

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

### **CABINET DECISIONS**

13<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

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His Excellency, the Acting Governor Mr. David D. Archer Jr., chaired the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2023, in the absence of Governor Daniel Pruce, who was overseas on private business. The meeting was held at the Premier's Conference Room, Cutlass Tower.

All Members were present.

Cabinet:

1. Noted that the Royal Virgin Islands Police Force Marine Base will be renamed to the Virgin Islands Law Enforcement Marine Base.
2. Received the Situation Reports prepared by the Department of Disaster Management, and the Public Works Department following the passage of Tropical Storm Philippe; and noted actions taken during and after the passage of the Tropical Storm Philippe.
3. Noted the Action Plan developed to implement the recommendations in relation to the discretionary powers held by elected public officials - Recommendation A3 of the Framework for Implementation of the Recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry Report and Other Reforms; agreed
  - a. that the designated ministries (Ministry of Health and Social Development, Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Financial Services, Labour and Trade implement Recommendations 1, 2 (first part), and 3; noted
  - b. that the portion of Recommendation 2 that deals with waiving of the tender process is no longer applicable as the Procurement Act has already addressed this matter with provisions for single source and restricted tendering; and decided

- c. that the Premier's Office develop a Policy on Discretionary Powers and submit for Cabinet's approval, which will include clearly expressed and published criteria that should be exercised in cases where there is a need to exercise discretionary powers and which will address Recommendations, 4, 5 and 6.
4. Approved an application for Nanny Cay Resort and Marina Limited to relocate corals in accordance with Fisheries Regulations 2003, Section 28 and under the guidance of the Environment Unit of the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change.
5. Approved five (5) Non-Belongers Land Holding Licence applications.

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