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# MINUTES OF THE 228<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE TENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2015

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Christina Scott

The Honourable Hubert Hughes, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Investment, Commerce and Tourism and Minister of Labour and Immigration and Minister of Social Development and Health

The Hon Deputy Governor, Mr Stanley Reid

- The Honourable Jerome Roberts, Minister of Lands, Physical Planning, Human Rights, Environment, Gender Affairs and Agriculture and Fisheries and Minister of Education, Library Services, Sports, Youth and Culture
- The Honourable Evan Gumbs, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities and Housing

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Rupert Jones

Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Bren Romney, Director, Youth & Culture

# EX MIN 15/97 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 226<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015 and the Minutes of Special Meetings held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015. Council agreed that the Minutes of the 227<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015 and the Minutes of a Special Meeting held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2015 should be deferred to the next Meeting of Executive Council on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

# MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

# EX MIN 15/98 EX MIN 15/64 EX MEM 15/18 APPOINTMENTS TO THE MEDICAL BOARD

Further to EX MIN 15/64 of 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015, Council agreed that further consideration needed to be given to this matter. Council agreed that the matter be deferred to the next Meeting of Executive Council to be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

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

Action: PS, HSD; MINS OF GOV'T

# EX MIN 15/100 INF 15/01 FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION 2015 BUDGET AND WORK PLAN

Council noted:-

- (i) the approved 2015 Budget and Work Programme for the Financial Services Commission; and
- (ii) that these will be tabled in the House of Assembly to be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015 for the information of legislators and the public.

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

Action: HE; CL, HOA; DIR, FSC

# EX MIN 15/101 EX MEM 15/51 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR DE CUISINE

In EX MIN 14/704 of 6 November 2014, Council agreed that duty exemption should be granted to De Cuisine (c/o Mr Lenox Joash Proctor and Ms Denise L. Carr) on items, subject to confirmation of the actual duty loss and a revised duty loss account being submitted to Executive Council.

Council noted:-

- (i) the estimated duty loss of EC\$9,851.16 to the GoA; and
- (ii) the revised duty loss account and list of items as attached.

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

Action: PS, FIN; PAS, FIN; COC; FO

## EX MIN 15/102 EX MEM 15/52 PAYMENT OF DEFERRED SALARY – MS X

#### [Note on publication: name redacted to protect personal health information]

Council agreed that Ms X in the Education Department should be paid her deferred salary of EC\$42,950.12 to enable her to meet the costs associated with her medical condition.

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

Action: PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; ACC GEN; CEO

#### EX MIN 15/103 EX MEM 15/53 FILLING OF TWO VACANT POSTS OF FINANCIAL ANALYSTS IN THE FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT

Council:-

- (i) noted that there were two vacant posts of Financial Analyst in the Financial Intelligence Unit within the Royal Anguilla Police Force and that one of the positions was required to be filled before May 2015 and the other when the contract of the current holder expires on 3 July 2015;
- (ii) noted that four of the Permanent Secretaries supported the filling of one of the positions of Financial Analyst while the others supported the filling of the two positions;
- (iii) further noted that provision had been made in the 2015 Budget for the posts; and
- (iv) agreed that the two vacant posts of Financial Analyst in the Financial Intelligence Unit within the Royal Anguilla Police Force should be filled.

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

Action: PS, PA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; BD; COP

## EX MIN 15/104 EX MEM 15/54 ANGUILLA GET SET PROGRAMME – LOAN FACILITY

Mr Bren Romney, Director, Youth & Culture joined the Meeting.

Further to EX MIN 14/413 of 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014, Council approved the establishment of a loan facility with the Anguilla Development Board rather than a Loan Guarantee Fund for the Anguilla Get Set Programme, subject to a MoU being prepared and negotiated with the Anguilla Development Board.

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

Action: PS, ELSYC; DIR, Y & C; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; BD

# EX MIN 15/105 EX MEM 15/55 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATIONS ACT – MARTINA WHYTE – REGISTRATION SECTION EAST END, BLOCK 99418 B, PARCEL 137; CONTAINING 0.50 ACRE

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to Martina Whyte to hold on a freehold basis, jointly with her husband Tyrone Whyte (already registered as owner) 0.50 acre of land described as Registration Section East End, Block 99418 B, Parcel 137 located at Junks Hole to construct a dwelling house thereon, subject to the payment of the following fees:-

(i) under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$147,851.00

EC\$7,392.55

	TOTAL	EC\$7,592.55
(iii)	refundable deposit of 10% of EC\$147,851.00	paid 
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulations Act – 14 (3) of EC\$147,851.00	EC\$200.00

Council further agreed that the Ministry should write to the applicants to grant additional time (i.e. 24 months) to May 2016 for the completion of the dwelling house and to indicate that the penalty of EC\$500.00 for a period of five (5) months from June 2014 to October 2014 totalling EC\$2,500.00 would apply to the refundable deposit in accordance with Clause 5 of the Licence dated November 21, 2012.

Action: PS, MHA/LANDS; PS, FIN; PS, EDICT; DLS

## EX MIN 15/106 EX MEM 15/56 APPROVAL OF REMUNERATION FOR SOCIAL SECURITY HUMAN RESOURCE AND TRAINING SUB-COMMITTEE

Council agreed that the paper should be deferred to seek clarity on the composition of the principal Board, the proposed sub-committee and the other existing sub-committees.

Council noted the terms of reference from the HR Committee.

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

Action: PS, FIN

## EX MIN 15/107 EX MEM 15/57 MEMBERSHIP OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE OF THE ASSB

Council agreed that Ms Lavan Hoyoung and Mr George Hodge should be appointed to serve on the Investment Committee of the Anguilla Social Security Board for the period February 2015 to January 2017. Council further agreed that Mr George Hodge should be appointed as Chairman.

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

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICT

#### **ORAL MENTION**

#### EX MIN 15/108 MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

Council was informed that the next Meeting of the House of Assembly would be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2015 at 2:00 pm.

Council agreed that the following Bills should be placed on the Agenda for their first readings:-

- 1) Social Protection Bill
- 2) Parole of Prisoners (Validation) Bill, 2015
- 3) Condominium Amendment Bill

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

Action: AG; CL, HOA

## EX MIN 15/109 MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Council agreed that there would be no regular Meeting of Executive Council on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015 due to the absence of Ministers on official overseas travel. Council agreed that the regular Meeting of Executive Council should be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015 instead.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

#### EX MIN 15/110 OVERSEAS TRAVEL

Council was informed of the following dates of overseas travel:-

1)	Hon Attorney General	-	13 – 20 February – Leave
2)	Hon Chief Minister	-	22 February – 1 March, ECCB Meeting, St, Kitts and EU Meeting in BVI
3)	Hon Minister of Education	-	24 – 28 February – CARICOM Heads of Government Meeting, Bahamas

Action: EXCO MEMBERS