

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

### **CABINET DECISION**

13<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2022  
4<sup>th</sup> November, 2022

### **Cabinet Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2022**

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. John J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October, 2022, which was held at the Financial Services Commission’s Resource Centre, Jones Building.

All Members were present, with the exception of the Minister for Education, Culture, Youth Affairs and Sports, who was on medical leave.

Cabinet:

1. Approved:

- a. the establishment of an Adhoc Committee to assist the Asset Seizure and Forfeiture Committee in its functions in accordance with Schedule 3(2) of the Asset Seizure and Forfeiture Act, 2020; and
- b. the following membership:
  - i. Director of Public Prosecutions or senior designate - Chairman
  - ii. Attorney General or senior designate - Member
  - iii. Commissioner of Police or senior designate - Member
  - iv. Director of Financial Investigation Agency or senior designate - Member
  - v. Commissioner of Customs or senior designate – Member
  - vi. Ministry of Finance - Administrative Support

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## **Cabinet Meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2022**

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. John J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2022, which was held at the Financial Services Commission's Resource Centre, Jones Building.

All Members were present.

Cabinet:

1. Approved:

- a. the appointment of the following persons to the Planning Authority in accordance with Schedule I, Section (3) of the Physical Planning Act, 2004 to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2022:
    - i. Mr. Richard de Castro - Chairman, for a period three (3) years;
    - ii. Ms. Anya Frett - Member, for a period of three (3) years (Deputy Chairman);
    - iii. Mr. Verne Wheatley - Member for a period of three (3) years;
    - iv. Mr. Chad Skelton - Member for a period of two (2) years;
    - v. Mr. Clyde Hodge - Member for a period two (2) years;
    - vi. Mr. Shane Winter - Member (nominee from the Leader of the Opposition) for a period of two (2) years;
    - vii. Chief Planner, ex-officio Member;
    - viii. Director of Public Works, ex-officio Member;
    - ix. Director of Disaster Management, ex-officio Member; and
    - x. Director of Agriculture and Fisheries Officer, ex-officio Member; and noted
  - b. that the Chairman will be paid five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per month, and Members three hundred dollars (\$300.00) per month
2. Approved the establishment of the Registration Apprenticeship Training Employment and Development (RATED) Programme, which will be administered by the Premier's Office; and decided:
- a. that the funding for the programme will be allocated in the budgetary process under the relevant accounting heads;
  - b. that the Premier's Office will provide semi-annual reports to Cabinet on the activities of the programme; and
  - c. that the RATED programme would be subject to the normal auditing procedures by the Office of the Director of Internal Audit and the Auditor General's Office.

3. Accepted the International Tax Authority's 2021 annual report; and decided that it be laid on the table in the House of Assembly at the next convenient Sitting.
4. Approved the finalisation of the Virgin Islands Deposit Insurance Regulations, 2021 ("the Regulations"); decided that the Ministry of Finance instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to finalise the Regulations; and decided that the finalised Regulations be published in the Virgin Islands Official Gazette and thereafter laid on the table in the House of Assembly.
5. Accepted the Financial Services Commission's 2021 Annual Report, 2023 Strategic Work Plan, and 2023 Revenue and Expenditure Budget; approved the 2023 Budget and Work Plan pursuant to section 24 of the Financial Services Commission Act, 2001 at the proposed 13.5 percent retention for one (1) year; and decided that the reports be laid on the table of the House of Assembly at the next convenient Sitting.
6. Decided, in principle, that the Stamp, 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the BVI London Office at BVI House Order, 2022 be issued in accordance with Sections 4 and 5 of the Stamps Act (CAP 212); and
  - a. noted that approval of the design will be sought from Buckingham Palace, via the Royal Household Section (RHS) in the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) following Cabinet's approval;
  - b. decided that the Ministry of Finance instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to vet and finalise the draft Order relative to the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the BVI London Office at BVI House stamp;
 

decided that the finalised Order be published in the Virgin Islands Official Gazette and thereafter be laid in the House of Assembly at its earliest convenience; and
  - c. noted that funding for the production and shipping of the requested 10,000 stamps is four thousand, six hundred and twenty dollars and ninety-two cents (\$4,620.92).
7. Accepted the H. Lavity Stoutt Community College's 2020/2021 annual report and the audited financial statements (year ending 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2021); and decided that both documents be tabled at the next convenient Sitting of the House of Assembly.
8. Approved eight Non-Belongers Land Holding Licence application.

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## **Cabinet Meeting – 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2022**

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. John J. Rankin, CMG, chaired the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2022, which was held at the Financial Services Commission's Resource Centre, Jones Building.

All Members were present with the exception of the Minister for Natural Resources and Labour, who was overseas on duty travel.

Cabinet:

1. Noted the contents of the Virgin Islands Proliferation Financing Risk Assessment ("the Report"); considered the Report to identify resources required for the implementation of the national recommendations outlined in the Report; and decided that:
  - a. the Report be laid on the table at the next convenient Sitting of the House of Assembly;
  - b. the Report be circulated to all Competent Authorities and Law Enforcement Agencies by the Implementation Unit;
  - c. the Implementation Unit updates the National Strategic Action Plan to include the actions required to implement the national recommendations outlined in the Report and provide the updated Action Plan to the National Anti-money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Coordinating Council (NAMLCC) within two (2) months.
2. Approved the National Anti-money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Coordinating Council's (NAMLCC) 2021 Annual Report, which seeks to ensure compliance with the Rules of Procedure document; and
  - a. decided that the report be laid on the table of the House of Assembly at the next convenient Sitting, and thereafter the Report be published on the Government's website.
3. Noted and approved the 2020/2021 Virgin Islands' Education Statistical Digest for publication; and decided that the Digest be laid on the table at the next convenient Sitting of the House of Assembly.
4. Approved one application for a charge on existing Crown land lease, for commercial purposes.

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