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**MINUTES OF THE 10TH MEETING OF THE THIRTEENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH MAY 2025 AT 9.00 AM**

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms. Julia Crouch

The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance, Labour, Immigration, Home Affairs and Constitutional Affairs AND Acting Minister of Economic Development, Industry, Commerce, Lands, Planning, Water and Natural Resources AND Acting Minister of Social Development, Education and Library, Youth & Culture, Mrs. Cora Richardson-Hodge

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley

The Honourable Minister of Health, Tourism and Sports, Mr. Cardigan Connor

The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, IT and E-Government Services, Mr. Jose Vanterpool

Acting Attorney General, Mr. Ivor Greene

Clerk to Executive Council, Ms. Dumisa Webster

ABSENT: The Honourable Minister of Social Development, Education and Library, Youth & Culture, Mrs. Shellya Rogers-Webster

The Honourable Minister of Economic Development, Industry, Commerce, Lands, Planning, Water and Natural Resources, Mr. Kyle Hodge

IN ATTENDANCE: Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health, Mr. Evans McNiel Rogers

Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth & Culture, Mr. Jeison Bryan

EX MIN 25/99

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health and Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth & Culture remained.

Council confirmed the minutes of the 9th Meeting of the Executive Council held on Thursday, 8th May 2025.

MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

None.

EX MIN 25/100

EX MEMO 25/80 Nominations for the Anguilla Badge of Honour and King's Certificate

Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health and Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth & Culture remained.

The Honourable Premier briefed Council on the proposed nominations for the 2025 Anguilla Badge of Honour and King's Certificate. The National Honour and Awards Committee after meeting to consider the nominations for the Anguilla Badge of Honour and King's Certificate for 2025 recommended the following three persons under the category of Social Development:

- Anne J. Edwards
- Dr. Phyllis Fleming-Banks
- Margaret Venetta Augustus

Executive Council:

1. Approved the recommendation of the National Honours and Awards Committee for the award of the Anguilla Badge of Honour; and
2. Approved the recommendations for the award of the King's Certificate to be submitted to the Governor for her consideration and approval; in relation to the following:

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- Anne J. Edwards
- Dr. Phyllis Fleming-Banks
- Margaret Venetta Augustus

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

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

EX MIN 25/101

EX MEMO 25/81 Waiver of Duty and Tax on Imports Associated with the Anguilla Summer Festival

Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health and Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth & Culture remained.

The Honourable Premier briefed Council. Persons participating in ASF events usually have to import items associated with their participation, such as, costumes and equipment. The Department of Youth and Culture has been consulted on the persons and types of items anticipated to be imported. Provisions exist under the Conditional Exemptions under the Integrated Customs Tariff (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 2022 for such a waiver.

Council:

1. Considered and approved an overarching exemption from duty and tax for the Anguilla Summer Festival in the following specified areas in accordance with the Conditional Exemptions, subject to the following criteria:
 - i. Persons must fall within the proposed groupings, and items to be imported duty and tax-free will be restricted as follows:
 - a) Pageant Contestants: Male and Female Formal Wear, Costumes, Accessories and Shoes
 - b) Persons in organized Troupes- Costumes and Accessories
 - c) Bands- Temporary Imports of Trailers and Sound Systems
 - d) Fringe Events- Promotional Items
 - ii. Persons must bear a letter of support from the Department of Youth and Culture confirming their participation in the event and confirming that the items are associated with such participation related to not-

for-profit cultural activities. Department of Youth and Culture support must not extend beyond the specified classes of persons and associated items.

- iii. The period for clearing imports should be limited until 31st August 2025.

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

EX MIN 25/102

EX MEMO 25/82 Waiver of Temporary Food Premises Permit for the Annual Welches Village Fest

Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health and Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth & Culture remained.

The Honourable Premier briefed Council. The annual Welches Village Fest is set to take place on Monday, 9th June 2025. The food vendors for the annual Welches Village Fest have requested a waiver of the fees for the Temporary Premises Permit to allow them to operate on that day. A historical precedent exists where exemptions are granted to participants in such festivities. As such, it is proposed that the fees for Temporary Food Premises Permits for that day be granted in accordance with Section 16 of the Financial Administration and Audit Act R.S.A. Ch. F027.

Executive Council considered and approved the proposed waiver from Temporary Food Premises Permit associated with the annual Welches Village Fest which is to take place on 9th June 2025.

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

EX MIN 25/103

EX MEMO 25/83 Application for Issue of Licence under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act- [Redacted Text] - Registration Section: South Central, Block 38611 B, Parcel 37 being 0.50 of an acre of land located in Little Harbour

Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health and Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth & Culture remained.

The Acting Minister of Lands briefed Council on the application for an Aliens Land Holding Licence. Executive Council approved the granting of an Aliens Land Holding Licence to [Redacted Text] to hold on a freehold basis, property situated in Registration Section: South

Central, Block 38611 B, described as Parcel 37 being 0.50 of an acre of land located in Little Harbour, Anguilla for tourism purposes with a villa thereon, subject to the following:

(a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:

(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$6,653,295.00	EC\$332,664.75
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$6,653,295.00	<u>EC\$332,664.75</u>
	TOTAL	<u>EC\$665,329.50</u>

(b) The property must be used for tourism purposes.

(c) The Applicant Company must obtain a Business Licence from the Ministry of Economic Development in order to rent the said property;

(d) The Licencee 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 2023, 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.

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

EX MIN 25/104

EX MEMO 25/84 Application for Issue of Licence under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act- [Redacted Text] - Registration Section: West Central, Block 28210 B, Parcel 22 being 0.38 Acre Located in Rendezvous

Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health and Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth & Culture remained.

The Acting Minister of Lands briefed Council on the application for an Aliens Land Holding Licence. Executive Council approved the granting of an Aliens Land Holding Licence to [Redacted Text] to

hold on a freehold basis, property situated in Registration Section: West Central, Block 28210 B, described as Parcel 22, being 0.38 acre located at Rendezvous Bay, Anguilla for residential purposes, with a dwelling house there on subject to the following:

(a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:

(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$1,922,063.00	EC\$ 96,103.15
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$1,922,063.00	<u>EC\$ 96,103.15</u>
TOTAL		<u>EC\$192,206.30</u>

(b) The property must be used for residential purposes.

(c) The Licensee must not rent their dwelling house without first notifying the Ministry with responsibility for Economic Development, Investment, and Commerce.

(d) 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 2023, 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.

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

EX MIN 25/105

EX MEMO 25/85 Application for Issue of Licence under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act- [Redacted Text] - Registration Section: West End, Block 17809 B, Parcel 364 containing 0.21 acre located in West End
Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health and Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth & Culture remained.

The Acting Minister of Lands briefed Council on the application for an Aliens Land Holding Licence. Executive Council approved the granting of an Aliens Land Holding Licence to [Redacted Text] to hold on a freehold basis, vacant property situated in Registration Section: West End, Block 17809 B, described as Parcel 364, being 0.21 of an acre located at West End, 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\$336,025.00	EC\$16,801.25
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 6.25% of EC\$336,025.00	EC\$21,001.56
(iii)	refundable deposit – 10% of EC\$336,025.00	<u>EC\$33,602.50</u>
	TOTAL	<u>EC\$71,405.31</u>

(b) The property must be used for residential purposes with intent to rent.

(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 property.

(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 2023, 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.

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

[Redacted Text]

EX MIN 25/107 EX MEMO 25/87 Application for Issue of Licence under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act- [Redacted Text] - Registration Section: North; Block 58918 B, Parcels 91 and 92 being 0.50 of an acre each for a total of 1 acre located in Shoal Bay

Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health and Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth & Culture remained.

The Acting Minister briefed Council on the application for an Aliens Land Holding Licence. Executive Council approved the granting of an Aliens Land Holding Licence to [Redacted Text] to hold on a freehold basis property situated in Registration Section: North, Block 58918 B, Parcels 91 & 92 being 0.50 of an acre each for a total of 1.00 acre of vacant land located at Shoal Bay, Anguilla for tourism purposes, subject to the following:

- (a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:

Parcel 91

(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$504,037.50	EC\$25,201.88
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 6.25% of EC\$940,870.00	<u>EC\$58,804.38</u>
	TOTAL	<u>EC\$84,006.26</u>

PARCEL 92

(i) under the Stamp Act – 5%
of EC\$504,037.50 EC\$25,201.88

(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding
Regulation Act – 6.25%
of EC\$504,037.50 EC\$31,502.34

TOTAL **EC\$56,704.22**

GRAND TOTAL **EC\$140,710.48**

- (b) The property must be used for tourism purposes.
- (c) That the development complies with Planning Ref: 24/0369 for the construction of Villas comprised of 14 units.
- (d) Parcel 91 to be amalgamated with Parcel 92 within three (3) months of the issue of the licence.
- (e) The Applicant shall, during the period of construction, permit the authorised officers or agents of the Government of Anguilla access to the land to inspect the site and building work.
- (f) The express condition in the Licence that the development shall be completed within forty-eight (48) months, failing which a penalty of US\$3,500.00 shall apply for each calendar month or part thereof that the project remains uncompleted without reasonable justification for the delay in completion. The said penalty shall continue for a period of 12 months. Thereafter, forfeiture proceedings for the property will be commenced by the Government of Anguilla.
- (g) The Applicant is exempted from Government's Policy on restricting Aliens from holding no more than half an acre on the grounds that the intent purchaser is developing a tourism product that would yield financial revenue for the Government through rentals.

- (h) 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 2023, 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.

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

EX MIN 25/108

EX MEMO 25/88 Application for an Exemption from Payment of Stamp Duty for an Ecclesiastical Institution- Registration Section West Central, Block 28312B, Parcel 160 (0.42 acre)

Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health and Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth & Culture remained.

The Acting Minister of Lands briefed Council on the application by the Jireh Tabernacle Seventh-Day Adventist Church for an exemption from payment of Stamp Duty.

Executive Council:

1. Approved the granting of an exemption from the payment of Stamp Duty to the North Caribbean Conference of Seventh-day Adventists- Churches of Anguilla: Mount Fortune, New Life, Jireh Tabernacle, and Shimei **or** North Caribbean Conference of SDA (Jireh Tabernacle Seventh-Day Adventist Church) on the transfer of lands situate in Registration Section West Central, Block 28312B, Parcel 160, 0.42 acre. This is in accordance with the Stamp Act R.S.A. c. S55, specifically, Section 60(d) of the Schedule- 'General Exemptions from all Stamp Duties'.
2. Noted that the grant of exemption under Section 60(d) of the Stamp Act shall result in revenue loss of EC\$2,150.56.

Action: DLS; PS, HA; MEDICPNR.

EX MIN 25/109

EX MEMO 25/89 Appointment of the Director of Tourism to the Anguilla Tourist Board "ATB"

Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health and Ministerial Assistant for Sports Youth & Culture remained.

The Honourable Minister briefed Council on the proposed appointment to the ATB. It is proposed that the Executive Council approve the appointment of Mr. Jameel Rochester as the Director of the ATB. Mr. Rochester was identified as a suitably qualified and experienced candidate to assume the role, having extensive experience in management, leadership and tourism, including work on the ATB from 2018 to 2022.

Executive Council:

1. Approved the appointment of Mr. Jameel Rochester as the Director of Tourism for the Anguilla Tourist Board with effect from the date of 15th May 2025, for publication in the Gazette;
2. Noted that an order will be published in the Gazette to formalize the appointment, as required under the law.

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

Action: PS, HST; HON MIN, HST.

[Redacted Text]
