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**MINUTES OF THE 228<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2020  
AT 9:00 AM**

- PRESENT: His Excellency The Governor, Mr Timothy Foy, OBE
- The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance, Economic Development,  
Commerce, Tourism and Information Technology, Mr Victor Banks
- The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley
- The Honourable Minister of Health and Social Development, Lands and Physical  
Planning, Mr Evans Rogers
- The Honourable Minister of Home Affairs and Education, Mrs Cora Richardson-  
Hodge
- The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing,  
Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment, Mr Curtis Richardson
- The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford
- Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Jewelle Fleming, MBE
- IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Cardigan Connor  
Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA, Mrs Evalie Bradley  
Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull  
PS, Health, Lands & Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers  
Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin  
Chief Executive Officer, Health Authority of Anguilla, Mrs Maeza Demis-Adams  
Director of Chronic Diseases Unit, Mrs Twyla Bradshaw-Richardson  
Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers  
Commissioner of Police, Mr Paul Morrison  
PS, Home Affairs and Education, Mrs Chanelle Petty Barrett  
PS, Social Development, Dr Bonnie Richardson-Lake

EX MIN 20/169

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and  
Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 227<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 2 April 2020 and the Minutes of Special Meetings held on Saturday 4 April, Monday 6 April and Wednesday 8 April 2020.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

EX MIN 20/172

**EX MEM 20/93 EXEMPTION FROM FEES FOR EXTENSION OF STAY**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA, Financial Specialist, PS, Home Affairs and Education and PS, Social Development remained.

Council ratified the decision taken by round robin on Thursday 9 April to approve the exemption of fees for extension of stay, for visitors who are unable to leave Anguilla, due to the closure of ports caused by the COVID-19 outbreak.

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

Action: PS, MHA/LAB; PS, FIN; CIO; CIR; HON MIN, MHA/LAB

EX MIN 20/173

**EX MEM 20/94 TEMPORARY UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PERSONS NOT QUALIFIED FOR THE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA, Financial Specialist, PS, Home Affairs and Education and PS, Social Development remained.

Council approved the establishment of temporary unemployment assistance for a period of three (3) months commencing 30 April 2020, to be paid as follows:

- (a) unemployed persons – EC\$800 a month;
- (b) underemployed persons – difference between EC\$800 and monthly salary; and
- (c) further approved all the other terms and condition of the assistance.

Council agreed that, once all requirements are met, payments should be administered by the Ministry of Finance directly to applicants' bank accounts.

The Hon Minister, Home Affairs/Labour wishes to place on record her appreciation to the Ministries of Finance, Social Development and Home Affairs for their great work on this matter.

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

Action: PS, MHA/LAB; PS, FIN; PS, SD; BD; LAB COM; ACC GEN;  
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EX MIN 20/174

**EX MEM 20/95 EXPANDED CASH TRANSFER PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA,

Financial Specialist, PS, Home Affairs and Education and PS, Social Development remained.

Council, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, considered an expanded public assistance programme and agreed as follows:

- (i) a one-off payment of 100% to those persons currently receiving cash transfer public assistance;
- (ii) provision of EC\$200.00 per month per child for children on the school feeding programme to be continued until school reopens; and
- (iii) provision of an additional EC\$400 per month for three (3) months for each child in foster care.

Council noted that clarity is still being sought on when and how the Ministry of Social Development would receive the US\$50,000.00 that UNICEF has tentatively agreed to provide to expand the cash transfer programme.

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

Action: PS, SD; CSD; PS, FIN; BD; ACC GEN; HON MIN, HSD

EX MIN 20/175

### **COVID-19 UPDATE – NEXT STEPS**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained. The following persons joined:

PS, Health, Lands & Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers  
 Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin  
 Chief Executive Officer, Health Authority of Anguilla, Mrs Maeza Demis-Adams  
 Director of Chronic Diseases Unit, Mrs Twyla Bradshaw-Richardson  
 Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers  
 Commissioner of Police, Mr Paul Morrison

#### (1) Cases/suspected cases

Council noted that, of the three (3) confirmed cases, one has now been tested clear of the virus. Samples from the other two (2) cases have been sent off for testing and the results are expected shortly. Council additionally noted that no new samples have been taken, which indicates that there have been no new suspected cases. No one is in quarantine.

#### (2) Extension of Regulations

Council agreed to extend the regulations issued by the Hon Minister of Health on Friday 27 March to Tuesday 12 May but with the following relaxations:

- (i) government offices would resume day-to day functioning effective Wednesday 22 April. Heads of Department are required to take suitable steps to ensure effective social distancing and would permit flexible working arrangements as deemed appropriate;

- (ii) child minding facilities would be allowed to reopen from Wednesday 22 April; and
- (iii) some non-essential businesses may resume services, specifically:
  - (a) finance and insurance companies;
  - (b) law offices and other legal firms; and
  - (c) shops selling computers and information technology and stationery supplies.

Council noted that all other regulations remain unchanged.

(3) Border closure

Council agreed that ports would remain closed for passenger movements until the position outside of Anguilla permits reopening to be done safely – there is no definite period presently.

(4) Security

Council noted that coordinated land, sea and air patrols continue to be in place to control the risk of illegal boat landings in Anguilla.

(5) Prohibition on boat use

Council agreed that the notice and regulations prohibiting the use of any boat in Anguilla's waters unless specifically exempted have been extended to Tuesday 12 May. Council noted that efforts are under consideration to establish rules to allow for some coordinated relaxation of the measures for fishermen.

(6) Response measures

Council authorised the Hon Minister for Social Security to sign the Social Security (Unemployment Assistance) (Temporary Benefits) Regulations, 2020 on Thursday 16 April 2020. Council noted that application for benefits could be made to the Social Security Board from Monday 20 April.

Council continued to urge the public to follow the regulations set out by the Hon Minister of Health on Friday 27 March 2020.

Action: PS, HLPP; PS, MHA/LAB; CMO; CEO, HAA; COP; MINS OF GOV'T

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