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MINUTES OF THE 120th MEETING OF THE TWELFTH ANGUILLA
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 19th JANUARY 2023 AT 9.00 AM

PRESENT: Her Excellency the Governor, Ms Dileeni Daniel-Selvaratnam
The Honourable Premier and Minister for Finance, Economic Development & Investment 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 Sustainability, Innovation and Environment, Mrs Quincia Gumbs-Marie
The Honourable Attorney General, Mr Dwight Horsford
Clerk to Executive Council, Mrs Angela Hughes

IN ATTENDANCE: The Honourable Parliamentary Secretary, Mr Merrick Richardson
Financial Specialist, Mr Stephen Turnbull

EX MIN 23/10

CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council confirmed the Minutes of the 119th Meeting of Executive Council held on Thursday 12th January, 2023.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Council noted that a meeting regarding the status of the ALHCS has been arranged and progress is being made.

EX MIN 23/11

EX MEMO 2023/05 ANGUILLA AIR AND SEA PORTS AUTHORITY (AASPA) OVERDRAFT FACILITY AT NATIONAL COMMERCIAL BANK OF ANGUILLA (NCBA)

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

The Hon Minister for MICUHT briefed Council. The AASPA want to extend their EC\$1 million overdraft facility for one year.

Council:

- 1) noted the letter of request from AASPA and the Board resolution from the AASPA Board, both dated December 5, 2022 and also the AASPA bank information as at January 5, 2023;
- 2) noted that renewal of the overdraft facility will allow AASPA to continue its operations and improve cash flow. The current overdraft facility expired in August 2022;
- 3) noted that any request above EC\$1 million, as permitted under the existing AASPA legislation, requires United Kingdom Government approval in accordance with the Framework for Fiscal Sustainability and Development and a percentage of this would need to be reflected in the sustainability ratios for Anguilla. Government has to be cognisant of the requirements, processes and conditions of the FFSD and the need to ensure that it is adhered to;

- 4) approved in principle, the AASPA's request to extend the expired overdraft facility of EC\$1 million for one year, pursuant to a new agreement. In order to obtain final approval the Budget and the position with respect to the 2021 electricity arrears which were paid by Government have to be considered by Council; and
- 5) agreed that the overdraft facility for approval be limited to the amount of EC\$1 million until otherwise directed by ExCo based on AASPA's actual finances and presentation of audited financials.

Action: PS, MICUHT; HON, MIN MICUHT

EX MIN 23/12

EX MEMO 2023/06 REAPPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ANGUILLA TOURIST BOARD (ATB) AS A RESULT OF EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE CURRENT MEMBER

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

Council:

- 1) noted that the existing requirement to pass the Board Governance examination remains and dates for provision of the course need to be arranged for board members for whom this requirement is outstanding;
- 2) noted Section 5 of the Anguilla Tourist Board Act and the resume of Ms Monica Bryan; and
- 3) approved the appointment of Ms Monica Bryan as a member of the Anguilla Tourist Board, for a period of 2 years from January 14, 2023 to January 13, 2025, in accordance with Section 5 of the Anguilla Tourist Board Act.

Action: PS, MICUHT; HON, MIN MICUHT

EX MIN 23/13

**EX MEMO 2023/07 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE ANGUILLA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE (ACC) BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

There are now two vacancies on the Board of Governors due to resignations, which the Ministry is seeking to fill. Section 5 of the Anguilla Community College (ACC) Act provides for the establishment, composition and appointment of a Board of Governors for the Anguilla Community College. The ACC Act stipulates that membership must be drawn from amongst persons with expertise in education management, education planning and curriculum development, law, finance, industrial relations, economics and business management, as well as those who represent non-governmental organisations and industry.

Mr Quincy Harrigan formerly served as ACC's Director of Humanities & Education and also acted as Dean of Studies for two years. He currently serves as a part time lecturer at the ACC. Mr Harrigan has expertise in management and administration of the public sector, analysis and formulation of education policies, curriculum development, monitoring and evaluating of education systems, strategic planning and teacher training.

Mrs Cherecia Lewis Rogers brings a wealth of experience in marketing and would provide the ACC with much needed direction on branding and image. She possesses expertise in content development, project management, public & media relations and customer service.

Mr Quincy Harrigan and Mrs Cherecia Lewis Rogers both fit the criteria specified in sections 5(2) and 5(3) of the ACC Act and from the persons recommended were deemed most suitable to serve.

Neither of these two persons has any conflict of interest in terms of acting on the ACC Board and neither would be disqualified to act as a board member under section 6 of the ACC Act.

Council:

- 1) noted that the existing requirement to pass the Board Governance examination remains and dates for provision of the course need to be arranged for board members for whom this requirement is outstanding;

- 2) noted that the stipend payable to Board members is already budgeted for in the ACC subvention;
- 3) noted that steps should be taken to ensure that Mr Harrigan is not party to any discussions or decisions where there is a possibility that a conflict of interests may arise; and
- 4) approved the appointment of Mr Quincy Harrigan & Mrs Cherecia Lewis Rogers as members of the Anguilla Community College Board of Governors for a period of 3 years from February 1, 2023 to January 31, 2026.

Action: PS, SD; HON, MIN SD

EX MIN 23/14

EX MEMO 2023/08 ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMME FOR TOURISM-BASED BUSINESSES

Parliamentary Secretary and Financial Specialist remained.

In keeping with the goal of ocean and terrestrial health as important components of Anguilla's environmental agenda, the Ministry of Sustainability, Innovation and the Environment proposes to launch an Environmental Stewardship Programme geared toward tourism-based businesses. Recognising the importance of environmental protection and the need for Government and private sector collaboration to maintain healthy eco-systems, the programme aims to encourage tourism-based businesses to be good environmental stewards. Businesses participating in the programme will be eligible to receive the Ministry's Environmental Steward Seal of Approval that they can display on their website and marketing material. This seal will act as a tangible acknowledgement of the businesses commitment to environmental sustainability.

Participation in the programme is voluntary. Participating businesses will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Waste disposal practices
- Green operations
- Involvement of guests in environmental activities
- Support of local communities
- Support of national environmental efforts
- Coastal and terrestrial management
- Disaster resilience

Businesses can receive a bronze, silver or gold seal (or no seal at all) depending on their assessment score. The top scoring business will also be eligible to receive the Environmental Steward Excellence Award.

Council:

- 1) noted that the programme provides an opportunity for public and private sector collaboration in maintaining environmental considerations as an integral component of business operations. It assists Government to meet its environmental goals, while assisting the private sector to meet guests expectations for a sustainable vacation experience;
- 2) noted that the financial implications are expected to be negligible. Existing personnel in the relevant departments and agencies will be required to conduct the assessment. Fuel costs will be incurred in travelling to different properties. Additionally, materials to promote the programme will be required and an Environmental Steward Excellence Award will have to be purchased every other year. All costs can be met within existing budgets;
- 3) noted that in future consideration could be given to expanding the scheme to other businesses; and
- 4) approved the Environmental Stewardship Programme for tourism-based businesses.

Council authorised the issue of the Action Sheet before confirmation of the Minutes.

Action: PS, EDMSIE; HON, MIN SIE
