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**MINUTES OF THE 27<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA**  
**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2021 AT 9.00AM**

- 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 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Council noted that:

- 1) the AG's Chambers continues to work on implementation of the Regulations to facilitate hotels remitting arrival fees to the Government of Anguilla on behalf of guests;
- 2) in relation to EX MIN 20/468, Heads of Department are experiencing some challenges with the transfer of responsibility for the administration of unemployment assistance benefit. The general public are still experiencing issues accessing the online system and it is apparent that the persons that need to be targeted are not being reached. The Hon Deputy Governor will engage the PS Social Development and the Hon Special Ministerial Assistant Courtney Morton to work to resolve the underlying issues;
- 3) in relation to EX MIN 21/13 all COVID-19 related Regulations have been signed; and
- 4) in relation to EX MIN 21/21 the Bill for Customs (Amendment) Act, 2021 has been prepared in readiness for consideration at the House of Assembly on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January and the AG's Chambers will endeavour to ensure that the Regulations for AASPA's fee changes are ready for signature by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

EX MIN 21/24

**EX MEM 21/15 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE PSC REGULATIONS  
RE ADVERTISEMENT OF VACANCIES**

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

The Hon Deputy Governor briefed Council. Online applications are received by the Department of Human Resources rather than being channeled solely through Heads of Department. The manner in which the current online system operates is not reflected in the PSC Regulations. In January 2016 Public Administration in collaboration with the Department of Information and Technology (DITES) identified and implemented a system that provided the functionalities required to make the Human Resource processes more efficient and effective within the Public Sector. The Department of Public Administration recognized that the PSC Regulations would need to be amended to reflect the revised processes via the online platform.

Council:

- 1) approved the proposed amendment to the PSC Regulations Advertisement of Vacancies Section 12 subsection (1), to read as follows: -

*“12(1) The Secretary shall, when so directed by the Commission, by print or by electronic media or by online platforms, give notice of vacancies and any serving officer may make application for appointment to any such vacancy. Such application shall be forwarded to the Secretary.”; and*

- 2) instructed the AG’s Chambers to draft the amendments to the Regulations and prepare them for signature.

Action: PS, PA; HON, AG; HON DG

EX MIN 21/25

**EX MEM 21/16 APPLICATION FOR PERMANENT RESIDENCE BY INVESTMENT FOR PRINCIPAL APPLICANT AND SPOUSE**

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

The Hon Minister for Economic Development briefed Council on the application for the grant of permanent residence, which meets the legislative requirements. The property was valued at \$486K by the Department of Lands & Survey, owing to the age of the property and the effects of Covid-19 on the market. The threshold value for applications is \$500K, but this application is still recommended by the committee because of the economic benefits.

Council:

- 1) considered and reviewed the application in respect of a Permit of Permanent Residence by investment in accordance with the provisions of the Anguilla Economic Residence Act and the Anguilla Economic Residence Regulations; and
- 2) agreed to grant the Permit of Permanent Residence to the principal applicant and their spouse subject to the payment of the Permit Fee.

Action: PS, EDCITENR; HON, MIN EDCITENR

EX MIN 21/26

**UPDATE ON COVID-19**

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 the meeting: -

PS, Health, Mr Foster Rogers  
 Chief Medical Officer, Dr Aisha Andrewin  
 Health Planner, Ms Rochelle Rogers  
 CEO, HAA, Mrs Maeza Demis-Adams

The Chief Medical Officer briefed Council on the latest COVID-19 developments. Salient points as follows: -

### ***Epidemiological Update***

Globally the situation continues to worsen. In the USA the number of COVID-19 cases has recently passed 25 million with over 420K reported deaths. The incidence of new cases in the UK and Europe continues to increase. In Anguilla the protocols have been maintained and no cases have been imported since January 1, 2021. Subsequent to the border closure in March 2020, (*with 3 confirmed cases following shortly thereafter*), there were no imported cases for approximately 7 months. During the phased re-opening there were some imported cases in November and December 2020 and thus the total number of cases has risen to 15 to date.

COVID-19 remains an existential threat as is evidenced by the recent developments in Gibraltar, St. Barth's, St. Lucia and St. Vincent. Other countries are now starting to implement the systems that were established in Anguilla in March 2020, as it relates to testing prior to entry and 14 days' quarantine. It is now appreciated that aggressive measures do work well to control the spread of the virus.

### ***Vaccine & Protocols***

Whilst December 2021 is the target date for vaccinating 70% of the population, if this can be achieved by June 2021 this would be preferable. The vaccine is of paramount importance and will chart the way forward in terms of achieving normalcy. The private sector hoteliers have also offered the Health team their support in the vaccine effort.

It is challenging to administer the existing protocols safely to a high number of individuals. The current system is not sustainable in the long term and the Health team are unable to facilitate the movement of a high number of persons via the current system on a prolonged and continual basis.

The Health team wishes to thank PHE England who have been invaluable in providing the technical guidance which has ensured that Anguilla remains a step ahead.

Action: PS, HLTH; PS, FIN; PS, EDCITENR; BD; ACC GEN;  
HON, DG; HON, AG; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 21/27

**UPDATE ON ASTRAZENECA/OXFORD VACCINE**

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

The Vaccine Deployment Team has given consideration to a number of areas vital to deployment. The Health Planner and CEO of the Health Authority briefed Council. Salient points as follows: -

***Vaccine Storage & Administration***

A vaccine fridge has been installed at Princess Alexandra Hospital, so there is adequate cold storage and provision has been made for a vaccine preparation area. Security arrangements and controlled access to the vaccines has been considered. The cold storage area can accommodate 8,000 doses of vaccine. The vaccine has a shelf life of approximately 6 months from the date of manufacture.

Efforts are being made to organize the equipment which is vital for vaccine administration. With current supplies and equipment available today, it would be possible to administer 2,000 doses of vaccine. Two transport coolers have arrived on island and four more transport coolers are expected to arrive in February. A temperature monitoring system to manage the vaccine fridge temperature and a deep freezer which is necessary for ice-packs have been ordered. 8,000 needles as well as other ancillary equipment have been ordered and should arrive this week.

The Covid-19 Vaccine Deployment Plan has been amended, to allow extra days for vaccination of certain target groups, the allotted time is now 46 days to vaccinate 12,600 people.

Distribution sites including the Hospital, healthcare centres and hotels are being prepared.

***Healthcare Workers & Training***

Training to sensitize the 350 healthcare workers will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of February. By next week the queries of healthcare workers' and also the number of healthcare workers interested in receiving the vaccine will be identified.

There will be a two-day refresher training on vaccine administration, including monitoring for side effects and allergic reactions and completion of vaccination records. A vaccine recipient tracking system has been developed. Participant numbers are being collated, if necessary, the number of participants will be expanded in order to ensure that a sufficient number of persons are trained.

### ***Communications & Marketing***

Marketing material is being developed. This includes posters and videos providing information about the vaccine. Individuals who are willing to participate in videos both pre vaccination and during the vaccination process have been identified. A video will be launched today, with further audio and video messages being launched over the weekend and by next week additional digital media and radio communications will commence.

The web page where persons can register their interest in receiving the vaccine will be accessible from today.

Council:

- 1) noted the importance of healthcare workers being supportive of the vaccine campaign as this will assist in building confidence in the safety of the vaccine, amongst the wider community;
- 2) agreed that the deployment plan will be updated to reflect the policy of using the first batch of 8,000 single doses to vaccinate as many people as possible first, with the second doses following thereafter within 28 days; and
- 3) further agreed that the Hon Parliamentary Secretary for Economic Development shall lead and co-ordinate the implementation of the vaccine communications campaign, and utilise all existing platforms from across each of the Ministries, to ensure the widest reach of the campaign.

H.E. the Governor noted that time is of the essence in identifying persons who wish to take the vaccine. There must be an aggressive plan in place to ensure that every dose of vaccine is utilized and full

support will be given to the vaccine campaign by the Governor's Office. There must be clear messaging detailing the importance of the vaccine and how it can be accessed. H.E the Governor will also obtain confirmation of the expected date for delivery of the second batch of vaccines.

Action: PS, HLTH; PS, FIN; PS, EDCITENR; BD; ACC GEN;  
HON, DG; HON, AG; MINS OF GOV'T

EX MIN 21/28

### **UPDATE ON STATUTORY BODIES**

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

The Hon Deputy Governor briefed Council. Salient points as follows:-

#### **Fee Regulations for Water Corporation of Anguilla & Health Authority of Anguilla**

Council noted that the Regulations implementing the fee changes for the WCA and HAA are outstanding and require Council's approval. The PS Health and PS MICUHT will be tasked with ensuring that these actions are completed soonest.

#### **Status of Quarterly Reports**

Council noted that the Ministers must remind each of the Statutory Bodies of their requirement to provide quarterly reports and each Minister must hold their respective boards accountable.

H.E the Governor indicated that the Statutory Bodies are a key focus in terms of the commitment made by Anguilla to the UKG.



### **Board of Director's training and certification**

Council noted:

- 1) that a policy decision has to be made on the deadlines for completion of training and certification and the next steps for board members who are unable to obtain the certification;
- 2) that the HAA Board had requested an extension of three months in order to complete the training and the extension was granted. An update is awaited as to the current status of compliance with this commitment;
- 3) that as it relates to the ATB only 1 board member had fulfilled the requirements to date;
- 4) that board members were at diverse stages in the training process and that some persons who had taken the exam seemed to find it challenging. Whilst the level at which the exam is set could be reviewed, a certain level of competence is necessary in terms of what is required to sit on a board; and
- 5) the boards should continue to work on completion of the training and certification and provide a comprehensive progress report.

Action: PS, FIN; PS, MICUHT; PS, SD; PS, PA; MINS OF GOV'T

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