

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

### **CABINET DECISIONS**

22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2022

#### **Cabinet Meeting**

His Excellency, the Acting Governor Mr. David Archer, Jr. chaired the Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022, in the absence of Governor John J. Rankin, CMG, who was overseas on annual leave. The Meeting was held at the Premier's Conference Room, Cutlass Tower.

All Members were present.

Cabinet:

1. Agreed:

- a. to amend the Elections Act, Revised Edition 2013, to include provisions that:
  - i. the revised Form No. 3, included in the Bill Elections (Amendment) Act 2022, be revised to include the capture of information that can aid in confirming the identity of a voter to include:
    1. the applicant's father's first name
    2. the applicant's mother's maiden name
    3. the information requested would be optional and would not prevent an applicant from registering
    4. the form would include a clause on how the data is to be protected
- b. to amend the following forms in Schedule 2 of Elections Act, Revised Edition 2013:
  1. Form No. 13 Writ of Election
  2. Form No. 15 Nomination paper; and
- c. directed that the Deputy Governor's Office instruct the Attorney General's Chamber to make the amendments referenced in points (a) and (b) above.

2. Approved the grant of an honorarium to Mr. Joseph Rosan for the development of the Donation Management Software Application that facilitated donations received in relation to Hurricanes Irma and Maria and the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Approved the 2021 Office of the House of Assembly's Annual Report, and decided that it be laid on the table in the House of Assembly at the next convenient Sitting.
4. Noted the framework and structure of the Virgin Islands Public Service Institute, which will be utilised as the primary learning and development system within the Public Service.
5. Approved the exemption of duty for Mr. Albert Pickering on equipment for poultry production for fifteen thousand, four hundred and twenty-five dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$15,425.99) in accordance with Section 54(3) of the Customs Management and Duties Act, 2010 as amended, Schedule 5, Paragraph 13(1); noted that Mr. Pickering is a registered farmer and in the business of agriculture in accordance with the Customs Management and Duties Act, 2010 as amended, Schedule 5, Paragraph 13(1).
6. Approved:
  - a. the reappointment of the following persons to the Public Assistance Committee in accordance with section 3(2) of the Public Assistance Act, 2013:
    - i. Mrs. Annie Malone-Frett, Chief Social Development Officer, *ex-officio* Member for a period of three (3) years, with effect from 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2022;
    - ii. Pastor Gregory George, Member for a period of two (2) years with effect from 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2022;
    - iii. Mrs. Helen Frett, Member for a period of two (2) years with effect from 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2022;
    - iv. Mr. Paul Thomas III, Member for a period of two (2) years with effect from 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2022;
    - v. Mrs. Claudette I. Francis-Smith, Member for a period of two (2) years with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2022; and
  - b. accepted the Minister's designation of Mrs. Althicia Daniel-Dawson, Social Worker, as Secretary to the Public Assistance Committee in accordance with section 3(4) of the Public Assistance Act, 2013; and noted that each regular member, who is not a Public Officer, will receive stipendiary compensation at the rate of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) per meeting attended.

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