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MINUTES OF THE 11TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH JULY 2015

PRESENT: His Excellency the Acting Governor, Mr Stanley Reid

The Honourable Victor Banks, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Commerce, Lands & Physical Planning and Tourism

The Hon Acting Deputy Governor, Mr Larry Franklin

The Hon Evans Rogers, Minister of Health and Social Development

The Honourable Cora Richardson-Hodge, Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Labour, Environment, Human Rights, Gender Affairs, Constitutional Affairs and Information and Broadcasting

The Honourable Curtis Richardson, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, Agriculture and Fisheries and Information Technology

The Honourable Acting Attorney General, Ms Michelle Daley

Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council

ABSENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Christina Scott

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Rupert Jones

EX MIN 15/403 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Council confirmed the Minutes of a Special Meeting held on Wednesday 1st July 2015 and the Minutes of the 10th Meeting held on Thursday 2nd July 2015.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 15/404 None

EX MIN 15/405 **EX MEM 15/219 PAROLE BOARD SUBSTITUTIONS**

Council:-

- (i) approved the temporary appointment of Mr Hubert M. Hughes as Chairman to the Parole Board and the temporary appointment of Mr Reynolds Richardson as a Parole Board Member, during the absence of Mr Ronald Scipio, Chairperson of the Parole Board; and
- (ii) agreed that both appointments take effect on 20th July 2015.

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

Action: PS, HSD; SOP; HON AG

EX MIN 15/406

EX MEM 15/220 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR DERICK RICHARDSON

Council agreed that duty exemption should be granted to Mr Derick Richardson on the attached list of items to be used for the suiting and construction of an Arts and Fitness Facility at North Side, Anguilla.

The estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$40,679.85.

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

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

EX MIN 15/407

EX MEM 15/221 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR BIG AND BETTER

Council agreed that duty exemption should be granted to Big & Better (c/o Mr Joseph Hodge) on a commercial stove. Council noted that Mr Hodge is a Junior Chef at Cap Juluca and is now starting his own business.

The estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$1,276.22.

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

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

EX MIN 15/408

EX MEM 15/222 APPLICATION FOR DUTY EXEMPTION FOR SOVEREIGN GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Hon Minister of Home Affairs declared an interest because she is the niece of Pastor John Gumbs.

Council agreed that duty exemption should be granted to Sovereign Grace Baptist (c/o Pastor John Gumbs) on an Overhead Projector, Cables, Voice Recorder and Connector to be used for the enhancement of the church worship and the recording of radio outreach ministries.

The estimated duty loss to the GoA is EC\$719.09.

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

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

EX MIN 15/409 EX MEM 15/223 CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP – HIGHER EDUCATION LICENSING BOARD

Council noted that:-

(i) on 10th December 2013 the Hon Minister of Education acting in accordance with his powers under sections 2, 3 and 4 of the Higher Education Licensing Act, appointed the following persons to be members of the Higher Education Licensing Board for a term of 5 years:-

Mrs Kiesha Gumbs-Bibby (Ministry of Social Development) Mr Ensor Gumbs (Ministry of Physical Planning) – Chairman Mrs Sandra York-Gumbs (in absence of UWI Resident Tutor) – Deputy Chairperson

Mrs Mary Clare Haskins-Banton (Attorney General's Chambers) Mrs Shantelle Richardson (Ministry of Finance and Economic Development) Ms Sherise Brooks (Civil Society)

Mrs Rhonda Connor (Chief Education Officer – Ex Officio Member and Secretary)

- (ii) at the time of the appointment of the Board, there was no Resident Tutor of the University of the West Indies and therefore Mrs Sandra York-Gumbs was appointed in light of her experience in adult and continuing education. However, a Resident Tutor has since been appointed by the University of the West Indies and is willing to serve as a Board member;
- (iii) Mrs Sandra York-Gumbs would be replaced by Dr Phyllis Fleming-Banks, Resident Tutor of the University of the West Indies as a member of the Higher Education Licensing Board with effect from 1st August 2015; and
- (iv) effective 1st January 2016, that Mr Ensor Gumbs, Chairman of the Board would also be replaced as he has retired from the public service.

Council requested the Attorney General's Chambers to prepare the necessary Notice and Instrument of Appointment.

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

Action: PS, ELSYC; HON AG

EX MIN 15/410 <u>EX MEM 15/224 BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE ALBENA LAKE-</u> HODGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

Council:-

- (i) noted that the term of office of the Governing Board of the Albena Lake-Hodge Comprehensive School would expire on 12th July 2015;
- (ii) endorsed the Hon Minister of Education's proposal to establish a new Board effective 12th July 2015 consisting of the following persons:-

1) Principal of ALHCS (Ex Officio)

Ms Erlyn Wilkinson
 Ms Avenella Griffith
 PTA Representative
 Staff Representative

4) Mrs Celestine John
 5) Rev. Dr Wycherley Gumbs
 6) Mr Monsell Lloyd
 Expert Educational Opinion
 Religious Denominations
 Business Organisations

7) Mrs Althea Hodge Community Development Organisations

8) Ms Tara Carter National Interest

9) Ms T'arah Niles Student Representative

(iii) agreed to a monthly increase in remuneration (as proposed) for the Members of the Board effective 1st January 2016 as follows:-

Position	Current Remuneration	Proposed Remuneration
Chairperson	EC\$550	EC\$900
Deputy Chairperson	EC\$450	EC\$800
Secretary	EC\$450	EC\$750
Members	EC\$450	EC\$700

- (iv) additionally noted that the increase in remuneration would result in additional expenditure of EC\$35,400.00 in 2016 and beyond and would be reflected in the Department of Education's 2016 Budget; and
- (v) requested the Attorney General's Chambers to prepare the necessary Notice and the Instruments of Appointment so that the new Board is in place on 12th July 2015.

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

Action: PS, ELSYC; HON AG; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 15/411 EX MEM 15/225 UPGRADE OF ROAD FROM CHAPEL HILL TO SANDY GROUND

Council:-

- (i) agreed that preliminary work should be commissioned to obtain sufficient information to be able to provide a scope and a budget for the work to be carried out;
- (ii) agreed to the creation of a project team of officers from the Department of Infrastructure and Lands and Surveys to undertake the investigative and preliminary design work; and
- (iii) agreed a budget of EC\$25,000.00 to meet the cost of the investigative and preliminary design work.

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

Action: PS, MICUH; DLS; CE; DCE; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTLP

ORAL MENTION

EX MIN 15/412 **OVERSEAS TRAVEL**

Council was informed of the following dates of travel:-

1) HE The Acting Governor - 15 – 18 July, Symposium on Public

Administration sponsored by CARICAD and CLAD, Trinidad

2) Hon Minister of Social Dev. - 22 – 26 July, Pre Joint Ministerial

Conference, Bermuda

3) Hon Minister of Infrastructure - 25 – 31 July, CANTO Conference,

Miami

Action: EXCO MEMBERS
