

## **CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT**

### **CABINET DECISIONS**

21<sup>st</sup> April, 2021

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. John J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2021, which was held at the Financial Services Commission's Conference Room.

All Members were present.

The Cabinet:

1. Decided to grant pioneer status to ATLO (BVI) Inc. in accordance with Section 3 of the Pioneer Services and Enterprises Ordinance (Cap. 297), First Schedule, Paragraph (a)(xxiv), to engage in the service of "Provision of Veterinary Clinic Services" for a period of ten (10) years effective 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021.
2. Endorsed that Villa Cornucopia Ltd. be granted a Hotel Aid Licence by the Minister for a period of three (3) years with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2021 pursuant to Section 3 of the Hotel Aid Ordinance (Cap. 290).
3. Noted and endorsed the appointments of the following persons as members of the Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Agency, in accordance with section 9(1) of the Virgin Islands Recovery and Development Act, for a period of three (3) years with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2021:
  - i. Mr. Ronnie W. Skelton - Chairman;
  - ii. Mr. Jerry Samuel - Deputy Chairman;
  - iii. Mr. Shea Alexander - Member and Sister Island Representative;
  - iv. Mr. Marquese Maduro - Member and person between the age of 18 and 35; and
- a. selected Mr. Michael Fay, jointly with the Governor, and approved him as the civil society representative and Mr. John Cline as the private sector representative.

4. Decided that the Attorney General, in her capacity as Commissioner, under the Law Revision Act, 2014 prepare and publish, as interim revised enactments, revisions of all the enactments in force in the Virgin Islands, including statutory instruments; decided that the tender process be waived for the engagement of the Regional Law Revision Centre in Anguilla to provide electronic consolidation, formatting, law revision, proofreading and related services for the revision of the laws of the Virgin Islands at the rate of no more than twenty-five dollars (\$25) per page and at a cap of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) per annum and:
  - a. agreed that the public would benefit from the early revision and publication of the enactments, including the statutory instruments, and directed that any revised edition or revised enactment of the Laws of the Virgin Islands may be distributed to the public via any one or more online web portals approved in writing by the Attorney General; and
  - b. noted the Attorney General's Chambers' proposal for an online portal to host the laws of the Virgin Islands.
5. Received the Health Emergency Operations Centre Report – “Border Entry Protocols in light of Vaccination” and agreed the following changes to the existing border requirements, which are to be reviewed fortnightly:
  - i. effective 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, fully vaccinated persons travelling from overseas would require a PCR test within five (5) days of travel, provide satisfactory evidence of being fully vaccinated and will be subject to a PCR test upon arrival (day zero) and quarantined until a negative test result is received from the BVI Health Services Authority; and
  - ii. effective 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2021, fully vaccinated persons who have been present in the Virgin Islands for a period of more than fourteen (14) consecutive days and travel to the USVI, St. Martin or Puerto Rico, for a period not longer than 24 hours, are exempted from quarantine and the COVID-19 test upon re-entering the Territory, but would be required to take the PCR test seven (7) days after returning to the Territory.
6. Approved two Non-Belongers land holding licence applications.

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