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MINUTES OF THE 96th MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 7th JULY 2022 AT 9.00 AM

- PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam
- The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance, Economic Development & Investment and Health, Dr Ellis Webster
- The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley
- 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 Sustainability, Innovation and Environment, Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie
- The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford
- Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Angela Hughes
- IN ATTENDANCE: Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Merrick Richardson
Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull
- ABSENT: The Honourable Minister for Social Development, Cultural Affairs, Youth Affairs, Gender Affairs, Education and Library Services,
Ms Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers

EX MIN 22/229

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 95th Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 30th June, 2022.

Council noted the appointments and reassignment of Ministerial responsibilities, as of Monday 4th July, as follows:

- The Honourable Premier Dr Ellis Webster is responsible for Finance, Economic Development & Investment and Health.
- Ms Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers was re-appointed as the Honourable Minister for Social Development, Cultural Affairs, Youth Affairs, Gender Affairs, Education and Library Services.
- Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie was appointed as the Honourable Minister for Sustainability, Innovation and Environment.
- Mr Merrick Richardson was appointed as the Honourable Parliamentary Secretary.
- All other assignments remain the same.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Noted that the position with respect to specified zero-rated goods will be reviewed and confirmed with the Department of Inland Revenue. The terms of the GST Act and Regulations will be considered to ensure the intent had been properly reflected. Thereafter confirmation of the position shall be shared with stakeholders.

EX MIN 22/231

EX MEMO 22/167 RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP OF THE MEDICAL BOARD

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- 1) noted sections 3, 4 & 5 of the Medical Act R.S.A. M65;
- 2) approved the appointment of Dr. Deslyn Hughes, Family

Medicine Specialist as a member of the Medical Board for a period of two years, effective from, August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2024; and

3) approved the re-appointment of the following individuals to the Medical Board for a period of two years, effective from, August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2024:

- 1) Dr. Aisha Andrewin, CMO – Chair
- 2) Mr. Ivor Greene – Secretary
- 3) Dr. Rona Hodge – Member
- 4) Dr. Lindel Brooks – Member

Action: PS, HLTH; HON, PREM

EX MIN 22/232

EX MEMO 22/168 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF THE HEALTH AUTHORITY OF ANGUILLA (HAA)

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- 1) noted section 7 of the Health Authority of Anguilla Act;
- 2) noted that there is provision within the HAA 2022 budget to fund the board fees of EC\$1,350 per month, per member;
- 3) noted that upon review of the CV questions were raised with regard to Ms Webster's relevant experience to fulfill the requirements of the role. Further noted the conflict of interest for the Honourable Premier, as Ms Webster is a family member;
- 4) noted the appointment of the following individuals to the HAA Board for the specified term of two years, as follows:
 - a) Professor Delroy Loudon: August 1, 2022 – July 31, 2024;
 - b) Ms Kurlyn Smith: August 1, 2022 – July 31, 2024;

c) Ms Susan Webster: July 15, 2022 to July 14, 2024; and

- 5) noted that in accordance with prior Executive Council directives these individuals will be required to complete a course on Board Governance.

Action: PS, HLTH; HON, PREM

EX MIN 22/233

EX MEMO 22/169 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION NORTH, BLOCK 59018 B, PARCELS 295, 283 AND 273 CONTAINING 0.50 OF AN ACRE, 0.55 OF AN ACRE AND 0.06 OF AN ACRE, RESPECTIVELY

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- 1) noted that by Ex Min 22/202 Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence;
- 2) noted that the Applicant's Solicitors on June 28, 2022, indicated that the Aliens Land Holding Licence Application form did not reflect all the parcels which are to be transferred by the purchase and sale agreement. The said parcels for the sale are Parcel 295 being 0.50 of an acre of land, Parcel 283 being 0.55 acres and Parcel 273 being 0.06 of an acre of land, which is described as a Right of Way; and
- 3) agreed to grant an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold on a freehold basis, property situate in Registration Section North, Block 59018 B, described as Parcels 295, 283 and 273 (Road) being 0.50 acres, 0.55 acres and 0.06 acres of vacant land respectively, to construct a parking lot and solar distribution field subject to the following:
 - (a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:

PARCEL 283

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| (i) | under the Stamp Act – 5%
of EC\$322,584.00 | EC\$16,129.20 |
| (ii) | under the Aliens Land Holding
Regulation Act – 4%
of EC\$322,584.00 | <u>EC\$12,903.36</u> |

TOTAL	<u>EC\$29,032.56</u>
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PARCEL 295

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| (i) | under the Stamp Act – 5%
of EC\$338,713.20 | EC\$16, 935.66 |
| (ii) | under the Aliens Land Holding
Regulation Act – 4%
of EC\$338,713.20 | <u>EC\$13,548.53</u> |

TOTAL	<u>EC\$30,484.19</u>
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PARCEL 273

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| (i) | under the Stamp Act – 5%
of EC\$2,688.20 | EC\$ 134.41 |
| (ii) | under the Aliens Land Holding
Regulation Act – 4%
of EC\$2,688.20 | <u>EC\$ 107.53</u> |

TOTAL	<u>EC\$ 241.94</u>
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GRAND TOTAL	<u>EC\$59,758.69</u>
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- (b) that Parcel 273 shall be maintained as a Right of Way which should be free and clear of any development. A restriction shall be entered on the land register page

indicating that no development shall be constructed on said parcel;

- (c) an application for full Planning Permission is required before any development commences and shall detail all matters relating to the site;
- (d) with the express condition that the land is to be used for the sole purpose of a Solar Farm as approved in Planning Application No. 22/0133;
- (e) the licensee shall fully comply with the terms and conditions as stipulated in the Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) dated 20th June, 2020; and
- (f) the Licensees shall fully comply with the laws of Anguilla including the Land Development Control Act, the Property Tax Act, the Building Regulations, Labour Relations Act and the Control of Employment Act Regulations, the Social Security Act, the Immigration and Passport Regulations and any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof and any rules or regulations made thereunder.

Council authorised the issue of the Action Sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, HA; DLS; HON, MIN HA

EX MIN 22/234

EX MEMO 22/170 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION NORTH, BLOCK 59018 B, PARCELS 284 AND 270 CONTAINING 0.50 OF AN ACRE AND 0.05 OF AN ACRE, RESPECTIVELY

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- 1) noted that by Ex Min 22/202 Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to Fountain Beach Residences Ltd;

- 2) noted that the Applicant's Solicitors on June 28, 2022 indicated that the Aliens Land Holding Licence Application form did not reflect all the parcels which are to be transferred by the purchase and sale agreement. The said parcels for the sale are Parcel 284 being 0.50 of an acre of land and Parcel 270 being 0.05 of an acre of land, described as a Right of Way; and
- 3) agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold on a freehold basis, property situate in Registration Section North, Block 59018 B, described as Parcels 284 and 270 being 0.50 of an acre and 0.05 of an acre of vacant land, respectively. Parcel 284 shall be used to construct a parking lot and solar distribution field, subject to the following:

- (a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties

Parcel 284

(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$319,895.80	EC\$15,994.79
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 4% of EC\$322,584.00	<u>EC\$12,795.83</u>
TOTAL		<u>EC\$28,790.62</u>

Parcel 270

(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$2,688.20	EC\$ 134.41
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 4% of EC\$2,688.20	<u>EC\$ 107.53</u>
TOTAL		<u>EC\$241.94</u>
GRAND TOTAL		<u>EC\$29,032.56</u>

- (b) that Parcel 270 shall be maintained as a Right of Way which should be free and clear of any development. A restriction shall be entered on the land register page indicating that no development shall be constructed on said parcel;
- (c) an application for full Planning Permission is required before any development commences and shall detail all matters relating to the site;
- (d) with the express condition that the land is to be used for the sole purpose of a Solar Farm as approved in Planning Application No. 22/0133;
- (e) the licensee shall fully comply with the terms and conditions as stipulated in the Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) dated 20th June, 2020; and
- (f) the Licensees shall fully comply with the laws of Anguilla including the Land Development Control Act, the Property Tax Act, the Building Regulations, Labour Relations Act and the Control of Employment Act Regulations, the Social Security Act, the Immigration and Passport Regulations and any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof and any rules or regulations made thereunder.

Council authorised the issue of the Action Sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, HA; DLS; HON, MIN HA

EX MIN 22/235

COVID-19 UPDATE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Epidemiology***Global overview***

Globally, the number of new weekly cases has increased for the third consecutive week, after a declining trend since the last peak in March 2022. During the week June 20 - 26, 2022, over 4.1 million new cases were reported, this is a 18% increase compared to the previous week. The number of new weekly deaths remained similar to that of the previous week, with over 8,500 deaths reported.

As of June 26, over 541 million confirmed cases and over 6.3 million deaths have been reported globally.

With regard to the circulating variants of concern (VOCs), there continues to be a decline in the number of SARS-CoV-2 sequences submitted and reported. The Omicron VOC remains the dominant variant circulating globally, accounting for nearly 94% of all sequences reported in the last 30 days.

Caribbean Region

Since the previous CARPHA report of June 27, 2022, an additional 48,161 (1.3% increase) cases were confirmed, bringing the region's total confirmed cases to 3,898,904 in 35 countries/territories (including the 26 CARPHA Member States). There were 34,424 deaths recorded in the Caribbean Region as of July 4, 2022.

Anguilla

As of July 6, Anguilla has confirmed 3,481 cases of COVID-19 of which 3,460 persons have recovered and 9 have died. There are currently 12 active cases and no persons admitted to the Isolation Unit.

Vaccination Deployment Update

As of July 6, 2022, a total of 10,829 first doses, 10,245 second doses and 2,900 first booster doses have been administered. In an estimated population of 15,500 total persons, this would represent 70% of the total population having received the first dose, 66% of the total population having received two doses and 19% having received a first booster dose. In addition, 80% of the total eligible population (13,560) have received one dose, 75% have received two doses and 25% have received a first booster. The breakdown by age of persons having received a first dose, is as follows:

- 356 persons age 5 - 11
- 578 persons age 12 - 17
- 2997 persons age 18 - 34
- 2912 persons age 35 - 49
- 2581 persons age 50 - 64
- 1405 persons age 65+

The occupational breakdown of first doses, is as follows:

- 355 Healthcare workers
- 548 Civil and Border Protection
- 1848 Hospitality
- 1094 Retired
- 7139 Other

Distribution (Pfizer)

As of July 6, 5,323 total doses of Pfizer have been administered including 1,251 first doses, 983 second doses, 2,900 first booster doses and 190 second booster doses. This includes 578 first doses for 12 - 17 year olds; approximately 48% of the estimated 12 – 17 year old population and 393 (33%) second doses. This includes 356 (25%) first doses and 324 (23%) second doses for children aged 5 - 11 years old.

Council:

- 1) thanked the health team for their continued hard work;
- 2) noted the brief on the multi-country monkey pox outbreak in non-endemic countries and that the Ministry of Health will continue to monitor and advise on the developments. Noted that a case of monkey pox has been identified regionally; and
- 3) noted that there are no new recommendations at this time and work to update and implement the Exit Strategy is ongoing.

Council authorised the issue of the Action Sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, HLTH; PS, FIN; PS, EDCITENR; BD; ACC, GEN;
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