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**MINUTES OF THE 36TH MEETING OF THE THIRTEENTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2025 AT 8.30 AM**

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms. Julia Crouch
The Honourable Premier and Minister of Finance, Labour, Immigration, Home Affairs and Constitutional Affairs, Mrs. Cora Richardson-Hodge
The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr. Perin Bradley
The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, IT and E-Government Services, Mr. Jose Vanterpool
The Honourable Minister of Economic Development, Industry, Commerce, Lands, Planning, Water and Natural Resources, Mr. Kyle Hodge
Acting Attorney General, Mr. Ivor Greene
Clerk to Executive Council, Ms. Dumisa Webster

ABSENT: The Honourable Minister of Social Development, Education & Library, Youth and Culture, Mrs. Shellya Rogers-Webster
The Honourable Minister of Health, Tourism and Sports, Mr. Cardigan Connor

IN ATTENDANCE: The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Mr. Cordell Richardson
Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health, Mr. Evans Rogers
Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth and Culture, Mr. Jeison Bryan
Acting Head of Governor's Office, Mr. Charles Hanen

EX MIN 25/308

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health, Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth and Culture and Acting Head of Governor's Office remained.

Council deferred confirmation of the minutes from the Meeting of the Executive Council held on 27th November 2025 due to the absence of Ministers.

EX MIN 25/309

EX MEMO 25/243 Removal of Excise Tax on Gasoline

The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health, Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth and Culture and Acting Head of Governor's Office remained.

Mrs. Solange Lloyd-Brown, Director of Finance, Ministry of Finance
Ms. Rukeya Jeffers, Finance Officer, Ministry of Finance

Council was briefed on the memorandum which proposes for the extension of the removal of excise tax on gasoline. It was noted that the aim of this measure is to maintain affordable prices for consumers. The current exemption expires on 31st December 2025, however, as a policy decision, the Government of Anguilla is requesting to have this extended to 31st December 2026. It was further noted that any associated revenue loss has been incorporated into the updated Medium-Term fiscal Framework.

Executive Council:

1. Approved the extension of the removal of the application of Excise Tax on Gasoline until 31st December 2026; and
2. Instructed the Attorney General Chambers to prepare the required regulations under the Excise Tax, Act, 2022 for subsequent execution.

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

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

EX MIN 25/310

EX MEMO 25/244 Cost of Living Support- Exemptions from Customs Duty and Tax for Essential Items

The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health, Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth and Culture and Acting Head of Governor's Office remained.

Council was briefed on the memorandum which seeks approval for the enactment of Regulations under the Customs Act and Administrative Cost Recovery Act to exempt specified food essentials of duties and tax on their importation for a further period of until 31st December 2026. This would be an extension of a measure currently implemented and aims to protect from the introduction of compounding inflationary pressure due to the price adjustments to incorporate the duty.

Executive Council:

1. Approved the extension of the current exemption on essential food items until 31st December 2026 for Import Customs Duty and Administrative Fee;
2. Instructed the Attorney General Chambers to draft Regulations to facilitate the waiver of customs duties under section 76 of the Customs Act in respect of extension of the exemption on food essentials, for subsequent execution; and
3. Instructed the Attorney General Chambers to draft Regulations to waive the administrative fee under the Customs Administrative Costs Recovery Act in respect of the goods exempted of Customs Duty under Section 76 of the Customs Act for subsequent execution.

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

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

EX MIN 25/311

EX MEMO 25/245 Application to Host Raffle and Exemption from Public Lotteries Tax- Anguilla Cricket Association

The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health, Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth and Culture and Acting Head of Governor's Office remained.

The memorandum as presented to Council seeks approval for the Anguilla Cricket Association for exemptions from import duties and taxes on raffle prizes as well as the fees prescribed under the Public Lotteries Act, in support of its upcoming fundraising raffle. It was noted that the raffle aims to generate funds for cricket events which are essential to the continued promotion and development of the sport in Anguilla. Approval is sought for the issuance of 5,000 tickets at a cost of US\$20.00 per ticket.

Executive Council approved the hosting of a raffle by the Anguilla Cricket Association and waiver of the associated cost up to a revenue loss of US\$10,000.00 or EC\$26.882.00.

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

EX MIN 25/312

EX MEMO 25/246 Refusal to Grant Work Permits

The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health, Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth and Culture and Acting Head of Governor's Office remained.

In keeping with Section 164(3) of the Labour (Relations) Act, 2018 the Premier and Minister of Home Affairs and Labour seeks to consult the Executive Council before refusing to grant work permits. Council was provided with the details of each proposed work permit refusal.

Council noted the reasons for refusal of the following work permits:

[Redacted Text]

Executive Council:

1. Noted section 164 of the Labour (Relations) Act 2018 containing the principles governing work permits;
2. Noted that in keeping with section 164 (3) of the Labour (Relations) Act 2018, the Honourable Premier and Minister of Home Affairs and Labour consulted with Executive Council before refusing to grant work permits; and
3. Considered and endorsed the proposal by the Honourable Premier and Minister of Home Affairs and Labour that the following persons be refused work permits on the basis of the foregoing information:

[Redacted Text]

Action: CIO; LAB COM; PAS, HA; PS, HA; HON PREM.

EX MIN 25/313

EX MEMO 25/247 Application for Statutory Exemption from Stamp Duty and Transfer Fees- ANGLEC Registration Section South Central- Block 38813 B- Parcels 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73 & 74

The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health, Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth and Culture and Acting Head of Governor's Office remained.

Mr. Leslie Hodge, Director of the Department of Lands and Surveys joined the meeting.

Council was briefed on the memorandum which seeks approval for the administrative application of the existing statutory exemption from Stamp Duty and related transfer fees concerning the transfer of seven land parcels in Registration Section South Central, Block 38813B, Parcels 68-74, purchased by Anguilla Electricity Company Limited (“ANGLEC”), in accordance with Section 32 of the Electricity Act R.S.A.c.E35 and the ANGLEC Exemption Regulations R.R.AE35-1.

Executive Council:

1. Noted the existing statutory exemption available to ANGLEC under Section 32 of the Electricity Act and the ANGLEC under Section 32 of the Electricity Act and the ANGLEC Exemption Regulations;
2. Approved the administrative application of the statutory exemption from Stamp Duty and transfer fees to the transfers of:
 - a. Parcels 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73 & 74, Registration Section South Central, Block 38813B, as per the supporting RL1 transfer instruments.
3. Directed that the Ministry ensure all relevant records, supporting documents, valuations, and audit documentation are maintained in keeping with Executive Council Minute 25/268.

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

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

EX MIN 25/314

EX MEMO 25/248 Lease of Crown Land in Long Path for the Use of an Aquatic Centre, with Administration Building- Property Situated in Registration Section Cauls Pond, Block 69114 B Described as Parcel 164 (Part Of)

The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health, Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth and Culture and Acting Head of Governor's Office remained.

Council was briefed on the memorandum which seeks approval for a lease of Crown land to Rainbow City aquatic Centre for a Recreational Centre which is to include a community swimming pool.

Executive Council:

1. Approved the granting of a lease to Rainbow City Aquatic Centre for land situated in Registration Section Cauls Pond, Block 69114 B Parcel 64 (part of) being 1.67 acres of land as delineated on Survey Plan LS07-25B;
2. Directed that the property be used for a Community Swimming Pool, Administration Building, Ticket Office, Stands and Stalls as approved by Planning Permission Ref: 24/0216;
3. Instructed that nominal rent is to be in the amount of EC\$100.00 for the first year, thereafter, the rent shall increase by Cost Price Index (CPI) or 2% per annum whichever is greater for the following four (4) years (i.e. year 2 to year 5). Thereafter, a rent review at the end of the fifth (5th) year to market rent or rent that is mutually agreeable by both parties;
4. Noted that Stamp Duty payable is EC\$14,029.042;
5. Noted that the lease make appropriate reservations for use by public stakeholders and the Government of Anguilla including but not limited to Department of Sports and the Albena Lake Hodge Comprehensive School ("ALHCS") supported with management agreements. These terms should be prepared by the Attorney General Chambers in conjunction with the Ministry of Sports and Department of Sports;
6. Instructed that the Attorney General Chambers draft and finalize the lease license agreement for execution by Rainbow City Aquatic Centre and the Crown; and
7. Instructed that the draft lease be circulated to Council before it is executed.

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

[Redacted Text]

EX MIN 25/316

EX MEMO 25/250 Application for Issue of Licence under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act- [Redacted Text],- Registration Section: East Central, Block 89118 B, Described as Parcel 267 being 0.62 of an Acre Located in Shoal Bay

The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Senior Ministerial Advisor for Health, Ministerial Assistant for Sports, Youth and Culture and Acting Head of Governor's Office remained.

Executive Council Minute 25/225 considered the subject application, however, the stamp duty amount was inadvertently incorrectly listed. Therefore, this application has returned to Council for consideration and correction of the stamp duties payable.

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: East Central, Block 89118 B, described as Parcel 267, being 0.62 of an acre located at Shoal Bay, Anguilla for tourism purposes, to construct Villas (5 -1 bedroom), subject to the following:

a) Payment of the following Stamp Duties:

(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$1,034,957.00	EC\$51,747.85
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 6.25% of EC\$1,034,957.00	<u>EC\$64,684.81</u>

TOTAL **EC\$116,432.66**

b) The property must be used for tourism purposes.

c) The Applicant Company be exempted from Government's Policy on restricting Aliens to 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 sales and rentals.

d) Parcel 267 to be amalgamated with Parcel 266 within three (3) months of the issue of the licence.

e) 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.

- f) 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.

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