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MINUTES OF THE 148TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 6TH JULY 2018

PRESENT: His Excellency the Governor, Mr Timothy Foy, OBE

The Honourable Victor Banks, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Commerce, Tourism and Information Technology

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

The Honourable Evans Rogers, Minister of Health and Social Development, Lands and Physical Planning

The Honourable Cora Richardson-Hodge, Minister of Home Affairs and Education

The Honourable Acting Attorney General, Mr Ivor Greene

Mrs Jewelle Fleming, Clerk to Executive Council

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Cardigan Connor, Hon Parliamentary Secretary

Mrs Evalie Bradley, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA

Mr Stephen Turnbull, Financial Specialist

Mr Darren Forbes-Batey, Chief of Staff/Anguilla Programme Manager, Gov's Office

Mr Karim Hodge, PS, MICUHAFE Mrs Chanelle Petty Barrett, PS, MHA/ED

Mr Foster Rogers, PS, HLPP

Ms Tina Bryan, Deputy Director, Enforcement & AML/CFT Compliance, Financial

Services Commission (FSC)

Ms Charo Richardson, Senior Regulator II, FSC

Mr Kiel Connor, CIR

ABSENT: The Honourable Curtis Richardson, Minister of Infrastructure, Communications,

Utilities, Housing, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr John McKendrick QC

EX MIN 18/334 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and

Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council confirmed the Minutes of a Special Meeting held on Wednesday 27 June and Minutes of the 147th Meeting held on Thursday 28 June 2018.

Council agreed to further defer publication of the minutes of the 146th meeting held on 21 June.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 18/335

EX MIN 18/321 EX MEM 18/158 PERMANENT RESIDENCY BY INVESTMENT AGENT FEE & EX MIN 18/322 EX MEM 18/107 PERMANENT RESIDENCY BY INVESTMENT (ECONOMIC RESIDENCY)

Further to EX MINS 18/321 and 18/322 of 28 June, the Hon Deputy Governor informed Council that the Hon Attorney General had assigned a draftsperson to deal with these matters.

Action: HON AG; PS, FIN; DEP; HON DG

EX MIN 18/336

EX MEM 18/176 AMENDMENTS TO INSURANCE ACT

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance. The following persons joined:

Ms Tina Bryan, Deputy Director, Enforcement & AML/CFT Compliance, Financial Services Commission (FSC)

Ms Charo Richardson, Senior Regulator II, FSC

Further to EX MIN 18/323 of 28 June, Council:

- (i) approved the proposed amendments to the Insurance Act R.S.A. I16; and
- (ii) agreed that the amended Act should be presented to the House of Assembly at its next sitting on Tuesday 10 July.

Action: HON AG; DIR, FSC; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; CL, HOA; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 18/337

EX MEM 18/177 AMENDMENTS TO INSURANCE REGULATIONS

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA, Financial Specialist, Deputy Director, Enforcement & AML/CFT Compliance, FSC and Senior Regulator II remained in attendance.

Further to EX MIN 18/323 of 28 June, Council approved the proposed amendments to the Insurance Regulations, R.R.A. 116-1, including the Schedules, subject to tidying up and finalisation of Regulations with the Attorney General's Chambers.

Action: HON AG; DIR, FSC; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 18/338 EX MEM 18/178 CDB HURRICANE RECOVERY SUPPORT LOAN - ANGUILLA

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council:

- (i) noted that in EX MIN 18/169 of 29 March 2018, Council approved the request for the CDB "Refinance" loan as part of the means of financing the shortfalls for the GoA in 2018, estimated amount being EC\$14,952m;
- (ii) further noted that in May, the CDB approved the loan with the revised sum of US\$5,600,000 (EC\$15,120,000m);
- (iii) approved the draft resolution in the amount of US\$5,600,000 (EC\$15, 120,000m) for the GoA to meet its fiscal obligations for 2018; and
- (iv) agreed that the Hon Chief Minister/Minister of Finance includes the resolution on the Order Paper for the next meeting of the House of Assembly on Tuesday 10 July.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; CL, HOA; BD; DM; DEP; ACC GEN

EX MIN 18/339 **EX M**

EX MEM 18/179 AMENDMENT TO INLAND REVENUE ACT, R.S.A. C. 113

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance. Mr Kiel Connor, CIR joined.

Council:

- (i) approved the draft Inland Revenue (Amendment) Bill, 2018 for publication in the Gazette and presentation in the House of Assembly on Tuesday 10 July for its first reading; and
- (ii) agreed that an announcement be made during the meeting of the HoA that public consultation would ensue thereafter.

Action: CIR; HON AG; PS, FIN; CL, HOA; ACC GEN; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/340

EX MEM 18/180 BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE ALBENA LAKE-HODGE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council:

(i) endorsed the recommendation from the Hon Minister of Education to reestablish the Board of Governors of the Albena Lake-Hodge Comprehensive School effective 20 July 2018 to consist of the following persons:

Rev. Dr Wycherley Gumbs (Chair) **Religious Denominations**

Principal of ALHCS (Ex Officio)

Ms Erlyn Wilkinson Parent Representative Ms Avenella Griffith Staff Representative

Expert Educational Opinion Mrs Celestine John **Business Organisations** Mr Monsell Lloyd Community Development Mrs Althea Hodge Organisations

Mr Stanley Reid National Interest

Ms Tyeisha Emmanuel Student Representative

- (ii) noted the functions of the Board include the following:
 - (a) to be responsible to the Minister for the management, control, operation and maintenance of the school;
 - (b) to receive, disburse and account for the expenditure of such sums of money as may, from time to time, be voted by the House of Assembly for the operation of the school;
 - (c) to make recommendations to the Minister with regard to any matter, directly or indirectly, affecting the school or the development of secondary education;
 - (d) to review, modify if necessary, and approve the school plan prepared by the school administration for each school operated by it;
 - to establish policies for the administration, management and operation (e) of the school, including the following:
 - code of conduct, (i)
 - student attendance policy, (ii)
 - (iii) standards with respect to cleanliness and tidiness of the student, general deportment of the student, attire and school uniform, courtesy, and respect for the rights of other persons; and
 - (f) to prepare reports, provide information, and perform any duties as may be required under this Act, regulation and guidelines made or issued under this Act, or by the Minister.
- (iii) agreed that the Ministries of Finance and Education and the Attorney General's Chambers should liaise to clarify that paragraph (ii) (b) above is in accordance with the Education Act and Financial Audit Act: and

(iv) agreed that directives be sent to the Attorney General's Chambers to prepare the necessary Notice and the Instruments of Appointment so that the new Board is in place on 20 July 2018.

Action: PS, MHA/ED; CEO; ESP; HON AG; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/341 <u>EX MEM 18/181 ANGUILLA PROGRAMME – PRIORITISATION OF PROJECTS</u>

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance. The following persons joined:

Mr Darren Forbes-Batey, Chief of Staff/Anguilla Programme Manager, Gov's Office Mr Karim Hodge, PS, MICUHAFE Mrs Chanelle Petty Barrett, PS, MHA/ED Mr Foster Rogers, PS, HLPP

Ministers were concerned that the building designs by the structural and design engineers were overly complex for the needs of Anguilla. They indicated that they wanted more structural expertise assistance. The Chief of Staff, along with the PS, MICUHAFE pointed out that there was no interference with the design aspect of the projects as detailed by the lead departments. The UK team were providing the requested technical assistance in preparing full technical drawings to allow for accurate estimates and tendering by contractors thus reducing the risk of a failed tender process. Both added that everyone was working together to ensure that the preliminary work was properly carried out before construction began. It was also pointed out that the payment process could be more user-friendly. Concern was expressed that health projects had not been listed as priority.

Council:-

- (i) agreed that the project list presented should be prioritised in sequential form with a clearer direction on costs and brought back to Executive Council for further consideration;
- (ii) suggested that a joint statement be made by H E the Governor and the Hon Chief Minister on the present position of the projects; and
- (iii) suggested that GoA cabinet updates be held every two (2) weeks on the progress of projects.

H E the Governor thanked the officials and was grateful for such a constructive conversation.

Action: PS, MICUHAFE; PS, MHA/ED; PS, HLPP; COS, GO; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/342 <u>EX MEM 18/182 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF BOARD OF THE</u> ANGUILLA SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD (ASSB)

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and

Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council:

- (i) noted the recommendation from the Hon Minister of Finance that in accordance with Sections 1 and 4 of the Schedule to the Social Security Act R.S.A. c. S45:
 - (a) Mr Sean Richards be appointed as Employer Representative/Chairman, ASSB for two (2) years effective 1 July to 30 June 2020; and
 - (b) Mr Romez Webster be appointed as Employer Representative, ASSB effective 1 July 2018 to November 2019.

Council wished the appointees well in their endeavours.

Action: PS, FIN; DIR, SSB; PS, EDICTIT; PAS, FIN; BD; ACC GEN; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/343 **BLOWING POINT PORT DEVELOPMENT**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council noted the importance of this project and the urgent need to begin active planning for the Blowing Point Port development. The Governor questioned the demolition work spearheaded by the Hon Minister of Infrastructure as to whether it was being commissioned in accordance with financial regulations.

Council noted that a meeting was scheduled for Monday 9 July with the Blowing Point Redevelopment Committee (AASPA and MICUH) and other stakeholders regarding the Blowing Point Port project. Ex Co members would also be in attendance.

Action: PS, MICUHAFE; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 18/344 HURRICANE SHELTER – LIFE IMPACT CENTRE

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Hon Deputy Governor undertook to follow up with the PS, MICUHAFE on confirmation of the use of the Life Impact Centre building at Long Bay (c/o Pastor Lucien MacDonna) as a hurricane shelter.

Action: HON DG; PS, MICUHAFE

EX MIN 18/345 **MEETINGS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council agreed to Executive Council meetings as follows:-

- (i) regular meeting to be held on Wednesday 11 July at 2:00 pm; and
- (ii) special meeting to be held on Thursday 12 July at 8:00 am.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS

EX MIN 18/346

DISTRIBUTION OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PAPERS TO ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained in attendance.

Council agreed that Mrs Evalie Bradley, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Mr Cardigan Connor, Hon Parliamentary Secretary who are elected representatives for District No. 6 and District No. 7 respectively should receive copies of Executive Council documents.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS
