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MINUTES OF THE 62nd MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 9.00 AM

- 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
- The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford
- 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

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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 61st Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 23rd September, 2021, the Round Robin Minutes agreed on Thursday 23rd September, 2021 and the Round Robin Minutes agreed on Monday 27th September, 2021.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 21/312

COVID-19 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

Epidemiology***Global overview***

According to the WHO's most current epidemiological report of September 28, the global number of new cases continued to decline significantly as compared to the previous week, with just over 3.3 million cases reported for the period September 20 – 26. This is largely attributed to declining case numbers in most regions of the world. The number of deaths also decreased as compared to previous weeks, with only the European region reporting similar deaths as per last week.

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 (124.6 and 117.6 new cases per 100,000 population, respectively) and death incidence rates (2.3 and 1.6 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 765,827 new cases, which is a 31% decrease.

Caribbean Region

The total number of confirmed cases is 1,878,808 in 35 countries/territories (including the 26 CARPHA Member States) and 347,797 in CARICOM Member States. The new total represents a 1.8% increase in the number of confirmed cases. There were 23,206 deaths recorded in the Caribbean region as of September 27, 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. On September 21, the region recorded the highest number of average cases in a 7 day rolling period, since the start of the pandemic; and the cases have remained largely around that number.

Anguilla

As of September 29, 2021, the total number of confirmed cases since the beginning of the pandemic in early 2020 is 409 with 374 recoveries, 1 death and 34 active cases. In relation to the two persons admitted to hospital, the infant has been discharged and the other is doing well clinically.

- Since the previous Ministry brief, an increase has been seen in the number of cases.
- Moreover, the test positivity rate for the last complete epidemiological week (September 19 to 25) was approximately 5%, which is lower than the previous peak of 6.7% at the end of August, but higher than the previous rates of 2.7% and 2.9%.
- The imported cases, including returning residents are mainly coming from the United States, Sint Maarten and the Dominican Republic (the top three countries) which together account for more than 86% of the imported cases, there has been an increase in the proportion of cases from the DR.

- Focusing on the 240 cases of local transmission occurring between August 8 and September 29:
 - Even with the increase in cases, the pattern of transmission remains the same. Household and social contacts continue to account for around 70% (68%) of positive case contacts, with the former continuing to account for almost 60%. Around 15% of cases are due to workplace exposure.
 - The proportion of cases with unidentified sources of transmission or links to other cases remained stable at 17%.
 - 118 (49%) are vaccinated while 122 (51%) are unvaccinated.
 - 63 are unvaccinated minors representing 26% of all cases and approximately 52% of cases among the unvaccinated.
 - 133 (55%) females and 107 (45%) males of which, 64 out of 96 (67%) adult females are fully vaccinated, and 54 out of 81 (67%) adult males are fully vaccinated.

Vaccination Deployment Update

Vaccine Uptake

As of September 29, 9541 persons had received their first dose representing 76% of the initial target population figure of 12,600 persons. Thus far, 9146 persons (73% of target) have received their second dose. In a population estimate of 15,500 total persons, this would represent 62% of the population having received the first dose and 59% of the population having received two doses. The breakdown by age for first doses are as follows:

- 2945 persons aged 18-34
- 2832 persons aged 35-49
- 2451 persons aged 50-64
- 1296 persons aged 65+

41 first doses have been given since September 24. There are currently 32 doses due to expire on September 30 remaining, and today is the last scheduled day for giving vaccines.

COVID-19 Response Measures

The Ministry of Health notes that during the last week, there has been a slight increase in positive cases, as cases of local transmission continue to occur. The Ministry of Health has considered and supports the Ministry of Education's proposal for the re-opening of schools from October 4, based on a phased shift system, to enable physical distancing. The Ministry has indicated that going forward, classes and schools must be prepared to immediately switch to remote learning, if positive cases occur within the school setting.

Plan for the Escalation of Measures

The Ministry of Health has amended the Plan for the Escalation of Measures in line with feedback received, to include the introduction of a shift system for schools in Stage 3 whilst delaying the physical closure of schools until Stage 4.

COVID-19 Exit strategy

1) Entry protocols proposal – November 1, 2021

Noted the proposed protocols for November 1, 2021.

2) Vaccinations Requirements

The Ministry of Health recommends expansion of the definition of full vaccination, to include a combination of 2 approved vaccines.

Council:

- 1) thanked the health team for their continued hard work;
- 2) noted that preparations for obtaining the Pfizer vaccine are ongoing;

- 3) noted that approximately 160, 12-17 year olds have expressed an interest in vaccination;
- 4) noted that the administrative issues around issuing timely test results still need to be addressed;
- 5) considered and approved the Plan for the Escalation of Measures - September 2021, which shall be updated to include remote learning where the physical closure of schools is indicated at Stage 4;
- 6) agreed that the COVID-19 Regulations, specifically, the Public Health (Temporary Restrictions on Movement of People and Public Gatherings) Regulations shall be amended, to exempt the High Court from the physical distancing requirements, but other mitigations will need to be put in place, in order to accommodate the Criminal assizes, which commence on October 1; and also to accommodate the phased return to school by way of a shift system for primary and high school students;
- 7) noted that testing fees are due to commence on October 1, agreed that the position with respect to testing fees shall remain the same at this time and testing fees will be charged as of October 1; and
- 8) agreed that the definition of full vaccination should be expanded to include any 2 dose combination of all the current 2 dose MHRA approved vaccines, this includes AstraZeneca, Pfizer and Moderna. For example, this will permit persons with combinations of Pfizer/Moderna, Pfizer/AstraZeneca or AstraZeneca/Moderna to be considered fully vaccinated for the purposes of entry into Anguilla.

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

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EX MIN 21/317

EX MEM 21/190 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION WEST END, BLOCK 17810 B, PARCEL 201 SL H302 BEING 660 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 unit situated in Registration Section West End, Block 17810 B, described as Parcel 201 SL H302 being 660 sq. ft. forming part of the Resorts & Residences of Anguilla Home Owners Association Ltd., a Condominium development at Four Seasons Anguilla Ltd, subject to the following:

a) Stamp duties payable are as follows:

(i) under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$1,202,975.95	EC\$60,148.80
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(ii) under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 5% of EC\$1,202,975.95	<u>EXEMPTED</u>
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TOTAL	<u>EC\$60,148.80</u>
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b) Regulations to be issued for Exemption, in accordance with the Fourth Amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding dated 27th 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 21/318

EX MEM 21/191 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION EAST END, BLOCK 99415B, PARCEL 367 CONTAINING 0.50 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 issue an Aliens Land Holding Licence to hold property situated in Registration Section East End, Block 99415 B, described as Parcel 367 with a dwelling house thereon located at Sea Feathers, Anguilla for residential purposes, subject to the following:

a) Stamp duties payable are as follows:

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| (i) | under the Stamp Act – 5%
of EC\$1,357,541.00 | EC\$67,877.05 |
| (ii) | under the Aliens Land Holding
Licence Regulation Act – 5%
of EC\$1,357,541.00 | EC\$67,877.05 |

TOTAL **EC\$135,754.10**

b) the property must be used for residential purposes; and

c) with the express condition that the land is to be used for residential purposes and that the Licensee must not rent their dwelling house without first notifying the Ministry of Economic Development, Investment, Commerce, Information Technology and Natural Resources of their intention to rent the said property.

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

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

EX MIN 21/319

EX MEM 21/192 APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF LICENCE UNDER THE ALIENS LAND HOLDING REGULATION ACT – REGISTRATION SECTION WEST END, BLOCK 17910 B, PARCEL 277 STRATA LOT SL B/1B 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 situated in Registration Section West End, Block 17910 B, described as Parcel 277 SL B/1B, subject to the following:

a) Stamp duties payable are as follows:

(i)	under the Stamp Act – 5% of EC\$1,487,918.70	EC\$ 74,395.94
(ii)	under the Aliens Land Holding Regulation Act – 2% of EC\$1,487,918.70	<u>EC\$ 29,758.37</u>
	TOTAL	<u>EC\$104,154.31</u>

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 between the Government of Anguilla and Parkstone Incorporated and in particular Part III, Government Transfer Taxes and Annual Levies; and

e) the Licensee shall place its unit in the rental programme/pool of the hotel for the first two (2) years of ownership of the property.

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

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