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**MINUTES OF THE 56TH MEETING OF THE THIRTEENTH ANGUILLA  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH 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 AND Acting Minister of Health, Tourism and Sports, Mrs. Cora Richardson-Hodge

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley

The Honourable Minister of Economic Development, Investment, Commerce, Planning, Lands, Water and Natural Resources, Mr. Kyle Hodge

The Honourable Minister of Social Development, Education, Youth and Culture, Mrs. Shellya Rogers-Webster

Acting Attorney General, Mr. Norman MacDonald

Acting Clerk to Executive Council, Ms. Shaneva Hughes
- ABSENT:

The Honourable Minister of Health, Sports and Tourism, Mr. Cardigan Connor

The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, Information Technology and E-Government Services, Mr. Jose Vanterpool
- IN ATTENDANCE:

The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Cordell Richardson

Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health, Mr. Evans Rogers
- EX MIN 26/119

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary and Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health remained.

Council deferred confirmation of the minutes of the Executive Council Meeting held on Thursday 7th May 2026.
- EX MIN 26/120

**EX MEMO 26/098 Payment System and Services Act 2026**

The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary and Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health remained.

Council deferred consideration.

Action: PAS, FIN; PS, FIN; HON PREM.
- EX MIN 26/121

**EX MEMO 26/099 Waiver of Duty and Tax on Imports Associated With the 2026 Anguilla Summer Festival**

The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary and Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health remained.

Council was briefed on the proposal to grant duty and tax exemptions on imports associated with participation in the 2026 Anguilla Summer

Festival. It was noted that the proposed exemptions are intended to support participation in national cultural activities including pageantry, parades, organised troupes, bands and approved fringe events.

Executive Council noted that the proposed exemptions are consistent with historical practice and are intended to assist participants in offsetting costs associated with cultural participation.

Executive Council approved exemption from Import Customs Duty, Customs Service Fee and Goods and Services Tax for approved imports associated with participation in the 2026 Anguilla Summer Festival subject to the following conditions:

(a) persons qualifying for exemptions shall be restricted to approved categories of participants including pageant contestants, organised troupes, bands and approved non-profit fringe events;

(b) qualifying persons must provide written support from the Department of Youth and Culture confirming participation in approved Festival activities and confirming that imported items are associated with such participation;

(c) exemptions shall apply only to approved categories of goods associated with participation in the Festival; and

(d) the concession period for clearance of imports shall expire on 31st August 2026.

Council noted that the granting of the duty and tax exemptions may result in revenue forgone estimated at approximately EC\$54.75K as further detailed in the attached calculations. Executive Council further noted, however, that annual revenue estimates do not ordinarily include projected revenue from these imports due to the long-standing practice of granting exemptions for Festival-related cultural participation.

Council additionally noted that the proposed exemptions represent an indirect form of Government support to participants and organisers and assist in reducing participation costs associated with national cultural events.

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

Action: COC; PAS, FIN; PS, FIN; PS, MSDE; HON MIN, MSDE; HON PREM.

#### **EX MIN 26/122**

#### **EX MEMO 26/100 Nominations for the Anguilla Badge of Honour and King's Certificate 2026**

The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary and Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health remained.

Council was briefed on the recommendations of the National Honours and Awards Committee following its meeting held on 4th May 2026 to consider nominations for the Anguilla Badge of Honour and King's Certificate 2026.

Council noted the criteria applied by the Committee in considering nominees for contributions in the areas of Revolution and Social Development.

Executive Council:

1. Approved the recommendations of the National Honours and Awards Committee for the Anguilla Badge of Honour 2026 as follows:

**Mrs. Morleen Lewis-Brooks** – Trailblazing public servant and aviation professional who became Anguilla’s first female air traffic controller and first qualified meteorological observer, helping establish the island’s Meteorological Office. She is also recognised for decades of church leadership, youth mentorship, entrepreneurship, and community service.

**Mr. Alexis S. Ryan** – Renowned fashion designer, spoken word artist, and cultural ambassador whose work through TheoChris Designs has promoted Anguillian culture regionally and internationally. He has also spent more than two decades mentoring pageant contestants and supporting the development of young creatives across the Caribbean.

**Mr. Cheddie M. Richardson** – Celebrated master wood-carver and founder of Cheddie’s Carving Studio, whose driftwood sculptures have showcased Anguillian culture internationally for over forty years. His artistic contributions, mentorship of young artists, and promotion of national heritage have made him one of Anguilla’s leading cultural figures.

2. Noted and approved the nomination made in Council of **Mr. Timothy “Coach Tim” Richardson**. Mr. Timothy Richardson, widely known as “Coach Tim,” has dedicated more than forty-two years to the development of cycling in Anguilla and the wider Caribbean as both a competitive cyclist and mentor. Through his longstanding work coaching and mentoring young athletes, he has made a significant contribution to youth development, community engagement, and the advancement of cycling in Anguilla.

Executive Council further approved the recommendation for the King’s Certificate for submission to Her Excellency the Governor for consideration and approval.

Council noted that there are no material additional financial implications associated with the awards process beyond existing ceremonial and administrative budgetary provisions.

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

**EX MIN 26/123**

**EX MEMO 26/101 Establishment of the Financial Services Development and Promotion Advisory Committee**

The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary and Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health remained.

Council was briefed on the proposal to establish a Financial Services Development and Promotion Advisory Committee to support the Financial Services Marketing Unit of the Anguilla Tourist Board and provide strategic oversight and direction for financial services marketing initiatives.

Executive Council noted that the Committee would function as an advisory and oversight body to guide:

- (a) development of the financial services marketing strategy and annual work programme;
- (b) sector messaging and positioning;
- (c) performance monitoring and reporting;
- (d) coordination across Government, regulators and industry stakeholders; and
- (e) alignment with national initiatives including the Special Economic Zone and Residency by Investment Programme.

Council further noted that the Committee would operate through existing institutional arrangements and that members would serve on a voluntary and uncompensated basis.

Executive Council:

1. Approved the establishment of the Financial Services Development and Promotion Advisory Committee;
2. Approved the proposed governance arrangements and Terms of Reference; and
3. Directed that the Committee function as an advisory and oversight body for financial services marketing activities conducted through the Anguilla Tourist Board Financial Services Marketing Unit.

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

Action: PS, FIN; CEO, ATB; HON PREM.

EX MIN 26/124

**EX MEMO 26/102 Application for Issue of Licence under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act- Mitchell Charles Crispe and Michelle Deanne Crispe- Registration Section North Central, Block 48613 B, Parcel 153 being 0.50 Acre**  
The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary and Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health remained.

Council was briefed on the application for an Alien Land Holding Licence by Mitchell Charles Crispe and Michelle Deanne Crispe. Executive Council approved the granting of an Alien Land Holding Licence under Section 4 of the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act, RSA, c.A55 to Mitchell Charles Crispe and Michelle Deanne Crispe subject to:

(a) Payment of the following stamp duties:

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|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| (i) under the Stamp Act                                   | EC\$20.00                  |
| (ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 6.25% |                            |
| EC\$134,410.00                                            | <u>EC\$8,400.63</u>        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                              | <b><u>EC\$8,420.63</u></b> |

(b) The property shall be held for inheritance purposes.

(c) The Licensees 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.

(d) Any breach of any of the conditions of this Licence shall result in all the estate and interest of the Licensees in the land being liable for forfeiture to the Crown.

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

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

**EX MIN 26/125      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.

Council was briefed on the application for an Aliens Land Holding Licence by Virginia Butler Fuller. Executive Council approved granting of an Aliens Land Holding Licence to Virginia Butler Fuller to hold property situated in Registration Section: East End, Block 99315 B, described as Parcel 302 being 0.34 of an acre of land, with a tennis court and storeroom (in disrepair) thereon, located in Sandy Hill, subject to:

(a) Payment of the following Stamp duties:

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|------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (i)  | under the Stamp Act – 5%                          |                             |
|      | of EC\$236,561.60                                 | EC\$11,828.08               |
| (ii) | under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% |                             |
|      | of EC\$236,561.60                                 | <u>EC\$11,828.08</u>        |
|      | <b>TOTAL</b>                                      | <b><u>EC\$23,656.16</u></b> |

- (b) The property must be used for residential purposes.
- (c) The Ministry is of the view that the Applicant should be exempted from Governments Policy restricting Aliens to the purchase of no more than half an acre of land, on the grounds that the reasons provided are justifiable.
- (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, MEDICLPWNR; HON MIN, MEDICLPWNR.

EX MIN 26/126

EX MEMO 26/103 Appointment and Transition Arrangements for the Festivals Development Commission

The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary and Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health remained.

Council was briefed on the proposed appointment and transition arrangements for the Festivals Development Commission following the retirement of Mrs. Dorette Gumbs from the public service.

Executive Council approved the appointment of Ms. Charmaine Saunders to the Festivals Development Commission as the Ministry of Finance representative for a term of two years effective 15th May 2026.

Council further:

1. Noted that Mrs. Dorette Gumbs will remain on the Commission for the remainder of her term in order to preserve continuity and institutional knowledge; and
2. Noted that Mr. Fitzroy Tomlinson’s tenure as a member of the Commission will conclude upon his assumption of the role of Advisor to the Commission effective 15th May 2026.

Council noted that there are no new financial implications arising from the appointment of Ms. Saunders and that any Commission stipends or advisory compensation will be met from existing approved budgetary provisions.

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

Action: PS, MSDE; HON MIN, MSDE.

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