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**MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA**  
**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020**  
**AT 9:00 AM**

- PRESENT: His Excellency The Governor, Mr Timothy Foy, OBE
- 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 Jewelle Fleming, MBE
- IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Parliamentary Secretary and Economic Development, Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie  
Special Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister for Social Development/Education,  
Mr Merrick Richardson  
Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull

EX MIN 20/297

## **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

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

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 9 July 2020 and the Minutes of a Special Meeting held on Sunday 12 July 2020.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

EX MIN 20/298

**COVID-19 ANGUILLA BRIEF**

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

Further to EX MIN 20/293 of 9 July, Council:

- (i) noted the work in progress in respect of:
  - (a) drafting and amending relevant Health Regulations to facilitate the phased opening of the border to enable tourism to begin at some point in the near future;
  - (b) revising Quarantine (COVID) Rules 2020 to reflect the phased opening;
- (ii) agreed that the draft regulations and revised rules should be brought to Executive Council at its next meeting; and
- (iii) additionally agreed to further discuss the position on the repatriation process.

Action: PS, HLPP; CMO; CEO, HAA; HON MIN, HLTH

EX MIN 20/299

**EX MEM 20/140 REGISTRATION OF CUBAN MEDICAL DOCTORS**

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

Following on from EX MIN 20/294 of 9 July, Council noted that three Cuban doctors recruited to Anguilla to support the national COVID-19 response have been registered in accordance with Section 23 (1c) of the Medical Act, R.S.A M65 to practice legally during their six-month assignment.

Action: PS, HLPP; CMO; CEO, HAA; HON MIN, HLTH

EX MIN 20/300

**EX MEM 20/142 APPOINTMENT OF HONOURABLE MERRICK RICHARDSON AS SPECIAL MINISTERIAL ASSISTANT**

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

Council:

- (i) approved the appointment of Merrick Richardson (Elected Member for District No. 5) as a Special Ministerial Assistant in the Ministry of Social Development and Education with responsibility for Sports, Youth and Culture with effect from 1 July 2020 for a period of 5 years (i.e. commensurate with the term of this administration); and
- (ii) agreed that the Special Ministerial Assistant be paid an annual remuneration of EC\$108,000 and a telephone allowance of EC\$4,800 per annum and benefit from Government's medical insurance package.

Council additionally agreed that in paragraph 8 (1) and (2) of the Schedule, the word 'determine' should be changed to 'terminate' and that a termination clause should be added to the contract.

Council requested the Hon Deputy Governor to engage with the relevant persons to effect the appointment effective 1 July 2020.

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

Action: HON DG; MINS OF GOV'T; PS, MHA; PS, FIN; PS, EDICTIT;  
OTHER PERM SECS; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 20/302

**EX MEM 20/144 EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT**

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

Council:

- (i) thanked the officials for a good paper;
- (ii) agreed that the two temporary unemployment benefit schemes provided by: (a) the Social Security Board, and (b) the GoA should continue to 31 December 2020;
- (iii) agreed that the Government of Anguilla was able to and should meet the costs to the Anguilla Social Security Board arising from this extension with immediate effect;
- (iv) agreed that the benefit paid directly by the GoA should be increased to EC\$1000 a month; and
- (v) noted the stress many persons were feeling given the risk of their eviction from rented property and agreed that regular advisories on tenants' rights should be issued by Social Development Department.

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

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

EX MIN 20/303

**INF 20/03 INFORMATION NOTE:- NATIONAL FUNERAL FOR THE LATE MR THOMAS BERNARD BRYAN “TALL BOY” IN RECOGNITION OF HIS INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO ANGUILLA DURING THE REVOLUTION**

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

Council noted the passing of Mr Thomas Bryan, a resident of South Hill on Sunday, 21 June 2020 a revolutionary hero and a pioneer in the development of both Ferry and Taxi Services in Anguilla. He was awarded the Anguilla Badge of Honour and-Queen’s Certificate in 2001.

Council agreed that in keeping with EX MIN 14/612 (vii) and EX MIN 15/535, the Premier’s Office should make arrangements including:

- (i) the holding of a National Funeral for Mr. Bryan;
- (ii) the publication of an official Statement of Condolence from the Government and people of Anguilla on the passing of this outstanding revolutionary;
- (iii) flags to be flown at half-mast on the day preceding the funeral and on the day of the funeral immediately following the funeral ceremony;
- (iv) a Police Guard of Honour to be drawn up at the Church and a contingent of uniformed officers to bear the body in and out of the church and at the graveside. Casket to be covered with the national flag; and
- (v) a contribution of EC\$5,000 towards the cost of the funeral expenses and EC\$3,000 towards the other expenses.

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

Action: PS, FIN; BD; ACC GEN

EX MIN 20/304

**JUSTICE REFORM**

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

The Hon Attorney General outlined some pieces of legislation pertaining to Justice Reform which he considered to be pressing:

- Recording of Court Proceedings Bill
- Court of Justice Fees Amendment Bill
- Financial Intelligence Unit Bill
- Evidence Bill
- Vulnerable Witnesses Bill
- Bail Bill
- Magistrates Code of Procedure Amendment Bill
- Supreme Court Amendment Bill.

The AG invited ministers to consider holding a retreat to identify and agree what legislation they would wish to accelerate, what could be put on hold and what additional pieces they deem necessary for discussion.

Action: HON AG; MINS OF GOV'T

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