

THE CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS

26th July and 2nd and 16th August,
2023

Cabinet Meeting – 26th July, 2023

His Excellency, the Acting Governor Mr. David D. Archer Jr., chaired the Meeting held on 26th July, 2023, 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 with the exception of the Minister for Education, Youth Affairs and Sports, who was overseas on official business and the Attorney General, who was on annual leave. The Solicitor General Mrs. Jo-Ann Williams-Roberts attended as the acting Attorney General.

Cabinet:

1. Decided that the Land Grant formerly issued to Pauline Maduro-Barrett by Cabinet be revoked, in accordance with her letter expressing that she is no longer interested in ownership of the allotted land; and that Pauline Maduro-Barrett be refunded monies paid toward the purchase price for the land.

Cabinet Meeting – 2nd August, 2023

His Excellency, the Acting Governor Mr. David D. Archer Jr., chaired the Meeting held on 2nd August, 2023, 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 with the exception of the Minister for Financial Services Commission, Labour and Trade who was overseas on official business and the Attorney General, who was on annual leave. The Solicitor General Mrs. Jo-Ann Williams-Roberts attended as the acting Attorney General.

Cabinet:

1. Reviewed and approved the draft Supplemental Agreement No. 6 of the Water Purchase Agreement between the Government of the Virgin Islands and Seven Seas Water (BVI) Ltd. ("Supplemental Agreement No. 6"); and decided that the Ministry of Communications and Works instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to vet the draft Supplemental Agreement No. 6.
2. Approved one (1) Non-Belongers Land Holding Licence application.

Cabinet Meeting – 16th August, 2023

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. John J. Rankin, CMG., chaired the Meeting held on 16th August, 2023. The meeting was held at the Premier's Conference Room, Cutlass Tower.

All Members were present with the exception of the Minister for Communications and Works who was overseas on official business and the Attorney General, who was on annual leave. The Solicitor General Mrs. Jo-Ann Williams-Roberts attended as the acting Attorney General.

1. Accepted the Annual Report of the Governor's Office for the year ending 31st December, 2022; and decided that the Report be laid on the table at the next convenient Sitting of the House of Assembly.
2. Decided that in accordance with Section 13 (1) (7) of the Immigration and Passport Act Revised Edition 2013, Mrs. Shakira Skelton Leonard, and Mrs. Michelle Todman-Smith be appointed as Members and Mrs. Rexella Hodge and Ms. Kimberly Seagojo be reappointed as Members of the Immigration Board from 15th August, 2023 to 14th August, 2025 for a period of two (2) years, respectively; and endorsed:
 - a. the Minister's recommendation, in accordance with Section 13(2a) of the Immigration and Passport Act Revised Edition 2013 that Mr. Troy E. Christopher be appointed as Member and Chairman of the Immigration Board for two (2) years with effect from 15th August, 2023 to 14th August, 2025; and decided:
 - b. that the Premier's Office instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to draft the Instruments of Appointment for signature by His Excellency, the Governor and publication in the Virgin Islands Official Gazette; and
 - c. noted that the members of the Board would be paid the following monthly stipends from Premier's Office Head 22204090 (Premier's Office) and

Subhead 528150 (Stipends for Boards and Committees) for their attendance and participation in Board meetings and related matters as follows:

- i. Chairman \$1,200 per month
 - ii. Members \$800 per month
3. Approved the renewal of the contractual appointment of Mrs. Hadassah Fraser as Director of the Commission of Inquiry Implementation Unit for one (1) year with effect from 1st June, 2023 to 31st May, 2024 as a single source procurement; and approved the new contract which is an amendment of dates from the previously vetted contract by Chambers following Cabinet's approval.
 4. Received the Independent Reviewer's Report on Recommendation B33 of the Commission of Inquiry's report prepared by Mr. Kedrick Malone entitled: Review of Policy and Process for Granting Residency and Belongership; and decided that the Independent Reviewer's Report be tabled in the House of Assembly at the next convenient Sitting.
 5. Designated the Financial Services Commission as the entity responsible for hosting any economic substance data and urgently initiating the process of sourcing an estimate to incorporate the hosting of beneficial ownership data in its revamped VIRRGIN platform, VIRRGIN LEAP; and decided that recommended changes or the introduction of new hosting functions to the VIRRGIN Platform by Government must be communicated via the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Financial Services, Labour and Trade.
 6. Approved ten (10) Non-Belongers Land Holding Licence applications.

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