

THIS DOCUMENT IS THE PROPERTY
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGUILLA

Copy No.

**MINUTES OF THE 209TH MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2024 AT 9.00 AM**

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms. Julia Crouch

The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance, Economic Development & Investment and Health, Dr. Ellis Webster

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley

The Honourable Minister of Social Development, Cultural Affairs, Youth Affairs, Gender Affairs, Education, and Library Services, Ms. Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers

The Honourable Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Labour, Human Rights, Constitutional Affairs, Information and Broadcasting, Lands and Physical Planning, Mr. Kenneth Hodge

The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, and Tourism, Mr. Haydn Hughes

The Honourable Minister of Sustainability, Innovation, and the Environment, Mrs. Quincia Gumbs-Marie

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr. Kurt De Freitas KC

Clerk to Executive Council, Ms. Dumisa Webster

IN ATTENDANCE: The Honorable Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Merrick Richardson

Head of Governor's Office, Mr. Orlando Ames-Lewis

Financial Adviser, Mr. Evarist Mwesigye

EX MIN 24/339

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, Head of Governor's Office and Financial Adviser remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 208th Meeting of the Executive Council held on Thursday, 28th November 2024.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

None.

EX MIN 24/340

EX MEMO 24/247 Statutory Body Budgets- Public Service Pension Fund ("PSPF")

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, Head of Governor's Office and Financial Adviser remained.

The following persons joined the meeting:

Mrs. Monifa Brooks-Gumbs, Administrator, PSPF

Ms. Susan Hodge, Board Member of the PSPF Board

The 2025 budget of the Public Service Pension Fund was outlined to Council as presented by the Administrator of the PSPF. The 2025 budget for the PSPF notes:

- a. Anticipated Revenue of EC\$11.41M which is primarily made up of Pension and Benefit Contributions, with additional revenue being generated from interest income and other operational income. This anticipated revenue represents a 3% increase over the 2024 budget.
- b. Recurrent Expenditure of EC\$12.19M. A large percentage of this figure is categorised into the PSPF's operational budget which mainly accounts for Auditing and Accounting, Depreciation and Amortization, Professional and Consultancy Services and Utilities. This recurrent expenditure is a 1% increase over the 2024 forecasted outturn.
- c. Capital Expenditure set at EC\$355K which mainly accounts for the acquisition of furniture, computer equipment and software.

Executive Council considered and approved the 2025 budget of the Public Service Pension Fund as presented and outlined in the memorandum provided to Council.

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

EX MIN 24/341

EX MEMO 24/248 Statutory Body Budgets- Public Utilities Commission (“PUC”)

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, Head of Governor’s Office and Financial Adviser remained.

The following persons joined the meeting:

Mr. Travis Carty, Permanent Secretary (Ag.), Ministry of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing and Tourism (“MICUH&T”)

Mrs. Keesha Carty, Chair of the PUC Board

Mr. Damien Harrigan, Executive Director, PUC

Council was presented with the 2025 budget for the PUC as outlined by the Executive Director of the PUC. The 2025 budget for the PUC notes:

- a. Anticipated Revenue of EC\$1.03M which is solely generated by operational fees from the industry levy as per the PUC Act. This figure represents a 5% increase above the 2024 forecast outturn of EC\$985K.
- b. Recurrent Expenditure of EC\$1.03M which mainly accounts for Training, International Travel, Rental of Property, Consultancy Services etc. This figure represents a 7% increase over the 2024 forecasted outturn.
- c. Capital Expenditure is set at EC\$60K which is intended for the purchase of additional furniture and equipment.

Executive Council:

1. Noted and approved the planned 2025 budget of the Public Utilities Commission; and

2. Instructed the Public Utilities Commission to submit their quarterly reports to the Ministry of Finance (“MoF”) no later than one month after the conclusion of each quarter to ensure compliance with statutory obligations.

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

EX MIN 24/342

EX MEMO 24/249 Application for Permanent Residence Pursuant to Section 3 (2)(b) of the Anguilla Economic Residence Act- Principal Applicant and Spouse

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, Head of Governor’s Office and Financial Adviser remained.

The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance, Health and Economic Development briefed Council on the application. The Ministry of Economic Development received an application under the Anguilla Economic Residence Act 2019, as amended by the Anguilla Economic Residence (Amendment) No. 18 Act, 2024, section 3(2)(b). The Ministry subsequently reviewed, verified and analysed the application in order to make a recommendation on the applicant’s suitability for permanent residence via the real estate route. It was noted that the due diligence search identified two civil litigations that were dismissed without judgement or prejudice against the Principal Applicant and associated entities. It was noted that the property is owned on a freehold basis by the Principal Applicant and a Sale and Purchase Agreement and Alien Land Holding Licence was provided for the property which both meet the minimum threshold of US\$750,000.00.

Executive Council:

1. Approved the application by Principal Applicant and spouse pursuant to subsection (10) (2) of the Anguilla Economic Residence Act;
2. Advises the Review Committee- RBI and the Select Anguilla Agency of the forgoing Point 1.; and
3. Instructed that the Principal Applicant be notified of the decision taken and to fulfil any requirements within 60 days, if necessary.

Action: PS, EDSIE; HON PREM.

EX MIN 24/343

EX MEMO 24/250 Application for Permanent Residence Pursuant to Section 3 (3) (b) of the Anguilla Economic Residence Act- Principal Applicant, Spouse and Daughter

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, Head of Governor's Office and Financial Adviser remained.

The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance, Health and Economic Development briefed Council on the application. The Ministry of Economic Development received an application under the Anguilla Economic Residence Act 2019, as amended by the Anguilla Economic Residence (Amendment) No. 18 Act, 2024, section 3. The application was submitted on the basis of legal ownership of real estate. The Ministry subsequently reviewed, verified and analysed the application in order to make a recommendation on the applicant's suitability for permanent residence via the retroactive fast track option, for which no material areas of concern were identified. It was noted that the property, as appraised meets the minimum threshold of US\$600,000. The Alien Land Holding Licence provided also exceeds the aforementioned minimum threshold.

Executive Council:

1. Approved the application by Principal Applicant, spouse and daughter pursuant to subsection (10) (2) of the Anguilla Economic Residence Act;
2. Advises the Review Committee- RBI and the Select Anguilla Agency of the forgoing Point 1.; and
3. Instructed that the Principal Applicant be notified of the decision taken and to fulfil any requirements within 60 days, if necessary.

Action: PS, EDSIE; HON PREM.

EX MIN 24/345

EX MEMO 24/252 Bill for Elections (Amendment) Act, 2024 and Additional Proposed Amendments to Elections Act not included in Ex Min 24/196

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, Head of Governor's Office and Financial Adviser remained.

The Honourable Minister of Home Affairs and Constitutional Affairs briefed Council on the proposal. It was noted that Executive Council Minute 24/196 directed Chambers to draft amendments to the Elections Act. This draft is with the Ministry. However, during meetings with the relevant staff, additional proposes to the Elections Act were presented. These changes include making corrections to incorrect cross references and updating the forms to reflect the election process for both district and island-wide elections. It is therefore requested that Council approves these changes.

Executive Council:

1. Approved the Bill for Elections (Amendment) Act, 2024 inclusive of the additional proposed changes not included in Executive Council Minute 24/196, however, now provided in the memorandum presented to Council; and
2. Approved the Bill for Elections (Amendment) Act, 2024 for publication in the Gazette and presentation to the Anguilla House of Assembly.

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

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

EX MIN 24/346

EX MEMO 24/253 Amended Acquisition of an Additional Right of Way (ROW) Over Property Situated in Registration Section West Central, Block 28411 B, Parcels 179 and 180

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, Head of Governor's Office and Financial Adviser remained.

The following person re-joined the meeting:

landowner(s) should be informed of such and said be deducted from the overall claim for compensation.

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

Action: PS, MICUH&T; HON MIN, MICUH&T.

EX MIN 24/347

EX MEMO 24/254 Update on the Public Sector Reform

Hon. Parliamentary Secretary, Head of Governor's Office and Financial Adviser remained.

The following persons joined the meeting:

Mr. Larry Franklin, Permanent Secretary ("PS"), Public Administration

Dr. Kelly Clark, Public Sector Reform Advisor

The Honourable Deputy Governor along with the PS and Advisor provided Council with an outline of the ongoing Public Sector Reform. It was noted that this initiative is aimed at improving the efficiency, effectiveness and responsiveness of the Anguilla Public Service ("APS") through building upon existing efforts and lessons learned from previous reviews while addressing implementation challenges that have hindered progress in the past. This reform project will take place in three phases all aimed at transitioning the APS into the desired future state. The critical role of the Executive Council and the Ministers of Government in supporting the reform initiative was highlighted. It was noted that the next step is to establish a Steering Group to oversee the reform process to ensure effective collaboration with the APS stakeholders.

Executive Council:

1. Noted the update on the Public Sector Reform (PSR) project, its objectives, and anticipated outcomes;
2. Expressed support of the outlined next steps, including stakeholder engagement and regular progress updates to Executive Council; and

3. Endorsed the role of Executive Council and Ministers of Government in providing leadership and advocacy for the success of the initiative.

Action: HON DG.
