

THE CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS

6th April, 2022

Cabinet Meeting – 6th April, 2022

His Excellency, the Governor John J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the Meeting held at the Financial Services Commission's Resource Centre on 6th April, 2022.

All Members were present.

The Cabinet:

1. Reviewed and approved the Bill entitled, Virgin Islands Elections (Amendment) Act, 2022, which seeks to consolidate forms to include amendments to the following sections: Section 6; Section 10; Section 14; Section 17; Section 19; and Schedule 2 replacing Form No. 3 and decided that the Bill be introduced for its first reading in the House of Assembly at the next convenient Sitting.
2. Reviewed and approved the Office of the House of Assembly's Annual Report for the year ending 2020 and decided that the Report be laid on the table in the House of Assembly at the next convenient Sitting.
3. Noted the report for Public Service Week 2021, which was held from 5th to 11th December, 2021 under the theme, "A Public Service Christmas: Celebrating Family, Joy and Togetherness!"
4. Granted pioneer status to the applicant, Tangozona Limited in accordance with Section 3 of the Pioneer Services and Enterprises Ordinance (Cap. 297), First Schedule, Paragraph (a) 2 of 1999 (xvi), to engage in the service of "Ferry Services" for a period of ten (10) years beginning on 1st November, 2021; and decided that the Premier's Office instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to draft the necessary Order to effect same.

5. Received and considered the 2020 Annual Report of the International Tax Authority and decided that the Report be laid on the table in the House of Assembly at the next convenient Sitting.
6. Decided:
 - a. to revoke the appointment of Ms. Ishelle Hodge as Treasurer while maintaining her as a member of the Virgin Islands Festivals and Fairs Committee until 29th February, 2024;
 - b. that the following appointments of membership to the Virgin Islands Festivals and Fairs be made in accordance to Section 6 (2) of the Virgin Islands Festivals and Fairs Committee Act, 2005 effective from 1st April, 2022 to 31st December, 2024:
 - i. Mr. Dirk Walters - Chairman;
 - ii. Mr. Birchfield Lettsome - Vice Chairman; and
 - iii. Ms. Luz Sanchez – Treasurer
 - c. that Ms. Sasha Flax, representative of Virgin Gorda, and Mr. Gregory Callwood, representative of Jost Van Dyke, be re-appointed as a members of the Committee in accordance to Section 6 (2) of the Virgin Islands Festivals and Fairs Act, 2005 with effect from 1st April, 2022 to 31st March, 2023.
7. Received the Virgin Islands Domestic Violence Strategy and Action Plan for the British Virgin Islands, designed to be a vehicle to drive change across all sectors and to provide a coordinated framework that improves the scope, focus and effectiveness of Governments' actions, ensuring victims of domestic violence receive the needed support and information; and decided that the Virgin Islands Domestic Violence Strategy and Action Plan for the British Virgin Islands be laid on the table in the House of Assembly at its next convenient Sitting.
8. Approved two Non-Belonger Land Holding Licence applications.

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