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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON FRIDAY 24TH JULY 2020 <u>AT 3:00 PM</u>

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 (acting), Mrs Nicola Webster
	Clerk to Executive Council (training), Mrs Angela Hughes
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

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

The following persons joined:

PS, Health, Mr Foster Rogers Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin Director of Chronic Diseases Unit, Mrs Twyla Bradshaw-Richardson Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers

Executive Council convened on Friday 24 July to consider matters relating to the globally evolving COVID-19 situation.

Council:

- (i) agreed that the borders will remain closed for regular passenger movements until at least 31 October 2020 except for, the following:
 - (a) medical emergencies and evacuations with the approval of the Chief Medical Officer;
 - (b) persons wishing to leave Anguilla;
 - (c) repatriations of Anguillians originating from countries and territories with active cases of less than 0.2% of the population and who must comply with all relevant protocols and quarantine rules on arrival; and
 - (d) from 31 July, visitors originating from countries and territories with active cases of less than 0.2% of the population who must comply with all relevant protocols and quarantine rules on arrival.
- (ii) further agreed, based on the rapidly evolving global situation, particularly the significant increase in cases in the Americas:
 - (a) that the repatriation of Anguillians originating from areas with prevalence rates over 0.2% should remain suspended for a further 14 days until 7 August, at the earliest;
 - (b) that a decision on the resumption of the repatriation programme should be made on the epidemiological situation locally, regionally and internationally; and
 - (c) not to advise or recommend that Anguillians currently living in countries with a prevalence rate above 0.2% should travel to a country or territory with a prevalence rate below 0.2% in order to meet repatriation rules.
- (iii) further agreed in principle the draft amendments to existing COVID-19 related Public Health and Quarantine Regulations and Rules effective 31 July 2020 to facilitate visitors from countries or territories with a prevalence rate of less than 0.2%, specifically:

- (a) a Bill for Quarantine (Amendment) Act, 2020;
- (b) Public Health (Temporary Closure of Ports) (Amendment) (No.3) Regulations, 2020;
- (c) Public Health (Quarantine) Amendment Regulations; and
- (d) Quarantine (COVID) (Arriving Passengers Health Clearance) Rules 2020.
- (iv) approved the following Protocols for the anticipated re-opening of the tourism sector, specifically:
 - (a) Protocols for management of novel coronavirus (Covid-19) Anguilla's Tourism Sector; and
 - (b) Covid-10 management protocols for Anguilla's Tourism Accommodation Sector; and
 - (c) agreed that the Attorney General should place these Protocols in the Official Gazette by 27 July 2020.
- (v) agreed that the Premier should liaise with the PS, Health, Chief Medical Officer and the Chief Executive Officer, Health Authority in order to assess what additional resources are required to progressively open our borders for both repatriation and tourism by those originating from countries with a higher prevalence than 0.2%.

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