Council approved the granting of an Aliens Land Holding Licence to Gordon John Foster and Emalee Michele Foster for property situated in Registration Section: South Central, Block 38409 B, described as Parcel 14 being 0.36 of an acre with a dwelling house thereon 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\$297,777.28

(b) The property must be used for residential purposes only.

(c) 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.

(d) 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, MEDCIPNR; HON MIN, MEDICPNR.

EX MIN 26/116

EX MEMO 26/096 Application for Issue of Licence under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act- North View Properties Ltd.- Registration Section West Central, Block 2811 B, Parcel 135 being 0.50 of an Acre Located in Rendezvous

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 application for an Aliens Land Holding Licence by North View Properties Ltd. Executive Council approved the granting of an Aliens Land Holding Licence to North View Properties Ltd., to hold property situated in Registration Section: West Central, Block 28111 B, described as Parcel 134 being 0.50 of an acre of land, located in Rendezvous for commercial purposes, subject to:

(a) Payment of the following Stamp duties:

(i) under the Stamp Act – 5%

of EC\$537,640.00

EC\$26,882.00

(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding

Regulation Act – 6.25%

of EC\$537,640.00

EC\$33,602.50

TOTAL

EC\$60,484.50

- (b) The property must be used for commercial purposes.
- (c) The property must be developed in accordance with Planning Permission 26/0048.
- (d) The property must be amalgamated with Parcel 135 within three (3) months of the issuance of this Aliens Land Holding Licence and that there is the re-issuance the Aliens Land Holding Licence.
- (e) The Applicant Company be exempted from Government's Policy on restricting Aliens to holding no more than half an acre on the grounds that the intent purchaser is developing a Commercial product that would yield financial revenue for the Government through sales and rentals.
- (f) The refundable deposit of EC\$48,387.60 currently held for North View Properties Ltd be refunded. These funds will be directly reinvested into the integrated development of the two combined parcels.
- (g) 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.
- (h) The Licencee must notify the Ministry of Economic Development of its intention to rent.
- (i) 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.

- (j) 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, MEDICPNR; HON MIN, MEDICPNR.

EX MIN 26/117 EX MEMO 26/097 Application for Issue of Licence under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act- Virginia Butler Fuller-Registration Section: East End, Block 99315 B, Parcel 302 being 0.34 Acre Located in Sandy Hill, Anguilla

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

This matter was deferred for the next sitting of Council.

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

EX MIN 26/118 EX MEMO 26/098 Priority Training Needs 2026

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

Executive Council approval is sought for the proposed scholarship areas, financial assistance awards and Island Scholarship for 2026. It was noted that in March 2026 the Training Policy Committee met to review the scholarship and financial assistance applications received for the year 2026/2026 and the priority training areas submitted by departments and ministries. These submissions were assessed based on established policy criteria and ranked based on inter alia, operational need and strategic importance.

Executive Council:

1. Approved the removal of a Master of Arts in Health Informatics and approved the addition of a training course in Nursing Theatre Techniques under the Ministry of Health recommended priority training areas;
2. Recommended the inclusion of short-term training courses specifically for tradespersons such as electricians, carpenters etc; and

3. Approved the recommendations of the Training Policy Committee for the 2026 Island Scholarship, Financial Assistance awards and noted that the submission will return to Council with recommendations for priority training areas that are targeted to Technical and Vocational Education and Training as well as the training needs within the private sector.

Action: PS, PA; HON DG.
