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**MINUTES OF THE 60<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA**  
**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 9.00 AM**

- PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam  
The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley  
The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance and Health,  
Dr Ellis Webster  
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  
The Honourable Attorney General, Ms Dawne Richardson (Ag)  
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 Minister for Social Development, Cultural Affairs,  
Youth Affairs, Gender Affairs, Education and Library Services,  
Ms Dee-Ann Kentish-Rogers  
The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford

EX MIN 21/293

**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 59<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2021.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

EX MIN 21/294

**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:

Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin  
 Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers  
 Director of the CDU, Mrs Twyla Richardson-Bradshaw

**Epidemiology*****Global overview***

According to the WHO's most current epidemiological report of September 12, the global number of new cases declined significantly as compared to the previous week, with just under 4 million cases reported for the period September 6 – 12. This is largely attributed to declining case numbers in all regions of the world. The number of deaths also decreased compared to previous weeks with only the African region reporting a slight increase of 7%.

The regions with the highest weekly incidence rates of cases and deaths per 100,000 population remain the same as last week. The regions of the Americas and Europe reported the highest weekly case (143 and 119.4 new cases per 100,000 population, respectively) and death incidence rates (2.3 and 1.5 new deaths per 100,000 population, respectively). The US is the country with the highest number of reported cases in the last week, there were 1,034,836 new cases, which is a 20% decrease.

## ***Caribbean Region***

The total number of confirmed cases is 1,725,642 in 35 countries/territories (including the 26 CARPHA Member States) and 313,808 in CARICOM Member States. The new total represents a 9.9% increase in the number of confirmed cases. There were 21,496 deaths recorded in the Caribbean region as of September 1, 2021. Some Member States continue to experience increasing positive case numbers. Cluster outbreaks through to community transmission of the virus, with increasing hospitalizations and deaths continues.

## ***Anguilla***

As of September 15, 2021, the total number of confirmed cases since the beginning of the pandemic in early 2020 is 325 with 15 active cases.

- Notwithstanding the sharp increase in the number and proportion of cases involving locally acquired infection since early August, a decline in this transmission has been apparent over the past week and a half.
- Moreover, the test positivity rate for the last complete epidemiological week (September 5 to 11) was less than 2.7%, which is less than the previous two weeks, which were 6.7% and 4.0% respectively.
- The imported cases, including returning residents are mainly coming from the United States, Sint Maarten and the Dominican Republic (DR) (the top three countries), and an increase in the proportion was noted with respect to the DR.
- Focusing on the 162 cases of local transmission occurring between August 8 and September 15:
  - Household and social contacts continue to account for over 70% of positive case contacts, with the former continuing to account for almost 60%.

- A slight decrease was seen from 20% to around 18%, in the proportion of cases with unidentified sources of transmission or links to other cases.
- 78 are vaccinated (48%) while 84 (52%) are unvaccinated.
- 47 are unvaccinated minors representing 30% of all cases and approximately 56% of cases among the unvaccinated.
- 47 out of 69 (68%) of the adult females are vaccinated and 31 of the 46 adult males (67%) are vaccinated.
- The elderly gentleman remains hospitalized in serious condition.

## **Vaccination Deployment Update**

### ***Vaccine Uptake***

As of September 14, 9496 persons had received their first dose representing 75% of the initial target population figure of 12,600 persons. Thus far, 9038 persons (72% of target) have received their second dose. In a population estimate of 15,500 total persons, this would represent 61% of the population having received the first dose and 58% of the population having received two doses.

The Ministry has submitted to the UKG details of the number of doses of vaccine needed for interested children aged 12-17, and other vulnerable groups who may be eligible for booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

## **HAA Laboratory and COVID-19 Testing Update**

The two technicians repairing the biosafety cabinet are due to complete their quarantine tomorrow and then face-to-face training will begin with laboratory staff.

The laboratory continues to operate utilizing the open platform system. Test results can take longer, and presently the turnaround time can be more than 36 hours after testing. It is anticipated that there will be some improvement in turnaround time once testing stocks are received for the closed platform system and the repairs are completed to allow both to operate.

## **COVID-19 Exit Strategy**

### ***Residents and Day 4 Quarantine Requirement***

Given the current protocols for arrival and Day 4 testing for short stay visitors the Ministry is currently seeking to improve personnel capacity. The Ministry is exploring the possibility of an additional testing site in the western district, to allow for testing nearer to larger hotel premises.

### ***Recommendation***

The Ministry is hopeful that the decline in new locally acquired cases seen during the last week will continue and recommends the continuation of the current restrictions.

Council:

- 1) thanked the health team for their continued hard work;
- 2) noted that in Anguilla there has been a decline in cases over the past 2 weeks, which has been maintained this week. There are less people requesting testing and less positive test results. The protocols are working, because where they are adopted transmission is reduced e.g. symptomatic persons not reporting to work and adhering to proper isolation within households. Noted that in other jurisdictions clusters in primary schools and day care centres are a concerning pattern;
- 3) noted that in the interests of mitigating the spread of COVID-19 transparency in the sharing of information, about the location of positive cases within the Anguilla Public Service needs to be improved. The health team will include this information in their reports and updates;
- 4) noted that approximately 111, 12-17 year olds have expressed an interest in vaccination;

- 5) noted that when the closed system testing kits are replenished, the upcoming high season should be taken into consideration, to ensure that there are enough stocks to accommodate testing for forecasted arrivals. The turnaround time for the notification of test results, particularly of day 4 test results is a cause of significant concern. Council agreed that the Hon Premier and Hon Deputy Governor shall work with the health team to identify and resolve the administrative issues which are causing notification of test results beyond 24 hours;
- 6) noted that work continues to consider appropriate protocols for Sint Maarten/St Martin day trips. Separately, officials have begun to consider the potential to develop a protocol to facilitate the collection of fish by Sint Maarten vessels. Adherence to any international legal requirements, testing standards and certification required for the export of fish will need to be considered as part of this protocol with the AG's Chambers. This will also require a cross-departmental effort in terms of Customs and the RAPF with border security; and
- 7) agreed that for next week any recommendations shall be presented, with the Exit Strategy which is to be updated by the Ministry for Council's consideration.

Council authorized the issue of the Action Sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, HLTH; PS, FIN; PS, EDCITENR; BD; ACC, GEN;  
HON, DG; HON, AG; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 21/295

**EX MEM 21/173 CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (CDB) POLICY  
BASED LOAN**

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. The Government intends to apply to the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) for an Exogenous Shock Response (ESR) Policy Based Loan (PBL). This would be the second in a programmatic series of three loans to support Government's reform programme. The first PBL of USD\$9.3 million was approved on July 26, 2018 in response to Hurricane Irma. With the onset of the pandemic in March 2020 and the halt in travel and tourism activity, the economy contracted by almost 30% in 2020, which is the largest decline on record.

Up until March 2021, the Government was assisted by the Budget support provided by the United Kingdom Government, but the financial situation remains precarious as the uncertainty of the pandemic persists. This second PBL will provide liquidity to help Government close its financing gap in 2021.

The proposed loan will be disbursed in a single tranche of USD\$7.5 million by December 31, 2021, or such later date as the CDB may agree. The terms and conditions provide for the Loan to be repaid in eight years, following a two-year grace period, at an interest rate of 3.30% (variable) p.a. and a commitment fee at the rate of 1% p.a. will be payable on the amount of the loan which is unwithdrawn from time to time.

Council:

- 1) noted that the loan is attached to the delivery of specific policy measures that are also approved as part of the decision. Noted that Lord Ahmad's letter of September 8, 2021 states that UKG approval is provided on the basis that there will be no material amendments to the underlying PBL policies for the second and third tranches of the loan. Further approvals will be required if the PBL policies are changed;
- 2) noted that upon approval of the PBL, the policy matrix will be made public;
- 3) noted that the Permanent Secretary shall propose to the CDB a longer five year grace period and a repayment term of ten years;

- 4) approved the continuation of discussions with the CDB concerning the PBL and conditions. Noted that there is a meeting on September 23 where the proposals may be discussed;
- 5) agreed in principle to the acceptance of the terms and conditions as at Appendix I. However, given the indication at paragraph 3 above, this approval is subject to confirmation of the final terms and conditions; which shall be communicated to Council by the Permanent Secretary, Finance for Council's final approval; and
- 6) noted that after Council's approval of the final terms and conditions is provided, drafting instructions for the preparation of a resolution shall be provided and the resolution shall then be submitted to the House of Assembly.

Council authorized the issue of the Action Sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

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

EX MIN 21/296

**EX MEM 21/174 APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT BILL FOR A COMMERCIAL REGISTRY AND BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REGISTRATION SYSTEM FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

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. In April 2016, Anguilla and other UK Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories entered into reciprocal arrangements with the UKG, committing to the provision of beneficial ownership information, based on requests from law enforcement and tax authorities. Within the UK - Anguilla Exchange of Notes, the importance of providing access to beneficial ownership information, in a timely and secure manner for the prevention and detection of crime was acknowledged.

The Government committed to establishing and maintaining an electronic platform or an effective alternative that will allow it to immediately access adequate, accurate and current beneficial

ownership information, on corporate and legal entities incorporated in Anguilla. This will not be a public register or database. United Kingdom law enforcement authorities will be able to request information. The electronic platform will only be accessible to Anguillian competent authorities.

The UKG has been working with the Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies to support international efforts to promote transparency through the introduction of Publicly Accessible Registers of Beneficial Ownership. Anguilla is committed to establishing public registers in line with 5AMLD by 2023.

Council:

- 1) noted that the Bill is necessary to give effect to the proposed Anguilla Business Companies Act, as it establishes the system that is required to capture and manage information;
- 2) noted that prior to the public consultation process, section 25 of the Bill must be populated and the AG's Chambers must review the Bill to confirm it is in order;
- 3) noted that the draft bill will be published on the websites of the Government, Commercial Registry and Financial Services Commission; and
- 4) approved the draft Bill for a Commercial Registry and Beneficial Ownership Registration System for the purpose of public consultation, for a one week period, subject to paragraph 2 above.

Council authorized the issue of the Action Sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

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

EX MIN 21/297

**EX MEM 21/175 APPOINTMENT OF A NEW ANGUILLA COMMUNITY COLLEGE (ACC) BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

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

Council considered this matter in Ex Min 21/283.

Council approved the following persons for service on the Anguilla Community College Board of Governors for a period of 3 years commencing September 15, 2021:

- a) Dr. Ronald Harrigan - Chair and Education Tertiary
- b) Ms. Amethyst Davis - Education Planning
- c) Ms. Avern Gumbs - Business
- d) Ms. Sherise Brooks - Hospitality and Human Resources
- e) Mr. Delon Skellekie - Anguilla Youth Ambassador Corp.
- f) Ms. Leah Hughes - Finance
- g) Mr. Michael Bourne - Law

Council authorized the issue of the Action Sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, SD; HON MIN, SD

EX MIN 21/298

**EX MEM 21/176 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION WEST END, BLOCK 17810 B, PARCEL 181 (VILLA 19) BEING 0.27 ACRES OF LAND**

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

Council agreed to rescind Ex Min 21/286.

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold on a freehold basis a luxury condominium (villa 19) being 0.27 of an acre forming part of the Resorts & Residences of Anguilla Home Owners

Association Ltd., a Condominium development at Four Seasons Anguilla Ltd., described as Registration Section West End, Block 17810 B, Parcel 181, subject to the following:

a) Stamp duties payable are as follows:

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| (i)  | under the Stamp Act – 5%<br>of EC\$9,176,511.56                             | EC\$458,825.58 |
| (ii) | under the Aliens Land Holding<br>Regulation Act – 5%<br>of EC\$9,176,511.56 | <u>EXEMPT</u>  |

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>EC\$458,825.58</u></b>
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- b) Regulations to be issued for Exemption, in accordance with the Fourth Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding dated 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019 between the Government and SOF-VIII-HOTEL II Anguilla Holdings LLC.

Council authorized the issue of the Action Sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

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

EX MIN 21/299

**EX MEM 21/177 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION WEST END, BLOCK 17709 B, PARCEL 177/4, BEING 2,490 SQ FT**

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

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold on a leasehold basis, property situate in Registration Section West End, Block 17709 B, described as Parcel 177/4 being 2,490 sq. ft. located

at West End, Anguilla for residential purposes subject to the following:

(a) Stamp duties payable as follows:

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| (i)  | under the Stamp Act– (Leasehold) 5%<br>of EC\$1,491,951.00                              | EC\$ 74,597.55        |
| (ii) | under the Aliens Land Holding<br>Regulation Act – (Leasehold) 5%<br>of EC\$1,491,951.00 | <u>EC\$ 74,597.55</u> |

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>EC\$149,195.10</u></b>
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(b) with the express condition that the land is to be used for residential purposes and that the Licencee must not rent their dwelling house without first notifying the Ministry of Economic Development, Investment, Commerce, Information Technology & Natural Resources of their intention to rent the said property.

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

EX MIN 21/300

**EX MEM 21/178 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION WEST END, BLOCK 17910 B, PARCEL 277 STRATA LOT SL A/1A BEING 901 SQ FT**

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

Council agreed to issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold on a freehold basis a luxury condominium unit of approximately 901 sq. ft. forming part of Parkstone Incorporated, a Condominium development at Tranquility Beach Anguilla for tourism purposes. The property being situated in Registration Section West End, Block

17910 B, is described as Parcel 277 SL A/1A, subject to the following:

a)	Stamp duties payable are as follows:	
(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$2,361,583.70	EC\$118,079.19
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 2% of EC\$2,361,583.70	<u>EC\$ 47,231.67</u>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>EC\$165,310.86</u></b>

- b) Regulations to be issued for Exemption;
- c) the Licensee shall rent the unit that forms part of Signature Suites Condominium Association Inc;
- d) the Licensee shall fully comply with the Memorandum of Understanding dated December 4, 2015 signed by the Government of Anguilla and Parkstone Incorporated and in particular Part III, Government Transfer Taxes and Annual Levies; and
- e) on acquiring the property the Licensee shall place their unit in the rental programme/pool of the hotel for the first two (2) years of ownership.

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

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