

THE CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS

29th August, 2nd and 7th September, 2022

Cabinet Meeting – 29th August, 2022

His Excellency, the Acting Governor Mr. David Archer, Jr. chaired the Meeting held on 29th August 2022, in the absence of Governor John J. Rankin, CMG, who was overseas on annual leave. The Meeting was held at the Premier's Office Conference Room.

All Members were present.

Cabinet:

1. Decided:

- a. that in accordance with section 104(3) of the Virgin Islands Constitution Order, 2007" that the draft Resolution requesting the following be introduced, by way of a motion, for approval at the next convenient Sitting of the House of Assembly:
 - i. Recurrent Expenditure of eight million one hundred sixty-nine thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Four dollars (\$8,169,884) to be expended in variation of the appropriated amount (which includes the sum of one million eight hundred thousand six hundred dollars (\$1,800,600) from the Reserve Fund, and one million eight hundred twenty-six thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,826,100) from the Miscellaneous Purposes Fund) to be charged against the Consolidated Fund of the Territory;
 - ii. Capital Acquisition Expenditure of seven hundred eighty-one thousand nine hundred dollars (\$781,900) to be charged against the Development Fund of the Territory by way of funds transferred from the Consolidated Fund;
 - iii. Capital Expenditure of one million two hundred sixty-six thousand three hundred dollars (\$1,266,300), (which includes the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000) from the Miscellaneous Purposes Fund) to be expended; and
- b. that the Ministry of Finance instructs the Attorney instructsGeneral's Chambers to vet and approve the draft Resolution.

2. Noted the expiration of Ms. Roxane Sylvester, Mr. Keith Flax, Mr. Vincent Wattley, and Mrs. Patsy Lake's appointments as Board Members on 15th May, 2022 and the resignation of Mr. Kelvin Hodge as a Board Member and Chairman on 12th May, 2022; and approved the following:

- a. members of the BVI Ports Authority Board for a period of three (3) years with effect from 29th August 2022 until 28th August, 2025 in accordance with Section 1(1)(b) of the First Schedule of the BVI Ports Authority Act, 1990:
 - i. Mrs. Roxane Ritter-Herbert;
 - ii. Mr. David Penn

- b. members of the BVI Ports Authority Board for a period of two (2) years with effect from 29th August, 2022 until 28th August, 2024 in accordance with Section 1(1)(b) of the First Schedule of the BVI Ports Authority Act, 1990:
 - i. A. Hermia Tench;
 - ii. Ms. Kedreana Parson
 - c. members of the BVI Ports Authority Board for a period of one year with effect from 29th August, 2022 until 28th August, 2023 in accordance with Section 1(1)(b) of the First Schedule of the BVI Ports Authority Act, 1990:
 - i. Mr. Michael Matthews
 - ii. Ms. Asiyah Grant
 - d. endorsed the Minister's recommendation, in accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the First Schedule of the BVI Ports Authority Act, 1990, that Mrs. Roxane Ritter-Herbert be appointed as Chairman of BVI Ports Authority Board for a period of three (3) years with effect from 29th August, 2022 until 28th August, 2025;
 - e. noted that the following seven (7) ex officio members or his or her nominee will serve on the Board with effect from 29th August, 2022 in accordance with the British Virgin Islands Ports Authority (Amendment of First Schedule) Order, 2019:
 - i. Managing Director;
 - ii. Permanent Secretary;
 - iii. Financial Secretary;
 - iv. Chairman, BVI Tourist Board;
 - v. Chairman, BVI Airport Authority;
 - vi. Director, BVI Tourist Board; and
 - vii. Managing Director, BVI Airports Authority Ltd.
 - f. noted that the members of the Board would be paid the following stipends for their services by the BVI Ports Authority:
 - i. Chairman \$1,800 per month
 - ii. Deputy Chair \$1,500 per month
 - iii. Members \$900 per month
 - g. decided that the Ministry of Communications and Works instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to prepare the Instruments of Appointment;
 - h. decided that Cabinet decision (c) of 10th August, 2009 (Memo No. 202/2009) that reads, "the Managing Director or any other employee of the BVI Ports Authority should be entitled to a stipend for attending Board Meetings" be rescinded as Board attendance is in the purview of the duties of their role and would already be considered in the remuneration package.
3. Noted the expiration of Mr. Bevis Sylvester as Chairman and Mrs. Patsy Lake, Mr. Kelvin Hodge and Mr. Marlon Chocoutou's appointments as Board of Directors on 23rd May, 2022 and the resignation of Mr. Nathaniel Isaac as a Board of Director on 24th May, 2022; and:
- a. approved the following persons as Directors of the BVI Airports Authority Board for a period of three (3) years with effect from 31st August, 2022 until 30th August, 2025 in accordance with Section 6 (2) of the Airports Act, 2003 and Section 8.1 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association:
 - i. Mr. Theodore Burke
 - ii. Mr. Michael Thomas (non-executive director)

- b. approved the following persons as non-executive Directors of the BVI Airports Authority Board with effect from 31st August, 2022 until 30th August, 2024 for a period of two (2) years in accordance with Section 6 (2)(c) of the Airports Act, 2003 and Section 8.1 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association:
 - i. Ms. Susan Daly;
 - ii. Mr. Kevin Fahie; and
 - iii. Mr. Selvyn Dawson;
- c. endorsed the Minister's recommendation, in accordance with Section 8.1 of the Memorandum and Articles of Association that Mr. Theodore Burke be appointed as the non-executive Chairman of BVI Airports Authority Board for a period of three (3) years with effect from 31st August, 2022 until 30th August, 2025;
- d. noted that the Financial Secretary, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Communications and Works and the Director of Tourism as *ex-officio* Directors with effect from 31st August, 2022;
- e. noted that the Managing Director, BVIAA and the Director of Finance, BVIAA as Executive Directors in accordance with Section 6(2) of the Airports Act, 2003;
- f. noted that the members of the Board would be paid the following stipends for their services by the BVI Airports Authority Limited:
 - i. Chairman - \$1,250 per month
 - ii. Members - \$800 per month; and
- g. decided that the Ministry of Communications and Works instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to prepare the Instruments of Appointment.

Cabinet Meeting – 2nd September, 2022

His Excellency, the Acting Governor Mr. David Archer, Jr. chaired the Meeting held on 2nd September 2022, in the absence of Governor John J. Rankin, CMG, who was overseas on annual leave. The Meeting was held at the Financial Services Commission Resource Centre, Jones Building.

All Members were present.

Cabinet:

1. Accepted the 2021 Annual Report for the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions; and decided that it be laid on the table at the next convenient Sitting of the House of Assembly.
2. Endorsed:
 - a. the Minister's recommendation, in accordance Section 3(3) of the Tourist Board Ordinance, that the following persons be appointed as members of the BVI Tourist Board for four (4) years with effect from 1st September, 2022 to 31st August, 2026:
 - i. Mrs. Delma Maduro
 - ii. Mr. Henry Prince;
 - iii. Mr. Andrew Ball;

- iv. Mrs. Keshia Davis Barnes;
 - v. Mr. Gregory Callwood;
 - vi. Mrs. Dorcas Fahie;
 - vii. Mr. Oren Hodge;
 - viii. Mrs. Shamora Penn Maduro
 - ix. Mr. Allan Parker;
 - x. Mr. Miles Sutherland Pilch; and
 - xi. Ms. Lorraine Wheatley;
- b. the Minister's recommendation, in accordance with Section 3(4) of the Tourist Board Ordinance, that Mrs. Delma Maduro be appointed as Chairman of BVITB for four (4) years with effect from 1st September, 2022 to 31st August, 2026; and:
- c. noted that the following four (4) ex officio members will serve on the Board for four (4) years with effect from 1st September, 2022 to 31st August, 2026:
- i. Permanent Secretary, Premier's Office or designate;
 - ii. Managing Director, BVI Ports Authority or designate;
 - iii. Managing Director, BVI Airport Authority or designate; and
 - iv. Director of Tourism; and
- d. decided that the Premier's Office instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to prepare the Instruments of Appointments for signature for publication in the Virgin Islands Official Gazette in accordance with Section 4 of the Ordinance; and noted:
- i. that the members of the Board would be paid the following stipends for their services by the BVI Tourist Board:
 - 1. Chairman - \$1,800 per month
 - 2. Members - \$900 per month
 - ii. that the Premier declared that members of his extended family were being recommended to serve on the Board; and
 - iii. that the Minister for Health and Social Development declared that his sister was being recommended as a Member to serve on the Board and recused himself from the meeting.

Cabinet Meeting – 7th September, 2022

His Excellency, the Governor John J. Rankin, CMG. chaired the Meeting held on 7th September 2022 at the Financial Services Commission Resource Centre, Jones Building.

All Members were present.

Cabinet:

1. Received and endorsed the Ministerial Transformation Plan for the Premier's Office in line with the Public Service Transformation Programme priorities and endorsed the top six (6) initiatives.

2. Decided that the interim Assistance Grants Policy for the Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth Affairs and Sports be accepted until the more permanent policy is provided by the Review Panel and approved by the Cabinet.
3. Approved three Non-Belongers Land Holding Licence applications.

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