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**MINUTES OF THE 37<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA**  
**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2021 AT 9.00AM**

- PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam
- The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance and Health,  
Dr Ellis Webster
- The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley
- The Honourable Minister for Social Development, Cultural Affairs,  
Youth Affairs, Gender Affairs, Education and Library Services,  
Ms Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers
- The Honourable Minister for Home Affairs, Immigration, Labour,  
Human Rights, Constitutional Affairs, Information and Broadcasting,  
Lands and Physical Planning, Mr Kenneth Hodge
- The Honourable Minister for Infrastructure, Communications,  
Utilities, Housing and Tourism, Mr Haydn Hughes
- The Honourable Minister for Economic Development, Commerce,  
Information Technology, Environment and Natural Resources,  
Mr Kyle Hodge
- Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Angela Hughes
- IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development,  
Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie  
Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social  
Development/Education, Mr Merrick Richardson  
Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull
- ABSENT: The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford

EX MIN 21/123

**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

Council noted that in relation to Ex Min 21/117, concerning the defunding of Anguilla Finance Ltd consideration would be given to bringing the marketing of Anguilla, as an international financial centre, within the remit of the Ministry of Finance or the Anguilla Tourist Board.

EX MIN 21/124

**EX MEM 21/67 APPROVAL OF A BILL TO AMEND THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN CENTRAL BANK AGREEMENT ACT, 2021 AND APPROVAL OF THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN CENTRAL BANK AGREEMENT ACT (AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE) ORDER, 2021**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

The Hon Premier briefed Council on the proposed legislative updates. The ECCB Agreement Act (“Act”) gives effect to the ECCB Agreement (“Agreement”) which governs the issuance of the Eastern Caribbean Currency. Article 18(1) of the Agreement gives the ECCB the sole right to issue currency notes and coins, including commemorative coins. The amendment to the Agreement by way of the proposed Order, is intended to facilitate the issuance of the EC currency in electronic form.

Article 55 of the Agreement provides that an amendment to the Agreement shall take effect when the Participating Government deposits with the Bank an Instrument of Acceptance, stating that it has accepted the amendment in accordance with its law and has taken all of the steps necessary to make it effective in its territory.

The Monetary Council has approved an amendment to the Act to address any inconsistencies between the provisions of the Act and other legislation.

Council:

- 1) approved the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank Agreement Act (Amendment of Schedule) Order, 2021;
- 2) approved the Bill to amend the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank Agreement Act, 2021;
- 3) instructed the AG's Chambers to prepare the Order and Bill for tabling at the next session of the House of Assembly; and
- 4) authorized the Minister of Finance to sign the Instrument of Acceptance, after the Order is enacted.

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

EX MIN 21/125

**EX MEM 21/68 APPROVAL TO PROCEED TO PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR THE DRAFT ANGUILLA BUSINESS COMPANIES REGULATIONS**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained. The following persons joined the meeting:

Deputy Director of the FSC, Ms Simone Martin  
Principal Assistant Secretary, Ms Marisa Harding-Hodge  
Comptroller of Inland Revenue (Ag), Mr Lonnie Hobson  
Deputy Registrar of Commercial Registry (Ag), Ms Mishline Leader

The Hon Premier briefed Council. The existing companies' legislation requires modernisation. The draft Anguilla Business Companies Regulations (the Regulations) state the fees to be levied

and provide the supplemental rules necessary to support the Anguilla Business Companies Bill (the Bill).

In keeping with the intent behind the Bill, the Regulations comply with current international standards. They provide a more flexible framework and include several attractive features for businesses, fiduciary services providers, investment business practitioners and others. The Regulations are designed to be user friendly.

Council:

- 1) noted that consideration needs to be given to forming a working group to formulate a key plan for marketing Anguilla, as an international financial center and also a tourism destination, whilst highlighting the ease of doing business;
- 2) noted that Anguilla could improve its competitiveness as a jurisdiction, but is hindered by outdated legislation which lacks some of the attractive features that other jurisdictions have. As the products on offer are not what the market demands, some restructuring is necessary to create a modern offering;
- 3) noted that the proposed fees are aligned with expectations in the market;
- 4) agreed that the currency of the proposed fees must be stated in the Fee Schedule;
- 5) approved the draft Anguilla Business Companies Regulations and Fee Schedule for public consultation for a 1-week period; and
- 6) instructed the AG's Chambers to review the Anguilla Business Companies Bill and Anguilla Business Companies Regulations for tabling at the first session of the House of Assembly, after public consultation is complete.

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

EX MIN 21/127

**EX MEM 21/56 APPLICATION FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAND SITUATED IN REGISTRATION SECTION SOUTH EAST, BLOCK 78913 B, PARCEL 165**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

The Hon Minister for Home Affairs briefed Council. In Ex Min 21/104 Council considered the acquisition of the property described as Registration Section South East, Block 78913 B, Parcel 165 (Property), however, it was necessary to confirm the availability of funds, before making a determination to acquire the property. After further consideration funds have now been identified.

Council:

- 1) agreed to acquire the property described as Registration Section South East, Block 78913 B, Parcel 165 for the sum of US\$23,000.00 (EC\$61,828.60); and
- 2) noted that the Permanent Secretary MoHA had confirmed that funding in the amount of EC\$690K is available under the Land Acquisition Vote within the Ministry of Home Affairs and accordingly the acquisition can be funded in full.

Council authorised the release of the Action Sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

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

EX MIN 21/128

**EX MEM 21/70 STATUTORY BODY QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained.

The Hon Premier briefed Council. Executive Council has requested that the Ministry of Finance provide quarterly updates on the financial

position of the Statutory Bodies of the Government of Anguilla. The publication of these quarterly financial reports is also a requirement of the UKG Financial Aid MOU.

The Principal Assistant Secretary briefed Council, salient points as follows:

- 1) Select Anguilla, the Health Authority of Anguilla and the Anguilla National Trust experienced challenges in preparing a balanced balance sheet;
- 2) Select Anguilla commenced 2020 without a budget;
- 3) some of the Statutory Bodies started 2020 with approved budgets and transitioned to revised budgets, which can cause inconsistencies in the reports;
- 4) the Public Utilities Commission and Anguilla Community College have not provided their quarterly reports; and
- 5) the Anguilla Social Security Board has the largest variance. There is an overall negative variance, in the consolidated income statement from reduced social security contributions, which is expected as a result of the pandemic.

Council:

- 1) noted the brief and the quarterly reports of the Statutory Bodies, which includes income statements and balance sheets;
- 2) noted that a narrative to the quarterly reports should be prepared, to make the information more accessible and achieve transparency; and
- 3) noted that the process of financial reporting is one which Statutory Bodies will need to adjust to. Where public funds are utilized it is a necessary process and failure to submit reports is not acceptable.

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

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EX MIN 21/130

**COVID-19 & ASTRAZENECA/OXFORD VACCINE UPDATE**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development, Hon Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/ Education and Financial Specialist remained. The following persons joined the meeting: -

PS, Health, Mr Foster Rogers  
Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin  
Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers

**Epidemiological Update**

The WHO update of March 20, indicates that the incidence of new COVID-19 cases increased for the fifth consecutive week in all regions. As of March 30, over 126 million cases and 2.7 million deaths have been reported globally, with around 3.8 million new cases and 64,000 new deaths reported over the past week. The countries reporting the highest number of new cases in the past week were Brazil, the United States of America, India, France and Poland.

Anguilla has recorded 25 confirmed cases to date. Currently there are 2 active cases.

**Vaccination Deployment Update**

The third batch of AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccines, consisting of 8000 doses, arrived on March 31. The vaccines expire in July 2021.

As of March 31 at 11.00 am, there were 6566 persons registered of which 5,637 persons have received their first dose. This represents 45% of the target population figure of 12,600 persons. The breakdown by occupation is as follows:

- 262 Healthcare workers
- 356 Civil, border protection and port staff
- 1103 Hospitality workers
- 795 Retired
- 3109 Others

Using 2011 census age demographics, the breakdown of individuals who have received the vaccine by age, is as follows:

- 1397 persons age 18 - 34 (35% of target)
- 1701 persons age 35 - 49 (43 % of target)
- 1584 persons age 50 - 64 (66 % of target)
- 932 persons age 65+ (78% of target)

This indicates that vaccination uptake is lower among the younger age groups. The Health team will continue efforts to include younger people in promotional material. Outreach in the community continues.

### **Exit Planning Update**

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March, the Health team met with members of cabinet and the tourism sector to further discuss the draft exit plan.

Council:

- 1) noted that consideration needs to be given to developing a system to verify documentation which is produced as proof of COVID-19 vaccination;
- 2) noted that further discussion of the Exit Plan with stakeholders will take place;
- 3) agreed the draft Exit Plan in principle, subject to:
  - a) further consideration of the position as it relates to unvaccinated minors travelling into Anguilla with vaccinated adults; and
  - b) the legal opinion of the Hon Attorney General.

Council agreed to hold a Special Meeting of Executive Council on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 at 9.00 am to render a decision in relation to the Exit Plan.



Action: PS, HLTH; PS, FIN; PS, EDCITENR; BD;  
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