

THE CABINET OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS - POST MEETING STATEMENT

CABINET DECISIONS 20th and 27th August 2025

Cabinet Meeting – 20th August, 2025

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. Daniel Pruce, chaired the meeting held on 20th August, 2025.

All Members were present.

Cabinet:

1. Received the Auditor General's Report on Financing the 2024 Public Service Salary Increases; and noted that the Report be laid before the House of Assembly in accordance with Section 20(2) of the Audit Act, 2003.
2. Decided that pursuant to Section 4(1)(b) and (c) of the Financial Services Appeal Board Act, 2016, Mr. Andrew Willins, KC be appointed to the Financial Services Appeal Board as Member and Vice Chairman for two (2) years (1st September, 2025 to 31st August, 2027) and that a remuneration of \$500.00 per month be paid in accordance with Section 10 of the Financial Services Appeal Board Act, 2016.
3. Decided:
 - a. that the following persons be appointed to the Procurement Appeals Board effective 31st July, 2025 in accordance to Section 27 of the Public Procurement Act, 2021:
 - i. Ms. Omonike Robinson-Pickering - Chairperson (3 years);
 - ii. Mr. Dylan Penn - Member (3 years); and
 - iii. Ms. Sassoon Fahie - Member (3 years);

- b. that the Financial Secretary instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to prepare the instruments of appointment; noted
- c. that a stipend of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) will be paid to the Chairman and five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be paid to Members monthly; reviewed and approved
- d. the Public Procurement Appeals Board Bylaws; and decided
- e. that the Financial Secretary instruct the Attorney General's Chambers to amend the Public Procurement Regulations, 2022 to include the Public Procurement Appeals Board Bylaws.

4. Decided:

- a. that the following members be appointed to the Virgin Islands Climate Change Trust Fund Board effective 3rd April, 2025 in accordance with the Virgin Islands Climate Change Trust Fund Act, 2015:
 - i. Mr. Edward Childs, representing any sector responsible for making contributions to the Fund as a member and Chairperson for three (3) years;
 - ii. Mr. John Klein, representing the tourism sector as a member and Deputy Chairperson for three (3) years;
 - iii. Dr. Shannon Gore, representing any sector responsible for making contributions to the Fund as a member for two (2) years; and
 - iv. Mr. Ronnie Lettsome, representing an ordinarily resident in the Territory, who may possess relevant knowledge, expertise or experience related to the purposes of the Act as a member for two (2) years;
- b. that Board members be paid a base, interim monthly stipend from the monies of the Trust Fund once the CEO is hired to administer the Trust Fund, in the following amounts: Chairman - \$600, Deputy Chairman \$500, and members \$400; and
- c. that the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change instruct the Attorney General to immediately prepare instruments of appointment for the persons listed in (a) as Members of The Virgin Islands Climate Change Trust Fund Board.

5. Approved the recommendations of the BVI Scholarship Committee for the award of Government Scholarships to twenty-six (26) applicants for the academic year Fall 2025 – Spring 2026.
6. Approved ten (10) non-belonger land holding licence applications.

His Excellency, the Governor Mr. Daniel Pruce, chaired the meeting held on 27th August, 2025.

All Members were present.

Cabinet:

1. Received the Situation Report prepared by the Department of Disaster Management; the Operational Impact Report prepared by the Public Works Department following the passage of Hurricane Erin; and noted actions taken during and after its passage.
2. Reviewed and approved the Customs Management and Duties (Amendment to Schedule 4) Order, 2025, which seeks to amend the rate of customs duty applied to all imported renewable energy commodities at zero-rate for a period of five (5) years with effect from 1st September, 2025 to 31st August, 2030; and decided that the Order be published in the Virgin Islands Official Gazette.
3. Approved one (1) non-belonger land holding licence application.

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