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**MINUTES OF THE 21<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA**  
**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2020 AT 9.00AM**

- PRESENT: His Excellency the Governor, Mr Timothy Foy, OBE
- The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance and Health,  
Dr Ellis Webster
- The Honourable Deputy Governor (Acting), Dr Bonnie Richardson-Lake
- The Honourable Minister for Social Development, Cultural Affairs,  
Youth Affairs, Gender Affairs, Education and Library Services,  
Ms Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers
- The Honourable Minister for Home Affairs, Immigration, Labour,  
Human Rights, Constitutional Affairs, Information and Broadcasting,  
Lands and Physical Planning, Mr Kenneth Hodge
- The Honourable Minister for Infrastructure, Communications,  
Utilities, Housing and Tourism, Mr Haydn Hughes
- The Honourable Minister for Economic Development, Commerce,  
Information Technology, Environment and Natural Resources,  
Mr Kyle Hodge
- The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford
- Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Angela Hughes
- IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development,  
Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie  
Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social  
Development/Education, Mr Merrick Richardson  
Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull

ABSENT: The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

EX MIN 20/490 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Council noted that:

- 1) the Government of Anguilla has now entered into a contract with Blue Sea Anguilla and the Attorney General's Chambers will prepare the amendments to the Regulations to facilitate hotels remitting the arrival fees to the Government of Anguilla on behalf of guests;
- 2) in relation to EX MIN 20/468 work continues to ensure the smooth transfer of responsibility for the administration of unemployment assistance benefit from the Ministry of Finance to the Ministry of Social Development; and
- 3) in relation to EX MIN 20/488 the Bill has received the first reading and the Hon Premier will work with the Attorney General's Chambers on amendment of the Regulations.

EX MIN 20/491 **EXTENSION OF ALL COVID-19 REGULATIONS**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained. The following persons joined the meeting:

PS, Health, Mr Foster Rogers  
Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin  
Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers

The Health team briefed Council on the COVID-19 response update and progress with vaccine deployment plans. Salient points as follows:

- 1) Phased reopening commenced on 1 November. As of 28 November 771 persons had entered Anguilla, including 237 in the week 22-28 November.
- 2) As of 1 December, 500 persons had indicated an interest in entering Anguilla between 15 December and 5 January. To manage these numbers, the Ministry of Health estimated an additional eight surveillance and two laboratory staff were needed. The Ministry of Health was recruiting.
- 3) On 30 November four persons were in government quarantine facilities and 238 in home quarantine, including visitors staying at approved hotel and villa locations. All persons are fitted with red monitoring bands on entry or by their surveillance officer.
- 4) From 21 November Anguilla had recorded three further active cases all visitors. One was repatriated to the USA, the other two were isolated at an approved property and monitored daily. They remained asymptomatic.
- 5) The Vaccine deployment team was meeting weekly. The West End Polyclinic was being prepared for receipt of vaccines. The communication campaign has commenced. The FCDO information request would be completed and submitted shortly.

Council:

- 1) thanked the Health team for the work well done;
- 2) reviewed the existing COVID-19 related regulations which expire on 12 December, 2020 and approved the following draft Regulations, for the period 13 December, 2020 to 23 January 2021:
  - a) Public Health (Covid-19 Regulation of Ports) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020;
  - b) Public Health (Covid-19 Monitoring of Approved

- Businesses) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020;
- c) Public Health (Quarantine) (COVID-19) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020;
  - d) Emergency Powers (COVID-19 Border Control) (Amendment) (No.9) Regulations, 2020; and
  - e) Quarantine (COVID-19) (Arriving Passengers Health Clearance) (No.4) Rules, 2020;
- 3) agreed that there should be a moratorium on all night flights after 7.00pm in order to use available resources optimally;
  - 4) requested the Attorney General to opine by Tuesday 8 December, on mechanisms available to enable faster enforcement of COVID-19 protocol violations/breaches by people and businesses; and
  - 5) agreed that in the future vaccination will be a pre-requisite for visitors travelling to Anguilla.

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

Action: PS, HLTH; PS, FIN; PS, EDCITENR; BD; ACC GEN;  
HON, DG; HON, AG; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 20/492

**EX MEM 20/244 MANAGEMENT OF THE ALHCS BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

The Hon Minister for Social Development briefed Council concerning the plans to increase transparency and accountability, as it relates to the subvention that is provided to the ALHCS Board of Governors. Council was asked to consider alternative methods for the management of the ALHCS Board of Governors.

Following discussion Council:

- 1) noted that the separation of financial control and accountability between the Board of Governors and Ministry of Social Development prevents the preparation of fully audited accounts;
- 2) agreed that the Education Act should be amended to transfer financial responsibility and accountability from the ALHCS Board of Governors to the Ministry of Social Development acting through its accounting officer. All financial matters should be within the purview of the Ministry of Social Development only; and
- 3) requested the Attorney General's Chambers to draft amendments to the Education Act.

Action: PS, SD; HON, AG; HON, MIN SD

EX MIN 20/495

**EX MEM 20/247 APPROVAL OF A NATIONAL FUNERAL FOR THE LATE GEORGE VERNON FLEMING**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council noted the sad passing of George Vernon Fleming.

Council agreed that the Late George Vernon Fleming should be honored with a National Funeral with the following arrangements:

- 1) The conferral of the Anguilla Badge of Honour and Queen's certificate, posthumously;
- 2) The publication of an official Statement of Condolence from the Government and people of Anguilla on the passing of this outstanding Anguillian;
- 3) Flags to be flown at Half Mast on the day preceding the funeral until immediately following the funeral ceremony;

- 4) A Police Guard of Honour to be drawn up at the Church and a contingent of uniformed officers to bear the body in and out of the church and at the graveside. Casket to be covered with the national flag; and
- 5) A contribution of EC\$8,000 towards the cost of the funeral expenses (EC\$5,000 of which is paid in accordance with the directions of the family).

Action: PS, FIN; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 20/496

**EX MEM 20/248 REFUSAL TO GRANT WORK PERMITS**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- 1) thanked the Ministry for the paper;
- 2) noted section 164 of the Labour (Relations) Act 2018 containing the principles governing work permits;
- 3) noted that in keeping with section 165(3) of the Labour (Relations) Act 2018, the Hon Minister of Home Affairs & Labour consulted with Executive Council before refusing to grant work permits; and
- 4) considered and endorsed the proposal by the Hon Minister that the following work permit applications be **refused**, on the basis that after investigation by the Labour Commissioner there are suitably qualified Anguillians to fill the positions: -
  - a) Cook
  - b) Kitchen Assistant
  - c) Domestic Helper
  - d) Cook
  - e) Babysitter

- f) Sales Clerk/Driver
- g) Manager

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

Action: LAB COM; PS, HA; HON, MIN HA; HON, AG; CIR; CIO;  
BD; ACC GEN; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 20/498

**EX MEM 20/250 REPORT ON PRICE CONTROL AUDIT**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained. The following persons joined the meeting:

Mrs Kathleen Rogers, PS Finance  
Mr Kiel Connor, Comptroller of Customs (Acting)

The PS Finance and Comptroller of Customs (Acting) briefed Council on the findings of the report on Price Control Audit, the salient points were as follows:

- 1) Between 9 April 2020 when the Price Control Order came into effect and 6 October 2020 the value of C19 exemptions was EC \$3,178,501.
- 2) The field audit examined a sample of 15 supermarkets, two pharmacies and one small retailer. The majority of these audited businesses had not passed on the benefit of duty concessions to customers. There were no apparent legal ramifications for failure to comply.

Following discussion Council:

- 1) thanked the Customs Department for work well done; and
- 2) agreed to issue a press release confirming the discontinuance of the Maximum Price Order when it expired on December 31,

2020 as it was not achieving the policy intention.

Action: PS, FIN; COC; HON, MIN FIN; HON, DG; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 20/500

**EX MEM 20/252 APPROVAL OF ANIMAL CONTROL LEGISLATION**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Following Ex Min 20/487 wherein Council gave approval to amend certain legislation, Council is now asked to consider and approve the draft Bills and Regulation.

Council:

- 1) approved the following:
  - a) Public Pounds (Amendment) Act;
  - b) Dogs (Amendment) Act;
  - c) Dogs (Injury to Poultry and Small Stock) (Amendment) Act; and
  - d) Public Pounds and Pound-keepers (Amendment) Regulations; and
- 2) instructed the Attorney General's Chambers to prepare the Bills for tabling at the next session of the House of Assembly and the Regulation for signature.

Action: PS, EDCITENR; HON, AG; HON, MIN EDCITENR



EX MIN 20/501

**2021 WORK PLANS AND BUDGETS FOR STATUTORY BODIES**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council noted that the Ministry of Finance continues to work on the 2021 work plans and budgets for the Statutory Bodies. The Public Utilities Commission and Anguilla Select have not yet submitted work plans and budgets.

Council agreed that a Special Meeting of Executive Council shall be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 am to discuss the 2021 work plans and budgets.

Action: PS, FIN; HON, DG; MINS OF GOV'T

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