

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

### **CABINET DECISIONS**

15<sup>th</sup> April, 2026

#### **Cabinet Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2026**

His Excellency the Governor Daniel Pruce chaired the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2026.

All Members were present, with the exception of the Minister for Communications and Works and the Attorney General, who were absent on official duty. The Chief Parliamentary Council attended the meeting on behalf of the Attorney General.

Cabinet:

1. Noted the 2025 Annual Report of the Civil Registry and Passport Office; and agreed that it be laid on the table at the next convenient sitting of the House of Assembly.
2. Reviewed and considered an amendment to the Virgin Islands Fisheries Act, 1997 to remove the blanket prohibition on spearguns and introduce a licensing regime for spearfishing.
3. Approved an extension of pioneer status to Aquatic Rentals Limited for an additional period of five (5) years under sections 3 and 4 of the Pioneer Services and Enterprise Act, CAP 297.
4. Decided to grant Triple D's Bakery pioneer status under section 3 of the Pioneer Services and Enterprises Ordinance Cap 297, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2026, in accordance with Section 3 of the Pioneer Services and Enterprises Ordinance (Cap.297), to engage in the enterprise of a "Bakery" as per paragraph (b) of the First Schedule of the Act for a period of five (5) years.

5. Decided that the following persons:
- a. be re-appointed as members to the Physical Planning Authority for a second term in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Physical Planning Act, 2004, with effect from 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026:
    - i. Mr. Richard deCastro as Chairman for three (3) years, representing land development, commerce and industry, housing, infrastructure and utilities, and other relevant areas of public interest;
    - ii. Mr. Shane Winter as Deputy Chairman, representing land development, housing; and
    - iii. Mr. Chad Skelton as Member representing land development, commerce and industry, housing, infrastructure and utilities;
  - b. be appointed as members to the Physical Planning Authority for a first term in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Physical Planning Act, 2004, with effect from 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026:
    - i. Mr. Dion Jennings as Member (Opposition Leader's Nominee) for two (2) years, representing land development, commerce and industry, housing, infrastructure and utilities, and other relevant areas of public interest;
    - ii. Mr. Dion Crabbe as Member for three (3) years, representing land development, commerce and industry, housing, infrastructure and utilities; and
    - iii. Ms. Diehdra Potter as Member for two (2) years, representing environmental, coastal and marine matters, commerce and industry, and other relevant areas of public interest; noted
  - c. that in accordance with Schedule 1, section 1(1)(a) of the Physical Planning Act, 2004 that holders of following positions are *ex-officio* members by virtue of their positions:
    - i. the Chief Planner;
    - ii. the Director of Public Works Department;
    - iii. the Director of Disaster Management; and
    - iv. the Chief Conservation and Fisheries Officer
  - d. that the remuneration shall be paid to the Chairman at a rate of five hundred dollars (\$500) to the other five (5) Members, including the Deputy Chair, at a rate of three hundred dollars (\$300) per month.
6. Approved two (2) Non-Belongers Land Holding Licences applications.

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