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**MINUTES OF THE 214TH MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY 2025 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 Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Merrick Richardson

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

Financial Adviser, Mr. Evarist Mwesigye

EX MIN 25/16

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

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

Council confirmed the minutes of the 213th Meeting of the Executive Council held on Thursday, 16th January 2025 and the Round Robin Decisions made on 22nd January 2025.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

None.

EX MIN 25/15

EX MEMO 25/12 2024 Payment of Ex-Gratia to Pensioners of Social Security Staff Pension Fund

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

The subject memorandum was originally circulated to all Executive Council members via e-mail on Thursday, 23rd January 2025 for consideration via Round Robin and approval by all members confirmed at this meeting of the Executive Council held on Thursday, 30th January 2025.

At the end of 2024, an ex-gratia payment to staff of the Government of Anguilla (Established and Unestablished Workers), Pensioners, Legislators and other Public Officers employed by statutory bodies who receive subventions and/or equity injections and selected affiliated public groups was proposed by the Premier and Minister of Finance and subsequently approved by the Executive Council. During this process, a request was made for the pensioners associated with the Anguilla Social Security Board to receive an ex-gratia payment. It is noted that the pensioners of the Public Service Pension Fund were paid the ex-gratia payment in 2024, in line with the established criteria, and as such, it is requested that pensioners associated with the Social Security Staff Pension Fund, receive payment of an ex-gratia to provide consistency in the payment of the same to pensioners of government agencies.

Executive Council approved and directed that an ex-gratia payment of one month's pension be made to the Pensioners of the Social Security Staff Pension Fund, in accordance with the previously established criteria.

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

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

EX MIN 25/19

EX MEMO 25/15 Application for Issue of Licence under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act- XXXXXXXX - Registration Section: West Central, Block 28210 B, Parcel 85 containing 0.53 acre

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

The Honourable Minister of Home Affairs and Lands briefed Council on the application.

Executive Council approved the granting of an Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act to XXXXXXXX to hold on a freehold basis, vacant property situated in Registration Section: West Central, Block 28210 B, described as Parcel 85, being 0.53 of an acre located at Rendezvous Bay, Anguilla for residential purposes with intent to rent subject to:

a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:

(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$295,702.00	EC\$14,785.10
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 6.25% of EC\$295,702.00	EC\$18,481.38
(iii)	refundable deposit – 10% of EC\$295,702.00	<u>EC\$29,570.20</u>
	TOTAL	<u>EC\$62,836.68</u>

b) The property must be used for residential purposes.

c) The Licencee must not rent their dwelling houses without first notifying the Ministry of Economic Development, Investment,

Commerce, Information Technology & Natural Resources in order to rent the said properties.

- d) The construction of the dwelling house is to be completed within thirty (30) months. If said dwelling house is not completed at the end of thirty (30) months, 50% of the refundable deposit will be forfeited to the Government of Anguilla. The balance 50% will be forfeited if the construction is not completed within a further 6 months. Thereafter, forfeiture proceedings for the property will be commenced by the Government of Anguilla for a period of twenty-four (24) months.

- e) The Licensee shall fully comply with the laws of Anguilla in force 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, 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.

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

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