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MINUTES OF THE 237TH MEETING OF THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 18TH JUNE 2020 AT 9:00 AM

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

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

The Honourable Deputy Governor, Mr Perin Bradley

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

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

The Honourable Minister of Infrastructure, Communications, Utilities, Housing, Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment, Mr Curtis Richardson

The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford

Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Jewelle Fleming, MBE

IN ATTENDANCE: Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Cardigan Connor

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

Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull

PS, Health, Lands and Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers

Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin

Director of Chronic Diseases Unit, Mrs Twyla Bradshaw-Richardson

Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers PS, Finance, Dr Aidan Harrigan

Director, Lands and Surveys, Mr Leslie Hodge

EX MIN 20/267 **CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES**

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

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 236th Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 11 June 2020.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

EX MIN 20/268 COVID-19 REPATRIATION OF ANGUILLIAN RESIDENTS

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA and Financial Specialist remained. Director of Chronic Diseases Unit, Mrs Twyla Bradshaw-Richardson joined.

Further to EX MIN 20/257 of 11 June, Council noted that:

- (i) five (5) facilities were operating for quarantine purposes; and
- (ii) as of 17 June 2020, one hundred and three (103) persons have been repatriated (66 persons in government quarantine and 37 persons in self quarantine). Further noted that the first eight (8) persons would be released on Saturday 20 June and sixty-one (61) persons to be released on 25 and 26 June respectively.

Council agreed to extend the border closure to Tuesday 14 July 2020.

Council commended the Director of Chronic Diseases Unit for her dedicated and outstanding work.

Action: PS, HLPP; CMO; CEO, HAA; DIR, CDU; HON MIN, HSD

EX MIN 20/269 COVID-19 SOFT OPENING OF TOURISM SECTOR

Hon Parliamentary Secretary, Ministerial Assistant to the Hon Minister, MHA, Financial Specialist and Director of Chronic Diseases Unit remained. The following persons joined:

PS, Health, Lands and Physical Planning, Mr Foster Rogers Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers

Council:

- (i) noted the update by the Chief Medical Officer on the global, regional and local situation of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (ii) noted the report by the Hon Premier that a meeting with the tourism sector was held on 17 June, which indicated that regional competitors to Anguilla are opening their borders to tourism and there is a need for Anguilla to do the same in a measured and responsible manner; and
- (iii) approved the soft opening of the tourism industry through the villa sector on 31 July 2020, subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) potential visitors would need to test negative for COVID-19 forty-eight (48) to seventy-two (72) hours before arrival in Anguilla;

- (b) testing for COVID-19 upon arrival in Anguilla;
- (c) quarantine for fourteen (14) days at a government-approved facility prior to being released into the public;
- (d) obtaining a negative COVID-19 test before being allowed to leave quarantine; and
- (e) arrival of the Cuban Medical Brigade for treatment of any COVID-19 positive cases that will need hospitalization.

Council agreed that once protocols have been agreed, it should be shared with the Immigration Department.

Council thanked the team for their outstanding work during this entire period. PS, Health, Lands and Physical Planning thanked his individual team members for their exceptional work.

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

EX MIN 20/271 **MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

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

Council agreed that the regular meeting of Executive Council should be held on Wednesday 24 June at 10:00 am.

Action: EXCO MEMBERS
